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The show goes on!



For the second day running, only Australia were able to prevent a total monopoly by the European teams at the head of the tables. Not only do they top group B in the Open Series, but they also command the biggest margin - a substantial 22 VP.

Seven different teams top the standings in the remaining divisions. **Belgium, England** and **Italy** lead the way in the Open, whilst **Norway** and **France** head the standings in the Women's series. **Sweden** top the Seniors and **Austria** are the front runners in the University event.

Several fancied teams still need to pick up a gear, notably **Denmark, Canada, The Netherlands** and **Norway** in the Open, and **Italy** and **Israel** in the Women's event.

ATTENTION ALL NBO CONGRESS DELEGATES

Please note that the meeting of WBF Congress will be held today, 30th August 2000 at 10:30 a.m. All NBOs participating in this 2000 World Teams Olympiad are urged to ensure that their delegate is present at this very important meeting.

Teams where the delegate is also a player are asked to ensure that their delegate is available during this period.

The WBF Congress will be followed by a cocktail reception to which all delegates are cordially invited.

The Congress meeting will take place in the WBF Meeting Room 2.1, which is situated on the **Promenade level of the MECC.**

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 6

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Pakistan	Denmark	27 - 85	4 - 25
2 Poland	Brazil	23 - 65	6 - 24
3 Ireland	Austria	59 - 47	17 - 13
4 Croatia	Spain	36 - 87	5 - 25
5 Belgium	Switzerland	41 - 38	16 - 14
6 Singapore	Wales	28 - 76	5 - 25
7 Slovenia	Tunisia	90 - 40	25 - 5
8 Canada	Tanzania	67 - 55	17 - 13
9 Colombia	Hong Kong	63 - 63	15 - 15

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Australia	Netherlands	59 - 35	20 - 10
12 Portugal	Hungary	88 - 44	24 - 6
13 Lebanon	Bangladesh	59 - 37	20 - 10
14 Finland	Chinese Taipei	87 - 54	22 - 8
15 Monaco	Liechtenstein	58 - 63	14 - 16
16 Greece	Romania	57 - 24	22 - 8
17 Scotland	Philippines	85 - 19	25 - 2
18 Russia	Luxemburg	57 - 27	21 - 9
19 USA	Guadeloupe	46 - 21	20 - 10

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Uruguay	Mexico	63 - 89	10 - 20
22 Czech Republic	India	52 - 60	14 - 16
23 Egypt	Germany	25 - 89	3 - 25
24 Israel	Malta	99 - 21	25 - 1
25 Latvia	Venezuela	69 - 80	13 - 17
26 San Marino	Sweden	39 - 95	4 - 25
27 England	France	71 - 20	25 - 5
28 Yugoslavia	Cyprus	65 - 31	22 - 8
29 Indonesia	Japan	75 - 41	22 - 8

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 Ukraine	China	20 - 76	4 - 25
32 La Reunion	New Zealand	62 - 48	18 - 12
33 Norway	Botswana	104 - 17	25 - 0
34 Martinique	Malaysia	75 - 37	23 - 7
35 Bermuda	Bulgaria	35 - 75	7 - 23
36 Italy	Palestine	149 - 27	25 - 0
37 Turkey	Argentina	62 - 74	13 - 17
38 Thailand	Morocco	71 - 46	20 - 10
39 Iceland	South Africa	48 - 18	21 - 9

ROUND 7

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Poland	30 - 67	7 - 23
2 Brazil	Ireland	32 - 49	11 - 19
3 Austria	Croatia	55 - 68	12 - 18
4 Spain	Belgium	17 - 60	6 - 24
5 Switzerland	Singapore	60 - 40	19 - 11
6 Wales	Tunisia	44 - 51	14 - 16
7 Pakistan	Canada	81 - 38	24 - 6
8 Tanzania	Colombia	44 - 85	7 - 23
9 Hong Kong	Slovenia	33 - 51	11 - 19

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	Portugal	74 - 29	24 - 6
12 Hungary	Lebanon	61 - 60	15 - 15
13 Bangladesh	Finland	54 - 83	9 - 21
14 Chinese Taipei	Monaco	43 - 32	17 - 13
15 Liechtenstein	Greece	38 - 62	10 - 20
16 Romania	Philippines	98 - 20	25 - 1
17 Australia	Russia	62 - 30	22 - 8
18 Luxemburg	USA	44 - 122	1 - 25
19 Guadeloupe	Scotland	66 - 52	18 - 12

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	Czech Republic	53 - 41	17 - 13
22 India	Egypt	74 - 75	15 - 15
23 Germany	Israel	58 - 32	20 - 10
24 Malta	Latvia	66 - 46	19 - 11
25 Venezuela	San Marino	43 - 53	13 - 17
26 Sweden	France	43 - 53	13 - 17
27 Uruguay	Yugoslavia	61 - 21	23 - 7
28 Cyprus	Indonesia	39 - 101	3 - 25
29 Japan	England	71 - 55	18 - 12

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	La Reunion	90 - 32	25 - 4
32 New Zealand	Norway	87 - 72	18 - 12
33 Botswana	Martinique	32 - 86	4 - 25
34 Malaysia	Bermuda	29 - 35	14 - 16
35 Bulgaria	Italy	30 - 72	6 - 24
36 Palestine	Argentina	14 - 135	0 - 25
37 Ukraine	Thailand	80 - 35	24 - 6
38 Morocco	Iceland	77 - 50	21 - 9
39 South Africa	Turkey	43 - 55	13 - 17

Departure information needed

Attention, all participants and officials. Travel details regarding your departures from Maastricht are urgently needed.

If you are a member of an Open Team, Women's Team - and especially a Senior Team or University Team - please fill out one of the travel information forms available at the Hospitality Desk and return it before Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Those who will be playing in the next stage of the Olympiad or players on the Mixed Transnational Teams have until Tuesday, Sept. 5, to provide their travel information.

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 7

GROUP A			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	New Zealand	65 - 49	18 - 12
42 Italy	Chinese Taipei	62 - 63	15 - 15
43 Austria	Russia	69 - 47	20 - 10
44 Denmark	Japan	53 - 33	19 - 11
45 Sweden	Israel	46 - 58	13 - 17
46 Spain	England	33 - 47	12 - 18
47 Brazil	USA	67 - 57	17 - 13
48 Croatia	Norway	21 - 70	5 - 25
49 Ireland	Indonesia	93 - 39	25 - 4
50 Jamaica	Finland	42 - 91	5 - 25

GROUP B			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Poland	40 - 43	14 - 16
52 Pakistan	Netherlands	33 - 48	12 - 18
53 China	Turkey	72 - 33	23 - 7
54 Egypt	India	67 - 49	19 - 11
55 Mexico	Venezuela	38 - 48	13 - 17
56 Scotland	Greece	61 - 64	14 - 16
57 South Africa	Morocco	54 - 45	17 - 13
58 Canada	Wales	87 - 24	25 - 3
59 Australia	Argentina	39 - 34	16 - 14
60 Germany	France	16 - 86	2 - 25

ROUND 8

GROUP A			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	80 - 37	24 - 6
42 Russia	Italy	25 - 41	12 - 18
43 Japan	Austria	47 - 68	11 - 19
44 Israel	Denmark	35 - 40	14 - 16
45 England	Sweden	60 - 31	21 - 9
46 USA	Spain	113 - 47	25 - 2
47 Finland	Brazil	58 - 44	18 - 12
48 Norway	New Zealand	71 - 37	22 - 8
49 Indonesia	Croatia	62 - 47	18 - 12
50 Jamaica	Ireland	64 - 53	17 - 13

GROUP B			
Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Netherlands	Czech Republic	67 - 24	24 - 6
42 Turkey	Pakistan	36 - 55	11 - 19
43 India	China	31 - 103	2 - 25
44 Venezuela	Egypt	42 - 78	8 - 22
45 Greece	Mexico	41 - 84	6 - 24
46 Morocco	Scotland	71 - 70	15 - 15
47 France	South Africa	81 - 30	25 - 5
48 Wales	Poland	32 - 56	10 - 20
49 Argentina	Canada	42 - 54	13 - 17
50 Germany	Australia	42 - 36	16 - 14

UNIVERSITY Play and Defense, Junior style ROUND 5

By Marc Smith courtesy of



The Bridge Gods work in mysterious ways. Just as a prank, they gave the junior players here in Maastricht the diamond combination in the diagram below. And what havoc it caused...

Board 1. NILA

♠ A K J ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ A Q 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 2 ♥ K Q 10 4 3 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ 6 5 4
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When England played Poland, East declared Four Hearts at both tables.

