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Down to Business

After Saturday's dazzling opening ceremony it was time for the competitors and officials at the 11th Olympiad to see if all their hard work would bear fruit, and in the case of the former, they were probably hoping to conjure up some magic of their own at the table.

The sheer size of this event is already hard to comprehend - for example, when was the last time you attended a major championship that featured two VuGraph theatres?

After the first day's play pride of place in the Open series goes to the countries that have maximum scores of 50VPs after two matches, the new NCBO of **England**, and the former World Champions **Iceland**. Naturally they lead their respective groups, and Switzerland and Australia are at the top of the other two.

In the Women's series they have played a match more, and the groups are headed by **Austria** and **Greece**.

In the Seniors event another new nation is making its mark, as **Scotland** lead the way, whilst **China** is showing that it has some keen students of the game as they sit on top of the University rankings.

If you are in need of Victory Points, cans of magic spray are available at the hospitality desk!



Invitation to Maastricht

There will be a Reception at the Town Hall today at 17.30.
If you would like to go, please register at the Hospitality desk before 14.00.

Shuttle buses will depart from outside the Golden Tulip Hotel.

ATTENTION ALL NBO CONGRESS DELEGATES

Please note that the meeting of WBF Congress will be held on Wednesday, 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 venue for the Congress will be advised as soon as it is decided.

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Slovenia	50 - 45	16 - 14
2 Brazil	Canada	49 - 30	19 - 11
3 Austria	Colombia	66 - 32	22 - 8
4 Spain	Hong Kong	21 - 55	8 - 22
5 Switzerland	Tanzania	104 - 7	25 - 0
6 Wales	Pakistan	30 - 56	10 - 20
7 Tunisia	Poland	16 - 88	2 - 25
8 Singapore	Ireland	23 - 91	2 - 25
9 Belgium	Croatia	68 - 33	22 - 8

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	Scotland	60 - 19	23 - 7
12 Hungary	Russia	41 - 40	15 - 15
13 Bangladesh	USA	41 - 66	10 - 20
14 Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe	79 - 14	25 - 3
15 Liechtenstein	Luxemburg	81 - 36	24 - 6
16 Romania	Australia	27 - 47	11 - 19
17 Philippines	Portugal	23 - 82	4 - 25
18 Greece	Lebanon	46 - 51	14 - 16
19 Monaco	Finland	25 - 58	8 - 22

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	England	10 - 64	4 - 25
22 India	Yugoslavia	49 - 36	18 - 12
23 Germany	Indonesia	53 - 49	16 - 14
24 Malta	Japan	31 - 84	5 - 25
25 Venezuela	Cyprus	40 - 53	12 - 18
26 Sweden	Uruguay	86 - 23	25 - 3
27 France	Czech Republic	73 - 32	23 - 7
28 San Marino	Egypt	33 - 50	11 - 19
29 Latvia	Israel	24 - 67	6 - 24

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	Turkey	42 - 28	18 - 12
32 New Zealand	Thailand	61 - 33	21 - 9
33 Botswana	Iceland	10 - 105	0 - 25
34 Malaysia	South Africa	27 - 53	10 - 20
35 Bulgaria	Morocco	40 - 71	9 - 21
36 Palestine	Ukraine	18 - 122	0 - 25
37 Argentina	La Reunion	89 - 41	25 - 5
38 Italy	Norway	49 - 24	20 - 10
39 Bermuda	Martinique	8 - 45	7 - 23

ROUND 2

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Canada	Denmark	47 - 40	16 - 14
2 Colombia	Brazil	10 - 74	3 - 25
3 Hong Kong	Austria	21 - 56	8 - 22
4 Tanzania	Spain	41 - 87	6 - 24
5 Pakistan	Switzerland	28 - 60	8 - 22
6 Poland	Wales	66 - 38	21 - 9
7 Ireland	Tunisia	56 - 43	18 - 12
8 Croatia	Singapore	44 - 41	16 - 14
9 Slovenia	Belgium	12 - 35	10 - 20