Where Alex Hyde declared for England, South led the diamond king and continued with the queen at Trick 2. The Polish North failed to overtake and now declarer was well placed. South switched to a spade at Trick 3 – declarer won, drew trumps, played a club to the queen, cashed the club ace, and exited with his diamond. North won the ace and was endplayed to lead a spade into the tenace or give a ruff-and-discard. Either way, declarer's club loser vanished; /W +420.

At the second table, the English South tried to avoid this by starting with the queen of diamonds. Perhaps scared of a singleton king in declarer's hand, North grabbed his ace. Now declarer had a diamond winner.

South took the second trick with the king of diamonds and returned a club. Afraid of a losing finesse and a diamond ruff, declarer rose with the ace of clubs, drew trumps, and took the spade finesse for his contract - one down! That was N/S +50 and 10 IMPs to England.

Curiously, where the defenders made three diamond tricks, the contract made. Where declarer scored an unlikely diamond trick, he failed. It's a funny old game, isn't it...?

OPEN RANKINGS**AFTER 7 ROUNDS****GROUP A**

1	BELGIUM	139.0
2	POLAND	137.0
3	BRAZIL	132.0
4	IRELAND	127.5
5	AUSTRIA	126.5
6	DENMARK	125.0
7	SWITZERLAND	113.0
8	SLOVENIA	110.0
9	CROATIA	102.0
10	SPAIN	101.0
11	CANADA	99.0
12	HONG KONG	96.5
13	WALES	95.0
14	PAKISTAN	93.0
15	SINGAPORE	85.0
16	COLOMBIA	74.5
17	TUNISIA	65.0
18	TANZANIA	48.0

GROUP B

1	AUSTRALIA	153.0
2	FINLAND	131.0
3	USA	128.0
	LEBANON	128.0
5	GREECE	121.0
6	RUSSIA	115.0
7	NETHERLANDS	114.0
8	ROMANIA	108.0
9	LIECHTENSTEIN	105.0
10	CHINESE TAIPEI	104.0
	PORTUGAL	104.0
12	HUNGARY	101.0
13	SCOTLAND	95.0
	MONACO	95.0
15	GUADELOUPE	86.0
16	BANGLADESH	74.0
17	LUXEMBURG	72.0
18	PHILIPPINES	39.0

GROUP C

1	ENGLAND	145.0
2	SWEDEN	144.0
3	INDONESIA	130.5
4	FRANCE	128.0
5	JAPAN	125.0
6	GERMANY	120.0
	ISRAEL	120.0
8	INDIA	119.0
9	CZECH REPUBLIC	101.0
10	VENEZUELA	95.5
	EGYPT	95.5
12	CYPRUS	91.5
13	YUGOSLAVIA	86.0
14	MEXICO	77.0
15	URUGUAY	76.0
16	SAN MARINO	73.5
17	MALTA	69.0
18	LATVIA	62.0

GROUP D

1	ITALY	157.0
2	ARGENTINA	138.0
3	CHINA	135.0
4	ICELAND	126.0
5	NORWAY	124.0
6	LA REUNION	121.7
7	NEW ZEALAND	119.0
8	MOROCCO	116.0
9	BULGARIA	110.2
10	UKRAINE	110.0
11	MARTINIQUE	107.0
12	SOUTH AFRICA	105.0
13	TURKEY	98.0
14	THAILAND	87.0
15	BERMUDA	78.0
16	MALAYSIA	61.0
17	PALESTINE	26.0
	BOTSWANA	26.0

WOMEN'S RANKINGS
AFTER 8 ROUNDS**GROUP A**

1	NORWAY	171.0
2	AUSTRIA	156.0
3	DENMARK	144.5
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	140.0
5	FINLAND	139.0
6	ENGLAND	136.0
7	USA	131.1
8	SWEDEN	126.0
9	ISRAEL	124.5
10	ITALY	121.0
	NEW ZEALAND	121.0
12	HONG KONG	113.0
13	JAPAN	112.0
14	IRELAND	107.0
15	INDONESIA	101.0
16	BRAZIL	93.0
17	RUSSIA	92.4
18	CROATIA	91.0
19	SPAIN	84.0
20	JAMAICA	73.0

GROUP B

1	FRANCE	162.0
2	CANADA	159.0
3	POLAND	150.0
4	NETHERLANDS	148.0
	GERMANY	148.0
6	AUSTRALIA	135.0
7	CHINA	132.0
8	GREECE	129.0
9	SCOTLAND	128.0
10	SOUTH AFRICA	127.0
11	EGYPT	118.0
12	ARGENTINA	108.0
13	MOROCCO	106.0
	VENEZUELA	106.0
15	MEXICO	101.0
16	TURKEY	90.0
17	WALES	89.0
18	CZECH REPUBLIC	87.0
19	PAKISTAN	84.0
20	INDIA	67.0

SENIORS' RANKINGS**AFTER 11 ROUNDS**

1	SWEDEN	216.25
2	SCOTLAND	214.00
3	USA	212.25
4	GERMANY	207.00
5	FRANCE	205.00
6	EGYPT	204.00
7	ENGLAND	204.00
8	AUSTRALIA	197.00
9	POLAND	181.00
10	SAN MARINO	170.50
11	SWITZERLAND	165.00
12	ITALY	159.00
13	BELGIUM	158.00
14	CANADA	156.00
15	FINLAND	148.00
16	ISRAEL	144.00
17	NETHERLANDS	143.50
18	TURKEY	143.00
19	IRELAND	142.00
20	CZECH REPUBLIC	126.00
21	ARUBA	112.00
22	NETH.ANTILLEN	110.00
23	WALES	102.00
24	VENEZUELA	70.00

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**AFTER 11 ROUNDS**

1	AUSTRIA	237
2	ITALY	221
3	GERMANY	213
4	CZECH REPUBLIC	203
5	NORWAY	201
6	POLAND	192.5
7	DENMARK	191
8	CHINA	182.25
9	NETHERLANDS	180
10	USA	179
11	FRANCE	174
12	CHINESE TAIPEI	166
13	SINGAPORE	165
14	HONG KONG	160
15	INDONESIA	145.5
16	JAPAN	129
17	ENGLAND	125
18	BELGIUM	123
19	IRELAND	103.5
20	BOTSWANA	102
21	YUGOSLAVIA	87
22	LATVIA	64

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 8

GROUP A

1	Ireland	Denmark
2	Croatia	Brazil
3	Belgium	Austria
4	Singapore	Spain
5	Tunisia	Switzerland
6	Slovenia	Wales
7	Canada	Poland
8	Colombia	Pakistan
9	Hong Kong	Tanzania

GROUP B

11	Lebanon	Netherlands
12	Finland	Hungary
13	Monaco	Bangladesh
14	Greece	Chinese Taipei
15	Philippines	Liechtenstein
16	Scotland	Romania
17	Russia	Portugal
18	USA	Australia
19	Guadeloupe	Luxemburg

GROUP C

21	Egypt	Mexico
22	Israel	India
23	Latvia	Germany
24	San Marino	Malta
25	France	Venezuela
26	England	Sweden
27	Yugoslavia	Czech Republic
28	Indonesia	Uruguay
29	Japan	Cyprus

GROUP D

31	Norway	China
32	Martinique	New Zealand
33	Bermuda	Botswana
34	Italy	Malaysia
35	Argentina	Bulgaria
36	Turkey	Palestine
37	Thailand	La Reunion
38	Iceland	Ukraine
39	South Africa	Morocco

ROUND 9

GROUP A

1	Denmark	Croatia
2	Brazil	Belgium
3	Austria	Singapore
4	Spain	Tunisia
5	Switzerland	Wales
6	Ireland	Canada
7	Poland	Colombia
8	Pakistan	Hong Kong
9	Tanzania	Slovenia

GROUP B

11	Netherlands	Finland
12	Hungary	Monaco
13	Bangladesh	Greece
14	Chinese Taipei	Philippines
15	Liechtenstein	Romania
16	Lebanon	Russia
17	Portugal	USA
18	Australia	Guadeloupe
19	Luxemburg	Scotland

GROUP C

21	Mexico	Israel
22	India	Latvia
23	Germany	San Marino
24	Malta	France
25	Venezuela	Sweden
26	Egypt	Yugoslavia
27	Czech Republic	Indonesia
28	Uruguay	Japan
29	Cyprus	England

GROUP D

31	China	Martinique
32	New Zealand	Bermuda
33	Botswana	Italy
34	Malaysia	Argentina
35	Bulgaria	Palestine
36	Norway	Thailand
37	La Reunion	Iceland
38	Ukraine	South Africa
39	Morocco	Turkey

ROUND 10

GROUP A

1	Belgium	Denmark
2	Singapore	Brazil
3	Tunisia	Austria
4	Wales	Spain
5	Slovenia	Switzerland
6	Canada	Croatia
7	Colombia	Ireland
8	Hong Kong	Poland
9	Tanzania	Pakistan

GROUP B

11	Monaco	Netherlands
12	Greece	Hungary
13	Philippines	Bangladesh
14	Romania	Chinese Taipei
15	Scotland	Liechtenstein
16	Russia	Finland
17	USA	Lebanon
18	Guadeloupe	Portugal
19	Luxemburg	Australia

GROUP C

21	Latvia	Mexico
22	San Marino	India
23	France	Germany
24	Sweden	Malta
25	England	Venezuela
26	Yugoslavia	Israel
27	Indonesia	Egypt
28	Japan	Czech Republic
29	Cyprus	Uruguay

GROUP D

31	Bermuda	China
32	Italy	New Zealand
33	Argentina	Botswana
34	Palestine	Malaysia
35	Turkey	Bulgaria
36	Thailand	Martinique
37	Iceland	Norway
38	South Africa	La Reunion
39	Morocco	Ukraine

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 9

GROUP A

41	Hong Kong	Russia
42	Italy	Japan
43	Austria	Israel
44	Denmark	England
45	Sweden	USA
46	Spain	Brazil
47	Chinese Taipei	Norway
48	New Zealand	Indonesia
49	Croatia	Jamaica
50	Ireland	Finland

GROUP B

51	Czech Republic	Turkey
52	Pakistan	India
53	China	Venezuela
54	Egypt	Greece
55	Mexico	Morocco
56	Scotland	South Africa
57	Netherlands	Wales
58	Poland	Argentina
59	Canada	Germany
60	Australia	France

ROUND 10

GROUP A

41	Japan	Hong Kong
42	Israel	Italy
43	England	Austria
44	USA	Denmark
45	Brazil	Sweden
46	Finland	Spain
47	Norway	Russia
48	Indonesia	Chinese Taipei
49	Jamaica	New Zealand
50	Ireland	Croatia

GROUP B

51	India	Czech Republic
52	Venezuela	Pakistan
53	Greece	China
54	Morocco	Egypt
55	South Africa	Mexico
56	France	Scotland
57	Wales	Turkey
58	Argentina	Netherlands
59	Germany	Poland
60	Australia	Canada

ROUND 11

GROUP A

41	Hong Kong	Israel
42	Italy	England
43	Austria	USA
44	Denmark	Brazil
45	Sweden	Spain
46	Japan	Norway
47	Russia	Indonesia
48	Chinese Taipei	Jamaica
49	New Zealand	Ireland
50	Croatia	Finland

GROUP B

51	Czech Republic	Venezuela
52	Pakistan	Greece
53	China	Morocco
54	Egypt	South Africa
55	Mexico	Scotland
56	India	Wales
57	Turkey	Argentina
58	Netherlands	Germany
59	Poland	Australia
60	Canada	France

ROUND 12

71	Latvia	Hong Kong
72	China	Chinese Taipei
73	USA	Botswana
74	Denmark	Ireland
75	Belgium	Netherlands
76	France	Czech Republic
77	Poland	Yugoslavia
78	Norway	Indonesia
79	England	Singapore
80	Japan	Austria
81	Germany	Italy

UNIVERSITY TEAMS PROGRAM

OPEN

Norway v Bulgaria

ROUND 4

All riled up

Monday's round-four match in the Open series featured two teams that seemed to be going in opposite directions. Norway had clobbered Palestine, 96-31, in round three, while Bulgaria had been roughed up by La Reunion, 76-20. Clearly, it doesn't pay to make the Bulgarian squad mad. They jumped out to a 20-0 lead early on and never looked back, winning handily, 65-24.

Valentin Al-Shati started with the ♣2 to Vladislav Isporski's king. He continued with the ♣A and another club, establishing the suit. Per Erik Austberg combined his chances, cashing the top three hearts to see if the suit split favorably. When hearts proved to be 4-2, Austberg made the normal play in diamonds, taking the finesse and going down one for minus 50.

At the other table, Dessislava Popova and Rossen Gunev played in 4♥ with the North/South cards, bringing it home for plus 420 and a 10-IMP gain.

Another 10 IMPs went into Bulgaria's account when Geir Helgemo missed the killing opening lead against a 5♣ contract.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Isporski	Austberg	Al-Shati	Helgemo
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Game-forcing relay

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Popova	Saelensminde	Gunev
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
3♣	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Gunev led the ♥Q, and the issue was settled quickly. Popova won the first round of clubs with the ace and gave her partner a ruff. The ♠A was still to come for down one.

West	North	East	South
Isporski	Austberg	Al-Shati	Helgemo
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Helgemo's choice of leads was decidedly unusual: the ♦2! That was enough for Al-Shati to bring home 11 tricks. He won the ♦A in dummy and immediately played a club. Austberg won the ♣A and played the ♥9, hoping that the reason Helgemo didn't lead a heart was that he didn't have one. Al-Shati rose with the ♥A, however, and soon was claiming for plus 400.

An aggressive pre-empt cost Norway on this deal:



Dessislava Popova, Bulgaria

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

	♠ A Q 8 5 2		
	♥ Q 8 5		
	♦ 10 9 5		
	♣ 9 3		
♠ J 9 7 6 4 3	N	♠ K 10	
♥ 2	W	♥ K J 7 6 4	
♦ 8 6 2	E	♦ K Q 3	
♣ A 4 2	S	♣ J 6 5	
	♠ -		
	♥ A 10 9 3		
	♦ A J 7 4		
	♣ K Q 10 8 7		
West	North	East	South
Isporski	Austberg	Al-Shati	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
All Pass			

Blessed with lots of good spots and a 3-3 club break, Helgemo took nine tricks despite never reaching the dummy. Isporski led his singleton heart: five, jack, ace. The ♣K was next, taken by Isporski. Any lead from that point was going to help declarer. Indeed, the diamond continuation helped Helgemo pick up that suit as well. Helgemo won the diamond and played the ♣Q, followed by a low club, conceding two more tricks for plus 110.

Those same good spots came to the aid of the defenders in the other room, as Brogeland opened 2♠ in first seat and was punished for minus 500 when Gunev balanced with a double in fourth seat and Popova passed. That was another 9 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Another 13 IMPs went to Bulgaria on this very interesting deal.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 4		
	♥ 8 7 6 5 3		
	♦ Q 9 4 2		
	♣ 10 3		
♠ K Q J 9 8 5 3	N	♠ 7	
♥ -	W	♥ A Q J 10 4	
♦ K J	E	♦ A 8 7 5 3	
♣ A K 4 2	S	♣ 9 8	
	♠ 10 6 2		
	♥ K 9 2		
	♦ 10 6		
	♣ Q J 7 6 5		
West	North	East	South
Isporski	Austberg	Al-Shati	Helgemo
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Forcing

Austberg's low heart lead made the slam easy, as Isporski put in dummy's queen and ruffed out the king, establishing enough discards to handle the low clubs. Isporski claimed after driving out the trump ace and cashing a high trump.

At the other table, the Norwegians did not get past game.

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Popova	Saelensminde	Gunev
		1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣10 and Brogeland took no chances with his contract, playing spades immediately, giving up on the club ruff. He finished at plus 650 for a 13-IMP loss.

At first glance, it might seem that a trump lead would defeat 6♠, depriving West of a club ruff, but in fact no lead can defeat the slam. Should North start with a spade - the ace or a low one - West can win and run trumps, reaching this position with West on lead.

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

On the ♦K, South can spare a club, but when declarer plays a diamond to dummy's ace, South must surrender.

On the following deal, Al-Shati played well to overcome a bad trump split and earn another swing for his side.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ Q J		
	♥ Q 7 5 4		
	♦ Q J 9 6		
	♣ K 4 3		
♠ A	N	♠ 9 6 5 3 2	
♥ 10 6	W	♥ A 8 3 2	
♦ K 5 3 2	E	♦ A 8 7 4	
♣ A Q J 9 8 5	S	♣ -	
	♠ K 10 8 7 4		
	♥ K J 9		
	♦ 10		
	♣ 10 7 6 2		
West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Popova	Saelensminde	Gunev
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Brogeland might have made this awkward contract, but he finished down one for minus 50. Al-Shati did better in the diamond

fit despite the bad trump split.