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Russia	Netherlands	46 - 44	15 - 15
12 USA	Hungary	31 - 66	8 - 22
13 Guadeloupe	Bangladesh	78 - 45	22 - 8
14 Luxemburg	Chinese Taipei	50 - 47	16 - 14
15 Australia	Liechtenstein	74 - 34	23 - 7
16 Portugal	Romania	31 - 47	12 - 18
17 Lebanon	Philippines	60 - 37	20 - 10
18 Finland	Greece	59 - 65	14 - 16
19 Scotland	Monaco	40 - 31	17 - 13

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Yugoslavia	Mexico	58 - 66	14 - 16
22 Indonesia	India	30 - 51	11 - 19
23 Japan	Germany	46 - 23	20 - 10
24 Cyprus	Malta	82 - 56	20 - 10
25 Uruguay	Venezuela	80 - 63	19 - 11
26 Czech Republic	Sweden	37 - 40	14 - 16
27 Egypt	France	24 - 44	11 - 19
28 Israel	San Marino	84 - 21	25 - 3
29 England	Latvia	80 - 23	25 - 4

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 Thailand	China	34 - 53	11 - 19
32 Iceland	New Zealand	78 - 27	25 - 5
33 South Africa	Botswana	74 - 49	20 - 10
34 Morocco	Malaysia	62 - 40	20 - 10
35 Ukraine	Bulgaria	46 - 85	7 - 23
36 La Reunion	Palestine	69 - 34	22 - 8
37 Norway	Argentina	38 - 14	20 - 10
38 Martinique	Italy	29 - 84	4 - 25
39 Turkey	Bermuda	48 - 19	21 - 9

Limerick Competition

During the two weeks of the Olympiad there will be the Bulletin Limerick competition. The first line being 'There was a young lady from Maastricht'. There is one basic rule that the limerick must not be in 'poor taste' (however the editors will be storing in their personal collection those deemed unfit to print yet amusing). Please submit your entries in written form to the Bulletin Room. For those of you who read the bulletin via the Internet you may submit entries via the e-mail address 'twaylfm@hotmail.com'. Amusing entries will be printed during the two weeks, with the best saved until the last edition of the Bulletin.

To assist would be limerick writers native Dutch speakers have informed me that there are two permissible rhymes for Maastricht, namely 'strict' and 'tricked', within reason any consistent and witty rhyme will be accepted.

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Finland	31 - 52	11 - 19
42 Italy	Norway	17 - 82	3 - 25
43 Austria	Indonesia	97 - 23	25 - 1
44 Denmark	Jamaica	68 - 31	23 - 7
45 Sweden	Ireland	58 - 26	22 - 8
46 Spain	Croatia	35 - 39	14 - 16
47 Brazil	New Zealand	31 - 29	15 - 15
48 USA	Chinese Taipei	26 - 42	12 - 18
49 England	Russia	39 - 35	16 - 14
50 Israel	Japan	65 - 38	21 - 9

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	France	21 - 29	14 - 16
52 Pakistan	Wales	61 - 65	14 - 16
53 China	Argentina	78 - 9	25 - 2
54 Egypt	Germany	34 - 63	9 - 21
55 Mexico	Australia	51 - 59	14 - 16
56 Scotland	Canada	18 - 37	11 - 19
57 South Africa	Poland	22 - 36	12 - 18
58 Morocco	Netherlands	21 - 74	5 - 25
59 Greece	Turkey	73 - 35	23 - 7
60 Venezuela	India	42 - 45	14 - 16

ROUND 2

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Norway	Hong Kong	39 - 40	15 - 15
42 Indonesia	Italy	44 - 24	19 - 11
43 Jamaica	Austria	16 - 114	0 - 25
44 Ireland	Denmark	26 - 39	12 - 18
45 Croatia	Sweden	28 - 72	6 - 24
46 New Zealand	Spain	105 - 27	25 - 1
47 Chinese Taipei	Brazil	70 - 49	19 - 11
48 Russia	USA	30 - 65	8 - 22
49 Japan	England	52 - 32	19 - 11
50 Finland	Israel	50 - 35	18 - 12