West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Al-Shati</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Natural, limited hand (Precision club)

⁽²⁾ Forcing inquiry

Helgemo led a low spade, taken in dummy with the ace as North followed with the queen. Al-Shati played the ♣A, shedding a heart, and followed with the ♣Q, covered by Austberg and ruffed in the East hand. Al-Shati then played the ♦A and a diamond to dummy, discovering the bad trump split.

Al-Shati cashed the ♣J, pitching another heart, and played a fourth round of clubs, which appeared to doom the contract. North discarded his ♠J on the fourth round of clubs and, although Al-Shati was able to use his last trump to ruff the clubs good in dummy, it seemed that he could not reach dummy to use them. If he tried to ruff a spade to dummy, North would overruff and pull dummy's last trump. Al-Shati would then have to lose three more tricks.

Al-Shati found a solution, however. He played a low spade from his hand and pitched a heart. Helgemo, holding the trick, played the ♠K. Again, if Al-Shati ruffed, North could overruff and kill the contract. Again, however, Al-Shati discarded instead of ruffing, this time pitching a club.

Helgemo had no more options at that point. If he played a spade away from his ten, Al-Shati would pitch from dummy and make North use one of his trumps. If Helgemo played the ♠10, Al-Shati would ruff, not caring if North overruffed because the ♠9 would be established for the ninth trick.

Helgemo finally exited with a heart to Al-Shati's ace. Declarer then ruffed his low heart in dummy for trick nine and plus 110, good for a 4-IMP gain. Norway was trailing 49-5 when they finally made a significant gain.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ A 10 9 6		
	♥ J 7 5 4		
	♦ 8 7 2		
	♣ 7 2		
♠ K J 5		♠ 7 3 2	
♥ A 6 3		♥ 10	
♦ K 6 4		♦ A 10 9 5 3	
♣ A J 9 8		♣ K Q 6 5	
	♠ Q 8 4		
	♥ K Q 9 8 2		
	♦ Q J		
	♣ 10 4 3		
West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Al-Shati</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
INT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ 14-16

⁽²⁾ Transfer to diamonds

Isporski took 10 tricks after the opening heart lead, losing two spades and a diamond. Brogeland and Saelensminde found a better spot.

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
INT	Pass	3♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Shortness

South led the ♥K, taken in dummy with the ace. Saelensminde then drew trumps, ending in dummy, and cashed the ♦K, felling South's queen. Declarer made the play dictated by the rule of restricted choice, playing a diamond to the nine. Gunev won the jack and exited with the ♠8. Saelensminde guessed correctly, putting in the jack. Plus 400 was good for a 7-IMP pickup, but time was running short on the Norwegians.

Another swing went Bulgaria's way with Al-Shati at the wheel. He guessed brilliantly to land a shaky contract.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A 9 8 3		
	♥ K 8 3		
	♦ J 4 3		
	♣ Q J 2		
♠ J 4		♠ K 10 5 2	
♥ Q 10 7 4		♥ A J 9 6 5	
♦ A K Q 10 7		♦ 6	
♣ 10 7		♣ 8 6 5	
	♠ Q 7 6		
	♥ 2		
	♦ 9 8 5 2		
	♣ A K 9 4 2		
West	North	East	South
<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Al-Shati</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
INT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♦	Dble	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ A four-card major and a five-card or longer minor

⁽²⁾ Indicating at least 4-4 in the majors with game interest

Helgemo led the ♣A and continued with a low club to Austberg's jack after North had played the ♣Q. Austberg put it to Al-Shati at trick three by switching to a low spade. Considering Helgemo's opening bid (albeit in third seat) and the fact that Al-Shati needed the ♥K to be with North, VuGraph commentators figured it was long odds that Al-Shati would make the right play in spades.

After considering his play carefully, Al-Shati wowed the VuGraph audience by going up with the ♠K, passing his first test. The next question was, given that North had showed up with so much already, whether Al-Shati might despair of North's holding the ♥K and try to drop it singleton in the South hand. He got that one right, too, entering dummy with a diamond and running the ♥10. He played two more rounds of hearts and, apparently so happy just to make the contract, forgot to ruff his club to dummy, whereupon he could have played top diamonds, getting rid of all his spades. Instead, he exited with a spade but still scored up plus 420, a 10-IMP gain because 4♥ was defeated in the other room.

Norway got back 10 IMPs when Austberg brought home 4♥ doubled while declarer in 2♥ at the other table managed only eight tricks, but the Bulgarians had come back from a disappointing loss to soundly defeat one of the strongest teams in the field.

Twenty-First Century Bridge

by Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Poland

Women's Teams Round 3

Alas, here in Maastricht I am without my wife, so as a grass widower I took my chance to observe the ladies, in play of course. It was a good decision, since I spotted a fabulous hand signifying we are approaching the twenty-first century.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 9 7 6 2 ♥ Q J 10 6 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 3 ♥ A ♦ K Q J 10 8 7 ♣ J 9 7	♠ Q 8 5 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 9 ♣ K Q 8 5 4 3 2 ♠ 10 4 ♥ K 9 7 5 4 3 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ A 10
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Levit-Porat	Senior	Zur-Campanilla	Penfold
1♠	3♣	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

I suspect Six Diamonds was a typical contract, and after a trump lead the contract depends on a successful spade finesse that produces twelve easy tricks.



Sandra Penfold, England

However, in the match between England & Israel, Sandra Penfold tried to persuade the declarer to find a losing line. She led the ace of clubs to the first trick, and continued with a second club.

If she had switched to a diamond at trick two, declarer would still have been able to ruff two clubs in the dummy, and they would have provided two entries to the table, enabling her to ruff two hearts in hand. Declarer would then know that South had started with six hearts, three diamonds and two clubs, and knowing of only two spades would surely finesse against the spade queen.

However, declarer had to ruff the second club, taking away an entry. At trick three she played the ace of hearts and then played her remaining club. Sandra ruffed with the five of diamonds, forcing declarer to ruff with the ace, and removing the second entry. Declarer could only ruff one heart and, having done so, she cashed her remaining trumps to leave this four-card ending:

♠ A 9 7 6 2 ♥ Q ♦ - ♣ -	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 3 ♥ - ♦ J ♣ -	♠ Q 8 5 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ K ♠ 10 4 ♥ K 9 ♦ - ♣ -
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It was obvious that East was playing for a squeeze in the majors. As the brilliant Krzysztof Martens tips:

'If declarer plays for a squeeze that you like, pretend to be squeezed.'

So now, when East plays her last diamond, if Sandra plays the four of spades I would suggest she would be a candidate for the best defence of the tournament, if not the year. Wouldn't declarer be inclined to place South with three spades and the king of hearts, and play for the drop in spades?

Alas, Sandra played the nine of hearts, making it clear she had the king, and only two spades. That was enough for declarer to take the spade finesse.

If we ever get to the point where from the first trick a defender deliberately tries to convince declarer to adopt a losing line, we are surely in the twenty-first century!

Major injury for Senior

In Tuesday night's indoor cricket match, Brian Senior's attempt to impersonate Dennis Lillie was not a total success, as he suffered a calf strain. The injury was so severe that in order to get from the bulletin office to the VuGraph to cover yesterday's opening match he had to leave at 09.15, a mere 45 minutes before the match was due to start.

WOMEN

Canada v Egypt

By Barry Rigal

ROUND
3

Forty years ago the first ever Women's teams Olympiad was won by the United Arab Republic, and the winning team included a number of the players representing Egypt in these championships in Maastricht. The Egyptians had a poor start, losing their first two matches, and needed to find improved form for their third match against Canada.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In both rooms North/South bid 1♠ - 2♠ - 4♠. In the Open Room, Katie Thorpe led a diamond and the contract was one down; +100 to Canada.

In the Closed Room, Maud Khoury led the ten of clubs to the queen, king and ace - an interesting pair of plays from dummy and West. At trick two, Rhoda Habert played a low spade towards dummy and Khoury rose with the ace. Declarer was able to pitch a diamond on the established club and the contract made ten tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to Canada.

I believe that, if East ducks the spade at trick two, and declarer plays on hearts himself, repeated heart plays may set the contract while, if he draws trumps, he may be forced to defeat the contract.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

In USA v Japan in the Women's Championship, Robin Klar/Joan Jackson bid to the diamond slam for a big gain. Habert/Beverley Kraft, for Canada, had the embarrassment of bidding: 1♥ - INT - 2♦ - Pass.

The slam is made after the lead of the queen of clubs, ducked, and a spade switch to the ace, by playing ace of hearts and ruff-

ing a heart, ruffing a club, and playing the ace of diamonds followed by a diamond to the king. The king of clubs is ruffed and over-ruffed, and now declarer plays four rounds of hearts to pitch the black losers. If West does not ruff the king of clubs, declarer's spade loser goes away and he can just draw the last trump and cash the hearts.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Kraft/Habert bid 1♠ - 2♦ - 2♠ - 3♥, and now Kraft bid 4♦, not unreasonably, which led to 5♦, and that was one down after a club lead.

In the Open Room, Samya Shatila/Marguerite Homsy bid 1♠ - 2♦ - 3♦ - 3♥ - 3NT. Even on the lead of the two of clubs and a misguess, the suit is blocked! The ♣9 lead might set it, but Diana Gordon led the wrong nine - the heart. Now declarer had no problem in coming to nine tricks; 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Egypt played the normal 4♠ down one. There was more action in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Homsy	Thorpe	Shatila
2♦	Dble	2NT ⁽¹⁾	3♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Puppet to 3♣



Lily Khalil, Egypt

Homsy's raise to 4♥ was an aggressive bid, given that she had already made a take-out double of the weak two bid. Despite that, Shatila's removal of the penalty double of 4♠ was a highly questionable action and it turned a plus score into a minus. Five Hearts went four down, giving Canada a 10 IMP swing.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ A J 5 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A K Q 10 7 4 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 5 ♥ Q 10 9 6 ♦ Q J 9 5 4 ♣ 9	♠ K Q ♥ K 2 ♦ A K 6 2 ♣ J 8 6 5 2
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In the Open Room, Habert overcalled Lily Khalil's 1♣ opening with a pre-emptive 3♠ call and Kraft converted to 3NT. Nothing could prevent Kraft from making nine tricks for +600.

In the Closed Room, Homsy overcalled only 2♠ and Shatila also responded 3NT. Now Homsy went back to 4♣, ending the auction. Homsy ruffed the club lead and played a heart to the king and ace. How should West defend? Best is a spade, but it is tempting to think that a top club may eventually promote a trump trick by force. Gordon chose to play back a club and Homsy ruffed with the four and was over-ruffed. Now a trump switch would lead to minus two, but Thorpe played a heart to the jack and back came another club. Now declarer could play a high cross-ruff and come to ten tricks; +620 and 1 IMP to Egypt.

The Canadians ran out winners by 46-36 IMPs, 17-13 VPs.

Best lead makes best result

by Qiang Cheng, China

China defeated four teams that did not play at their best on the first day of the University Teams Bridge Cup, and then met the USA in Round 5. That represented a real challenge for the boys from the Tsinghua University.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 ♥ A K Q 10 9 3 ♦ 9 8 6 4 3 ♣ -	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 10 ♥ J 7 6 4 2 ♦ Q J 10 7 5 ♣ J	♠ K 7 5 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ - ♣ A K Q 10 7 3 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

♠ J 8 6 4
♥ 8
♦ A K 2
♣ 9 8 6 5 4

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Lasota	Bai	Hong
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Greenberg	Hu	Bathorst	Zhao
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Although the bidding looks identical, the meaning is quite different.

In the Closed Room, East's Two Spades was fourth-suit forcing, saying nothing about spades. That made the lead an obvious spade, the only suit that has not been mentioned by East/West. The declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed three top hearts, and when South discarded a club, he had twelve tricks.

In the Open Room, East's Two Clubs was game forcing, and Two Spades was therefore a natural bid. Zhao decided to lead dummy's second suit, and his choice of the king of diamonds produced a swift one down and 11 IMPs.

China went on to defeat the powerful American team by 17-13 VPs.

Opening Times

During the Round Robin phase the venue will be open between 08.00 and 22.00.

Appeal No. 3

Israel v France

Appeals Committee:

John Wignall (Chairman, New Zealand), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Grattan Endicott (England), Dan Morse (USA), Nissan Rand (Israel).

Open Teams Round 3

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>♠ A 10 9 ♥ 10 ♦ Q J 6 4 2 ♣ K Q 10 2</p>												

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Podgur</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Comments:

⁽¹⁾ explained by North to East as 'values, support ♦, short ♣'; explained by South to West as 'not sure, maybe splinter'

⁽²⁾ explained by North as 'void', by South as 'cuebid'

Contract:

Six Diamonds, played by South.

Lead:

Ace of Clubs.

Result:

12 tricks, N/S +920.

The Facts:

Three Spades was explained differently at both sides, obviously incorrectly at the South/West side. West claimed he would have led differently with correct information. Well after the session, West came to the Director to state that he might have led

a small club. On that lead, there is a chance that declarer would go down.

The Director:

Found that since the lead of the small club was not mentioned immediately, it would not be taken into consideration. With any other lead, South is expected to always make 12 tricks.

Ruling:

Result Stands.

Relevant Laws:

Law 75D2.

East/West appealed.

The Players:

East/West, by means of their captain, pointed out that West was a world-class player, for whom the lead of the small club was a possibility. With the explanations that he received, West was so certain to find the king of clubs in dummy, that he did not think very long about his lead. East/West found it very strange that South bid three no-trumps naturally, opposite what he explained to be a singleton spade.

South explained that three no-trumps was a sort of a relay, although he admitted he had not alerted it. He apologised for his wrong explanation. He usually plays fragments showing the ace, and since he held that card himself, he was confused.

North added that it would have been unheard for him to bid five clubs on the king alone.

The Committee:

Found that South had been wrong in not explaining the three spade bid correctly, not alerting his three no-trumps, and not explaining the meaning of the bidding before the lead.

All this added up to mean that West had been denied his chance at brilliancy.

The Committee did not want to quantify this chance, and chose to express their views into IMPs directly.

The original IMP balance had been +11 to the team of North/South (5♦ made at the other table).

The Committee's decision:

Score adjusted to +7 IMPs to the team of North/South.

Deposit:

Returned.

Note from the Appeals Committee

As is currently the practice in many top events, all appeals are being written up. They are numbered consecutively. The bulletin only publishes those appeals that are deemed of interest to the general public, but the numbers are conserved.

Seniors Changes

- 1) The two sessions scheduled for Saturday will now be played on Wednesday and Friday. This means four sessions on each of these days.
- 2) There will be a meeting for any interested Seniors to discuss any suggestions for future Seniors Olympiads on Saturday at 10.00 in the current playing room.
- 3) There will be a Seniors Transnational Pairs Championship on Saturday. There will be two sessions - 12-14.30 and 15.00 - 17.30. Any Seniors player, or NPC, or any person associated with the organisation of the Seniors, is welcome to play with any partner (not necessarily from the same Country).
It will be of considerable assistance to the organisers if you could register your intention to play as soon as possible.

New schedule:

Today - Wednesday

Round 12:	10:00 - 11:45
Round 13:	13:30 - 15:15
Round 14:	15:45 - 17:30
Round 15:	18:00 - 19:45

Thursday

Round 16:	10:00 - 11:45
Round 17:	13:30 - 15:15
Round 18:	15:45 - 17:30
Round 19:	18:00 - 19:45

Friday

Round 20:	10:00 - 11:45
Round 21:	13:30 - 15:15
Round 22:	15:45 - 17:30
Round 23:	18:00 - 19:45

Whose opinion is it anyway?

These Championships are being followed over the Internet by bridge players from every corner of the globe. This is a typical example of the of comments we receive:

Dear Editors

I'd like to thank you heartily for the fine job you are doing with bulletins from major bridge events. I follow your work since Lille 98. Since then I also harbour a polite request to the Editors - who are always more than one person - please sign your articles! They abound in personal notes like 'in my opinion', etc. and the reader doesn't know who's opinion it is.

Vladimir Atanassov

The long-standing tradition is that the Editors do not sign their work, thereby protecting both the innocent and the guilty! However, regular followers of the Bulletins can usually recognise the individual styles of the authors. The spelling of certain words readily identifies the work of our American Editor, the inability of one Editor to spell at all another, and the regular use of the comma accounts for the other English speaking writer.

Captain, my captain - hey, it's Bob Hamman



Shawn Quinn and Bob Hamman, USA

Bob Hamman has been showing up at world bridge championships since the mid-sixties, so it's no surprise to see him in Maastricht.

The big difference at this tournament is that when Hamman gets near a table, he won't be holding playing cards. That's not to say he isn't very busy, however.

As non-playing captain of the U.S. women's team in the 11th World Team Bridge Olympiad, Hamman has his hands full trying to keep the women - including his wife, Petra - focused yet relaxed. "You're not going to teach them to play bridge at this stage of the game," Hamman says.

Monday afternoon, an hour before game time, Hamman had chosen his line-up, submitted the form to the directors and was intent on getting two members of the squad - Petra and Peggy Sutherlin - to take it easy. "Go rest," he told them, fussing over them like a mother hen as he ushered them from the convention center.

"They need all the energy they can muster," Hamman says. "The game is more about energy and concentration than anything else."

Mildred Breed, one of Hamman's charges, has nothing but praise for her npc. "He's doing great," Breed says. "You can have a 13-IMP loss and he will say that what you did was very reasonable." That, says Breed, is a great boost to morale.

The rest of the team is Robin Klar, Shawn Quinn and Joan Jackson. Hamman says the fact that his wife is a member of the team makes no difference. "It's not a factor," he says.

Hamman got his feet wet in the npc job during the women's team trials, won by his squad earlier this year. He had been drafted for the job last year, but when his team won the open trials to play in the Bermuda Bowl, he had to bow out.

He agreed to be npc this year on the condition that he was available. That came to pass when the Nick Nickell team lost in the open trials in Memphis in June.

Hamman says he would do the job again. "It's okay," he says. "I'd be game for it."

You can tell, however, that the world's No. 1-ranked player would rather be at the table working on squeezes and endplays.

"Captaining," Hamman says in all honesty, "is a poor second to playing."

Deadly Duboin



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

Argentina defeated Italy 17-13 in Round 5 of the Open series, but it was Giorgio Duboin of Italy who was the star of the show on two back-to-back boards in the middle of the match. The first board came on defence.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Lauria	Rizzo	Versace
2♣	1♠	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2NT	3♦	4♠

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Lambardi	Bocchi	Lucena
3♥	1♠	Pass	2NT
	4♣	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, the opening lead was the two of hearts to the queen. Alejandro Bianchedi cashed the ace of hearts and, remembering the bidding, switched to the ten of diamonds - ten tricks for +620.

Norberto Bocchi also led the two of hearts in the Open Room. Duboin also won the queen of hearts and cashed the ace. He noted that Bocchi followed with the ♥3 on the second round. That should be a suit preference signal for clubs rather than diamonds, and Duboin duly put his trust in partner to switch to his singleton club. When Bocchi won the first round of trumps, he was able to give Duboin a ruff for down one - 100 to Italy and 12 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, the Argentinian East/West pair played in 3♦, down one for 100 to Italy. Duboin found himself in 3NT after Carlos Lucena had opened with a weak 2♥ bid on the South cards.

Pablo Lambardi did not lead his king doubleton heart, preferring to lead from his own long suit. He led a low spade and Duboin made a good start when he went up with dummy's king. Now came a low club. Had Lucena played the ten, Duboin would have had to play an honour then lead a low one back to drop the ace. However, Lucena rose with the ace of clubs to lead a spade through. Lambardi won the ace and cleared the spades and now Duboin had to make his next critical decision. He was in dummy for the last time and it must have been tempting to take the heart finesse through the weak two opener. But, of course, North could have allowed the queen of spades to hold, preventing dummy's ten from becoming an entry. Might he not have found that defence, had he feared that his partner held a card that could be finessed against? After some thought, Duboin decided to run all his club winners. Lambardi bared the king of hearts smoothly and early, but Duboin was not about to get this ending wrong. He cashed the ace of hearts and, as Lucena had thrown a number of hearts away, had three heart tricks and ten in all. That was a splendid +630 and 12 IMPs for Italy.

Very nicely played!

Dragons have teeth

by Maggie Pearce, Wales

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Lusk	Clench	Tully	Woodruff
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	Dble	6♥	All Pass

- 3♣ Range finding
- 4♦ maximum with diamonds
- 4♠ cuebid / 4NT KCB / 5♦ 0/3
- 5♥ Trump queen ask
- 5♠ Yes, but no side king (as explained by West)

With East/West bidding strongly to Six Diamonds, and with an unpromising hand, Jilly Clench could see that the only significant missing card was the queen of diamonds. The only hope of defeating the contract was if she could persuade partner to lead a heart, and declarer finesse into partner's queen of diamonds, which was likely to be a singleton. Partner could then give her a heart ruff. So she doubled a cold contract.

East, suspecting a heart void and an adverse lie of the trump suit, retreated to Six Hearts, leaving Clench on lead. The spade lead was taken by dummy's ace, and North was now hoping that declarer would play South for the ten of hearts. However, declarer finessed the queen of hearts, played a heart to the jack and king, won the spade return and drew trumps ending in hand. Confident that North held ♦Q10x, she ran the jack of diamonds, losing to the singleton queen! With no trumps remaining, South was able to cash two spade tricks for three down, and 15 IMPs, as in the other room the Welsh pair bid as follows:

West	East
Kurbalija	Casey
1♥	2NT
3NT	4♦
4♠	5♥
6♥	All Pass

Declarer made no mistake this time, but then she was not opposed by a Dragon!

World Seniors International Cup Butler Standings after 10 rounds

Nr	Pair	Team	Boards	Imps	Imps/board
1	K. Baxter-R. Bennett	Scotland	24	74	3.08
2	G. Mattsson-H. Humburg	Germany	72	163	2.26
3	G. Maci-C. Mismetti	San Marino	12	24	2.00
4	K. Baxter-J. MacLaren	Scotland	72	137	1.90
5	K. Stanley-W. Townsend	England	72	97	1.35
6	S. Robinson-K. Woolsey	USA	72	89	1.24
7	D. Frew-D. Liggat	Scotland	84	98	1.17
8	J. Mohan-J. Sutherland	USA	84	97	1.15
9	L. Alfredsson-S. Ekberg	Sweden	84	97	1.15
10	J. Pochron-L. Wesolowcki	Poland	84	79	0.94
11	B. von Gyorffy-N. Chmeik	Germany	72	66	0.92
12	J. MacLaren-R. Bennett	Scotland	24	22	0.92
13	D. Morse-B. Wolff	USA	84	74	0.88
14	C. Delmouly-J. Roudinesco	France	72	61	0.85
15	A. El Shafie-M. Kamel	Egypt	108	86	0.80
16	A. Morath-H. Gothe	Sweden	84	63	0.75
17	F. Badir-C. Wannufel	Belgium	108	70	0.65
18	F. Weiss-L. Weiss	Switzerland	120	77	0.64
19	J. Lester-G. Lorentz	Australia	84	52	0.62
20	G. Jepson-P. Littlewood	England	84	51	0.61
21	H. Hallen-L. Backstrom	Sweden	72	43	0.60
22	S. Radwan-O. Sharif	Egypt	108	64	0.59
23	J. McHale-A. Montwill	Ireland	72	39	0.54
24	M. Ricciarelli-F. Baroni	Italy	60	32	0.53
25	E. Bankoglu-A. Yalman	Turkey	48	25	0.52
26	P. Schwartz-F. Hoffer	Canada	12	6	0.50
27	W. Schneider-W. Gromoller	Germany	84	41	0.49
28	I. Ketenci-E. Korkut	Turkey	36	17	0.47
29	F. Leenhardt-C. Mari	France	84	38	0.45
30	P. Adad-M. Aujaleu	France	84	31	0.37
31	R. Klinger-A. Walsh	Australia	84	24	0.29
32	G. Mattsson-N. Chmeik	Germany	12	3	0.25
33	B. Goldenfield-W. Hirst	England	84	19	0.23
34	G. Gigli-A. Latessa	Italy	84	17	0.20
35	N. Rand-M. Katz	Israel	96	18	0.19
36	A. Milde-W. Stobieki	Poland	72	12	0.17
37	Z. Jansa-M. Polak	Czech Republic	84	12	0.14
38	J. Borin-W. Haughie	Australia	72	8	0.11
39	D. Liggat-R. Bennett	Scotland	36	1	0.03
40	O. Dan-N. Saxon	Israel	72	-4	-0.06
41	A. Bardin-G. Maci	San Marino	108	-7	-0.06
42	H. Schippers-E. Schippers	Netherlands	96	-8	-0.08
43	A. Audenaert-J. Hendrickx	Belgium	72	-8	-0.11
44	T. Honkavuori-R. Honkavuori	Finland	108	-12	-0.11
45	B. Araz-A. Yalman	Turkey	48	-6	-0.13
46	G. Resta-E. Longinotti	San Marino	120	-17	-0.14
47	P. Schwartz-R. Cohen	Canada	108	-22	-0.20
48	A. Laliberte-J. Robinson	Canada	48	-12	-0.25
49	D. Jenkins-E. Jenkins	Wales	60	-19	-0.32
50	S. Szenberg-A. Wilkosz	Poland	84	-30	-0.36
51	B. Araz-E. Bankoglu	Turkey	24	-10	-0.42
52	W. Achterberg-H. Bigat	Switzerland	120	-51	-0.42
53	L. Capodaglio-M. D'Andrea	Italy	96	-41	-0.43
54	A. Oskam-C. Schutte	Netherlands	84	-36	-0.43
55	G. McKenzie-J. Okeefe	Ireland	84	-37	-0.44
56	A. Verhees-T. Valk	Aruba	108	-52	-0.48
57	G. Kroeger-F. v Hellenberg Hubar	Neth. Antillen	120	-61	-0.51
58	F. Hoffer-J. Robinson	Canada	24	-13	-0.54
59	E. Korkut-S. Sarmiskci	Turkey	48	-26	-0.54
60	P. Sisselaar-H. Kreijns	Aruba	108	-65	-0.60
61	G. de Boer-O. Janssens	Netherlands	60	-41	-0.68
62	M. Devletian-Z. Diebold	Venezuela	72	-64	-0.89
63	J. Patrick-D. Patrick	Wales	96	-89	-0.93
64	Y. Sagiv-A. Schwartz	Israel	72	-68	-0.94
65	P. Hebak-J. Nosek	Czech Republic	84	-82	-0.98
66	R. Rimon-J. Tolvanen	Finland	108	-107	-0.99
67	P. Barry-D. Jackson	Ireland	84	-86	-1.02
68	F. Hoffer-A. Laliberte	Canada	48	-50	-1.04
69	L. Balvers-I. van den Ende	Neth. Antillen	120	-132	-1.10
70	P. Duncan-Ph. Duncan	Wales	84	-118	-1.40
71	J. Henri-G. Jauniaux	Belgium	60	-86	-1.43
72	I. Ketenci-S. Sarmiskci	Turkey	36	-53	-1.47
73	R. Amirata-A. Piontowski	Venezuela	72	-111	-1.54
74	J. Chvalina-F. Krizek	Czech Republic	72	-130	-1.81
75	M. Bernazzani-M. Tagliavia	Venezuela	96	-211	-2.20
76	H. Kreijns-T. Valk	Aruba	12	-27	-2.25
77	P. Sisselaar-A. Verhees	Aruba	12	-35	-2.92

Misdirection

In American football, there is a set play that relies on a concept called misdirection. The idea is that the offensive play begins in such a way to convince the defenders that the ball carrier is going one way, while in fact he is going the other way. The idea is to catch the defenders heading in the wrong direction. When the play is successful, a nice gain is usually the result.

On this deal from the fifth round of the Open series, it was a Belgian defender who came up with a classic example of misdirection. The result helped Belgium to a 59-51 victory over Wales. The deal was reported by Hans Gelders.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ – ♥ K 6 5 ♦ K Q 10 6 4 ♣ K 9 6 4 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 8 7 3 2 ♥ J 7 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 5 2	♠ K Q 6 5 4 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ 9 8 7 ♣ A Q
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Engel	Goodman	van Middeltem	Rees
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Zvi Engel, holding the West cards, did not like his choices for the opening lead. The black suits, having been bid, were out, and a lead from the diamond suit also did not look attractive. Finally, Engel made his choice: the ♥Q! It had a devastating effect on declarer, Tim Rees.

Naturally, Rees believed Engel to be leading from the ♥Q J, so he took the opening lead in his hand with the ♥A. Next came a diamond to dummy's king, a club to the ace, and a diamond to the queen.

Back in hand with the ♣Q, Rees played the ♥10, letting it ride. Boom! There went the contract. Guy van Middeltem won the ♥J and played a spade to the king and Engel's ace. Engel exited with a heart, and dummy was dead. Rees's only hope was that clubs divided 3-3 but, when they did not, he had to settle for down one and minus 100. He lost a heart, two diamonds, a spade and a club.

In the other room, the opening lead was a low heart, and South scored up plus 630 for a 13-IMP gain.

Time Passes, Values Change

by Ron Klinger, Sydney, Australia

Over the years, values have been eroded in so many areas: morality, courtesy, integrity . . . and it appears that even bridge has succumbed.

When I started playing, 26 points was de rigeur for bidding 3NT. It was not long before 25 points became acceptable and soon 22-23 points were all right when one of the hands contained a long suit. Now it is the year 2000 and if you do not bid your 18-point 3NT games you have to settle for a double-figure IMP loss. Witness:

Open Teams Round 5

Australia v Hungary

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 9 ♥ Q 10 9 8 7 2 ♦ 10 6 5 4 ♣ 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 10 7 6 4 3 ♥ K ♦ K ♣ K 9 7 5 3	♠ K 5 ♥ J 4 ♦ Q J 9 7 3 ♣ Q 10 8 6
N						
W E						
S						

♠ Q 8 2 ♥ A 6 5 3 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ A J 4
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The auction was the same at both tables:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Gal	Pass	Vikor
Pass	Burgess	2♠	Marston
Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

⁽¹⁾ Artificial, 15+ points

⁽²⁾ Very weak, 6+ hearts

Had either West started with a low club, there would be no story, but a club lead is far from obvious or attractive on the auction. One West began with ♠K and another spade. When the ♥A dropped the king, declarer had nine tricks. At the other table, West tried the effect of the ♦Q. East's first red king was topped by the ace and the ♥A topped the other at trick 2. A low diamond at trick three secured declarer's ninth trick.

No swing. Standard result for the 2000 Olympiad.

Smoking rules

Players, please note that smoking is not allowed in the inner building of the MECC. The inner building includes the trajectum, the lobby, the promenade and auditorium. Also, smoking is prohibited in the toilets during play. Players caught smoking in prohibited areas are liable for penalties.

Ton Kooijman
Operations Manager

Portraits



Jan van Genk will be drawing portraits during these championships. Every day he will provide two for publication in the bulletin. You might be one of his models today!



Don't worry, he will draw you without disturbing your concentration!

All the drawings will be for sale, the price depending on the size.

Code of Practice 'Lausanne Group'

The members of the group that met in Lausanne, and which formulated the WBF Code of Practice, are invited to a private meeting (no observers) in the Euphrates Room at 10.15 on Thursday August 31st. The purpose will be to discuss privately the progress made, and the creation of the desired 'jurisprudence'.

For the Chairman
Grattan Eddicott

Penalty Phones

As you all (should) know, mobile phones are not allowed in the playing areas. Not only using them is forbidden, also bringing them. We understand that some of you can't leave home without your phone, and we have to accept that. Therefore we offer you the following possibility to avoid penalty points.

If you hand your mobile phone over to the hospitality desk with your name on a sheet of paper added to it, the ladies there will look after it. Maybe you will even discover that it is possible to live without it.

Ton Kooijman
Operations Director

David Birman will be happy to deal with enquiries about this event. He will be here until 3 September, and can usually be found in the ebridge office located next door to the Daily Bulletin.

WBF Systems Committee

There will be a Meeting of the WBF Systems Committee at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd September in the WBF Meeting Room (Room 2.1, Promenade Floor).

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Netherlands	Canada	26 - 14	18 - 12
86 Finland	USA	21 - 30	13 - 17
87 Sweden	France	6 - 33	8 - 22
88 Venezuela	Egypt	8 - 69	1 - 25
89 Poland	Wales	56 - 6	25 - 3
90 Germany	Turkey	38 - 12	22 - 8
91 Scotland	Czech Republic	45 - 15	23 - 7
92 England	Israel	21 - 8	19 - 11
93 Italy	Neth. Antillen	69 - 13	25 - 1
94 Belgium	Switzerland	22 - 12	18 - 12
95 Australia	Aruba	51 - 13	25 - 5
96 Ireland	San Marino	11 - 17	14 - 16

ROUND 10

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Finland	Venezuela	36 - 6	23 - 7
86 Aruba	USA	6 - 47	4 - 25
87 Switzerland	Neth. Antillen	36 - 37	15 - 15
88 Egypt	Australia	19 - 12	17 - 13
89 Netherlands	Sweden	12 - 39	8 - 22
90 Wales	France	20 - 60	5 - 25
91 Italy	Czech Republic	23 - 40	10 - 20
92 Israel	Belgium	31 - 36	14 - 16
93 Poland	Ireland	55 - 10	25 - 4
94 San Marino	England	4 - 28	9 - 21
95 Canada	Germany	12 - 46	6 - 24
96 Turkey	Scotland	10 - 58	3 - 25

ROUND 11

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Venezuela	Canada	4 - 39	6 - 24
86 Belgium	Germany	36 - 16	20 - 10
87 Czech Republic	France	15 - 40	8 - 22
88 Finland	Israel	44 - 23	21 - 9
89 San Marino	Turkey	24 - 26	14 - 16
90 USA	Scotland	30 - 12	20 - 10
91 Wales	Australia	4 - 66	0 - 25
92 Sweden	Italy	48 - 5	25 - 4
93 Aruba	Poland	0 - 34	6 - 24
94 Ireland	Netherlands	33 - 27	16 - 14
95 England	Switzerland	37 - 10	22 - 8
96 Neth. Antillen	Egypt	9 - 60	2 - 25

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	Norway	31 - 50	10 - 20
72 Yugoslavia	Japan	50 - 31	20 - 10
73 Czech Republic	Italy	37 - 22	19 - 11
74 Ireland	Singapore	50 - 33	20 - 10
75 France	Indonesia	61 - 13	25 - 3
76 USA	Poland	55 - 23	23 - 7
77 Hong Kong	Denmark	16 - 41	8 - 22
78 Belgium	Austria	11 - 52	4 - 25
79 Chinese Taipei	Botswana	55 - 12	25 - 4
80 Germany	England	35 - 31	16 - 14
81 Netherlands	China	41 - 21	20 - 10

ROUND 10

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Austria	Latvia	76 - 2	25 - 0
72 Poland	Ireland	71 - 31	24.5 - 4.5
73 Germany	USA	60 - 9	25 - 2
74 Norway	Belgium	28 - 33	14 - 16
75 Chinese Taipei	Italy	29 - 9	20 - 10
76 Japan	Netherlands	48 - 23	22 - 8
77 Indonesia	Hong Kong	28 - 45	10 - 20
78 England	China	28 - 41	11 - 19
79 Denmark	France	29 - 46	10 - 20
80 Singapore	Yugoslavia	32 - 22	18 - 12
81 Botswana	Czech Republic	4 - 44	5 - 25

ROUND 11

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	China	23 - 55	7 - 23
72 Netherlands	Norway	29 - 41	12 - 18
73 Singapore	Japan	32 - 35	14 - 16
74 Austria	England	53 - 8	25 - 4
75 Denmark	USA	70 - 27	25 - 4
76 Ireland	Botswana	20 - 34	11 - 19
77 Italy	Indonesia	70 - 17	25 - 2
78 Yugoslavia	Czech Republic	5 - 37	7 - 23
79 Hong Kong	Chinese Taipei	23 - 46	9 - 21
80 Belgium	Poland	11 - 60	3 - 25
81 France	Germany	32 - 26	16 - 14

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 12

85 England	Venezuela
86 Italy	Switzerland
87 Australia	Scotland
88 Canada	Sweden
89 Ireland	Neth. Antilles
90 Germany	Egypt
91 USA	Israel
92 Turkey	Wales
93 Belgium	Aruba
94 Poland	San Marino
95 Netherlands	Czech Republic
96 France	Finland

ROUND 13

85 Netherlands	Venezuela
86 Wales	Czech Republic
87 Israel	Egypt
88 England	Turkey
89 Poland	France
90 Switzerland	Finland
91 Germany	Sweden
92 Neth. Antilles	USA
93 Italy	Belgium
94 Aruba	Ireland
95 San Marino	Australia
96 Scotland	Canada

ROUND 14

85 Venezuela	San Marino
86 USA	Australia
87 Sweden	Finland
88 Netherlands	Neth. Antilles
89 Aruba	Scotland
90 Czech Republic	Canada
91 Switzerland	Turkey
92 France	Germany
93 Wales	Italy
94 Belgium	Poland
95 Ireland	Israel
96 Egypt	England

ROUND 15

85 Ireland	Venezuela
86 Germany	Israel
87 Turkey	Canada
88 San Marino	France
89 Belgium	Egypt
90 Australia	England
91 Czech Republic	Neth. Antilles
92 Scotland	Switzerland
93 USA	Wales
94 Italy	Aruba
95 Poland	Sweden
96 Finland	Netherlands

FISU visited Maastricht



from left: Panos Gerontopoulos, Lode Lambeets, Paul Magerman, Fernand Bottelberghs, Roch Campana, José Damiani and Gianarigo Rona

Today Mr **Roch Campana**, Secretary General of the FISU (Federation des Sports Universitaires) and Mr **Fernand Bottelberghs**, Secretary of the FISU International Control Committee, visited the university bridge championship. They were welcomed by **José Damiani**, **Gianongo Rona** and **Panos Gerontopoulos** and afterwards shown round the various rooms and offices by **Lode Lambeets**, Liaison Officer FISU and **Paul Magerman**.

They were deeply impressed by the organization of the championship.

It has been agreed upon that **José Damiani**, on behalf of the WBF, will reapply to FISU to recognize bridge worldwide as a university sport and to organize an official university world championship in Bruges (Belgium) in 2002.

Paul Magerman

VUGRAPH

Auditorium I (Dutch commentary)	Time	Auditorium II (English commentary)
Lebanon v The Netherlands (OPEN)	10.00	England v Sweden (OPEN)
Brazil v Belgium (OPEN)	14.00	England v Austria (WOMEN)
The Netherlands v Germany (WOMEN)	17.30	Iceland v Norway (OPEN)

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Koos Nobel op de Olympiade

Behalve dat hij vrijwel het hele toernooi automatiseert, is Koos Nobel ook nog eens non-playing captain van het Nederlandse junioren team dat aan de University Team Cup deelneemt.

Hij vat zijn taak uitermate serieus op en staat altijd klaar voor 'zijn jongens'. Gestart als een van de favorieten voor goud moest Nederland een flinke tegenslag incasseren. Na twee wedstrijden had het team pas twaalf van de mogelijke 50 punten verzameld.

Op zulke momenten is Nobel op zijn best. Hij praat, lacht, instrueert en weet het beste uit zijn spelers naar boven te halen. Dit is een unieke kwaliteit die voor weinig captains is weggelegd. Het is mooi om te zien hoe het juniorenteam na zo'n desastreus begin eensgezind de schouders recht en een fraaie zegereeks neerzet. Van de volgende vijf wedstrijden worden er vier met maximale cijfers gewonnen.

In de vijfde ronde tegen Botswana staat het team na een spel al met 11-0 achter. In de resterende 11 spellen wordt deze achterstand omgezet in een 106-11 overwinning! Bijna tien imp per spel.

Het volgende spel draagt fors bij aan de monsterzege.

Spel 2. O/NZ.

♠ B 10 2 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 9 8 6 5 2		♠ 7 4 ♥ A 10 9 8 4 ♦ 8 6 5 2 ♣ B 3	♠ A 9 8 5 3 ♥ HV 7 5 ♦ A 9 ♣ A 10
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West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
<i>Sjoert Brink</i>		<i>Bas Drijver</i>	
2♠	3♥	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	doublet
pas	pas	pas	3SA

⁽¹⁾ Muiderberg, 6 - 10 punten, 5♥ en 4+ in een lage kleur.

West, Sjoert Brink gooit een 'babypsych'in de strijd. Hij kan zien dat de tegenpartij minstens een manche kan maken en doet net of hij een schoppenkleur heeft. Het bieden van Botswana loopt hierna helemaal vast en eindigt in 3SA.

Aan de andere tafel bieden OW niet mee en bereikt Nederland vlot 6♠ wat precies gemaakt wordt. 13 IMP voor Nederland.

Glunderend loopt Nobel door het Mecc Congresscentrum. Zijn kanjers zijn op stoom en aan het winnen. 's Avonds is hij prominent aanwezig in de bar van het hotel en vertelt aan iedereen die het maar horen wil prachtige verhalen over zijn jonkies. Pas als de laatste lamp uitgaat in de bar van het hotel zoekt hij tevreden zijn bed op.

(Bridge) culture in the MECC

In the Lobby of the MECC (floor 0) the Dutch Bridge Museum exposes some curiosities which illustrate the development of bridge. For example, bridge boards, books and games. Just go and see a small part of the collection of the only Bridge Museum in Holland. From 1st September the Dutch Bridge Museum will be on the Internet: www.hilte.com/museum

Watch the top players or play bridge yourself

Vugraphs: in the MECC you can watch the top players. There are two vugraphs in the Auditoria of the MECC. Auditorium I is the Dutch vugraph, where Dutch experts comment the games. Naturally, most matches of the Dutch teams are shown there. For English commentary you should pay a visit to Auditorium II.

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