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Wales	Czech Republic	65 - 34	21 - 9
52 Argentina	Pakistan	65 - 39	20 - 10
53 Germany	China	64 - 40	20 - 10
54 Australia	Egypt	86 - 28	25 - 4
55 Canada	Mexico	67 - 38	21 - 9
56 Poland	Scotland	30 - 18	17 - 13
57 Netherlands	South Africa	47 - 21	20 - 10
58 Turkey	Morocco	69 - 27	24 - 6
59 India	Greece	17 - 60	6 - 24
60 France	Venezuela	55 - 31	20 - 10

ROUND 3

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Indonesia	62 - 31	21 - 9
42 Italy	Jamaica	57 - 39	19 - 11
43 Austria	Ireland	32 - 26	16 - 14
44 Denmark	Croatia	63 - 38	20 - 10
45 Sweden	New Zealand	32 - 69	7 - 23
46 Spain	Chinese Taipei	41 - 51	13 - 17
47 Brazil	Russia	35 - 31	16 - 14
48 USA	Japan	32 - 25	16 - 14
49 England	Israel	45 - 16	21 - 9
50 Norway	Finland	56 - 24	22 - 8

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Argentina	51 - 51	15 - 15
52 Pakistan	Germany	19 - 42	10 - 20
53 China	Australia	66 - 43	20 - 10
54 Egypt	Canada	36 - 46	13 - 17
55 Mexico	Poland	13 - 65	5 - 25
56 Scotland	Netherlands	55 - 52	16 - 14
57 South Africa	Turkey	74 - 33	23 - 7
58 Morocco	India	51 - 24	21 - 9
59 Greece	Venezuela	56 - 42	18 - 12
60 Wales	France	36 - 9	4 - 25



The IBPA is a club of the world's bridge journalists. It has a monthly Bulletin edited by Patrick Jourdain (who is here in Maastricht) with world bridge news, and a selection of the best hands sent in by members. Members enjoy the use of the Pressroom at major championships like this, and there are other benefits such as the Annual Awards and various Clippings Competitions.

If you are a member who has not yet paid your year 2000 subscription, or you wish to apply for membership, please seek out the Treasurer, Christer Andersson of Sweden. He will be on duty in the Press Room most days between 9.30 am and 10.30 am and between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. You may also pay your subscription for 2001 at the year 2000 rate until the new rate is chosen at the AGM.

The IBPA Annual General Meeting and Awards for the Year 2000 will be held on the morning of Wednesday 6th September. Until then the Annual subscription in pounds sterling is £36, or its equivalent in other currencies (130 guilders or US\$58). New members also pay a joining fee equal to one-third of the annual sub, and, at this time of year, join for a year and a half, through to 31st December 2001.

Application Forms can be found in the Press Room on the Basement floor along the corridor opposite the main stairs.

The first Meeting of the IBPA Executive will be held tomorrow Tuesday, 29th August at 10.15 a.m. Meet in the Press Room.

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Venezuela	Czech Republic	22 - 47	8 - 22
86 Scotland	England	30 - 23	17 - 13
87 San Marino	Wales	46 - 40	16 - 14
88 Switzerland	Poland	45 - 13	23 - 7
89 Sweden	Belgium	39 - 15	21 - 9
90 Canada	USA	41 - 18	20 - 9
91 Finland	Ireland	34 - 25	17 - 13
92 Aruba	Egypt	9 - 63	2 - 25
93 France	Neth. Antilles	40 - 33	17 - 13
94 Turkey	Israel	61 - 42	20 - 10
95 Australia	Netherlands	25 - 27	14 - 16
96 Italy	Germany	19 - 64	4 - 25

ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Australia	Venezuela	39 - 19	20 - 10
86 Egypt	Netherlands	35 - 29	16 - 14
87 Ireland	USA	28 - 18	16 - 12
88 Czech Republic	Aruba	27 - 58	7 - 23
89 Turkey	Italy	11 - 18	13 - 17
90 England	Germany	3 - 14	12 - 18
91 Canada	Poland	16 - 17	15 - 15
92 Belgium	Finland	33 - 32	15 - 15
93 Scotland	France	22 - 4	20 - 10
94 Neth. Antilles	Sweden	26 - 54	8 - 22
95 Israel	San Marino	12 - 36	9 - 19
96 Wales	Switzerland	10 - 37	8 - 22

ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Venezuela	Israel	19 - 37	10 - 20
86 Finland	San Marino	9 - 30	9 - 21
87 Poland	Germany	29 - 20	17 - 13
88 Australia	Belgium	8 - 33	8 - 22
89 Neth. Antilles	Wales	20 - 18	16 - 14
90 Netherlands	Switzerland	15 - 12	16 - 14
91 England	Aruba	49 - 14	24 - 4
92 Italy	Canada	34 - 24	18 - 12
93 Egypt	Scotland	9 - 39	7 - 23
94 France	Turkey	22 - 9	19 - 11
95 Sweden	Ireland	29 - 14	19 - 11
96 USA	Czech Republic	69 - 0	25 - 0

ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Sweden	Venezuela	34 - 9	22 - 8
86 Canada	Ireland	24 - 9	19 - 11
87 Aruba	Switzerland	29 - 0	23 - 7
88 Israel	Italy	16 - 25	13 - 17
89 France	USA	17 - 20	14 - 16
90 San Marino	Czech Republic	26 - 22	16 - 14
91 Netherlands	Belgium	34 - 12	21 - 9
92 Wales	England	12 - 44	7 - 23
93 Finland	Egypt	9 - 33	9 - 21
94 Scotland	Neth. Antilles	49 - 8	25 - 4
95 Turkey	Poland	21 - 20	15 - 15
96 Germany	Australia	21 - 28	13 - 17

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	Chinese Taipei	33 - 37	14 - 16
72 Norway	Botswana	32 - 26	16 - 14
73 Indonesia	Poland	17 - 32	11 - 19
74 France	USA	6 - 38	7 - 23
75 Germany	Yugoslavia	66 - 12	25 - 2
76 Netherlands	Austria	12 - 45	6 - 24
77 England	Belgium	27 - 33	14 - 16
78 Japan	Denmark	14 - 54	5 - 25
79 Singapore	Czech Republic	31 - 34	14 - 16
80 Italy	Ireland	85 - 10	25 - 0
81 China	Hong Kong	40 - 27	19 - 11

ROUND 2

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Denmark	Latvia	40 - 7	24 - 6
72 Austria	France	29 - 31	14 - 16
73 Italy	Netherlands	42 - 6	24 - 6
74 Chinese Taipei	Japan	14 - 11	16 - 14
75 Singapore	Poland	7 - 37	7 - 23
76 Botswana	China	36 - 61	8 - 22
77 Yugoslavia	England	13 - 27	11 - 19
78 Ireland	Hong Kong	4 - 60	1 - 25
79 Belgium	Germany	16 - 15	15 - 15
80 USA	Norway	23 - 53	7 - 23
81 Czech Republic	Indonesia	1 - 30	7 - 23

ROUND 3

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Czech Republic	Latvia	49 - 15	24 - 6
72 Botswana	Austria	11 - 48	5 - 25
73 Belgium	Ireland	27 - 32	14 - 16
74 China	Yugoslavia	50 - 10	25 - 5
75 Hong Kong	Japan	41 - 32	17 - 13
76 Norway	France	27 - 8	20 - 10
77 USA	Italy	18 - 25	13 - 17
78 Poland	Germany	22 - 17	16 - 14
79 Indonesia	Denmark	29 - 26	16 - 14
80 England	Netherlands	11 - 26	11 - 19
81 Chinese Taipei	Singapore	23 - 36	11 - 19

ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Indonesia	Latvia	43 - 0	25 - 4
72 Czech Republic	Denmark	28 - 28	15 - 15
73 Japan	France	2 - 28	8 - 22
74 Hong Kong	Norway	13 - 26	11 - 19
75 England	Botswana	21 - 50	7 - 23
76 Chinese Taipei	Germany	7 - 17	12 - 18
77 Netherlands	Poland	42 - 24	20 - 10
78 Austria	Italy	43 - 19	21 - 9
79 Yugoslavia	Belgium	19 - 12	17 - 13
80 Ireland	China	0 - 31	7 - 23
81 Singapore	USA	1 - 33	7 - 23

OPEN RANKINGS**AFTER 2 ROUNDS****GROUP A**

1 SWITZERLAND	47
2 POLAND	46
3 BRAZIL	44
4 AUSTRIA	44
5 IRELAND	43
6 BELGIUM	42
7 SPAIN	32
8 DENMARK	30
9 HONG KONG	30
10 PAKISTAN	28
11 CANADA	27
12 SLOVENIA	24
13 CROATIA	24
14 WALES	19
15 SINGAPORE	16
16 TUNISIA	14
17 COLOMBIA	11
18 TANZANIA	6

GROUP B

1 AUSTRALIA	42
2 CH. TAIPEI	39
3 NETHERLANDS	38
4 HUNGARY	37
5 PORTUGAL	37
6 LEBANON	36
7 FINLAND	36
8 LIECHTENSTEIN	31
9 RUSSIA	30
10 GREECE	30
11 ROMANIA	29
12 USA	28
13 GUADELOUPE	25
14 SCOTLAND	24
15 LUXEMBURG	22
16 MONACO	21
17 BANGLADESH	18
18 PHILIPPINES	14

GROUP C

1 ENGLAND	50
2 ISRAEL	49
3 JAPAN	45
4 FRANCE	42
5 SWEDEN	41
6 CYPRUS	38
7 INDIA	37
8 EGYPT	30
9 YUGOSLAVIA	26
10 GERMANY	26
11 INDONESIA	25
12 VENEZUELA	23
13 URUGUAY	22
14 CZECH REPUBLIC	21
15 MEXICO	20
16 MALTA	15
17 SAN MARINO	14
18 LATVIA	10

GROUP D

1 ICELAND	50
2 ITALY	45
3 MOROCCO	41
4 SOUTH AFRICA	40
5 CHINA	37
6 ARGENTINA	35
7 TURKEY	33
8 BULGARIA	32
9 UKRAINE	32
10 NORWAY	30
11 LA REUNION	27
12 MARTINIQUE	27
13 NEW ZEALAND	26
14 THAILAND	20
15 MALAYSIA	20
16 BERMUDA	16
17 BOTSWANA	10
18 PALESTINE	8

WOMEN'S RANKINGS
AFTER 3 ROUNDS**GROUP A**

1 AUSTRIA	66
2 NEW ZEALAND	63
3 NORWAY	62
4 DENMARK	61
5 CH. TAIPEI	54
6 SWEDEN	53
7 USA	50
8 FINLAND	48
9 ENGLAND	48
10 HONG KONG	47
11 BRAZIL	42
12 JAPAN	42
13 ISRAEL	39
14 RUSSIA	36
15 IRELAND	34
16 ITALY	33
17 CROATIA	32
18 INDONESIA	29
19 SPAIN	28
20 JAMAICA	18

GROUP B

1 GREECE	65
2 GERMANY	62
3 FRANCE	61
4 POLAND	60
5 NETHERLANDS	59
6 CANADA	57
7 CHINA	55
8 AUSTRALIA	52
9 SOUTH AFRICA	45
10 WALES	41
11 SCOTLAND	40
12 CZECH REPUBLIC	38
13 TURKEY	38
14 ARGENTINA	37
15 VENEZUELA	36
16 PAKISTAN	34
17 MOROCCO	32
18 INDIA	31
19 MEXICO	27
20 EGYPT	25

SENIOR'S RANKINGS**AFTER 4 ROUNDS**

1 SCOTLAND	85
2 SWEDEN	84
3 ENGLAND	72
4 SAN MARINO	72
5 EGYPT	69
6 GERMANY	69
7 NETHERLANDS	67
8 SWITZERLAND	66
9 CANADA	66
10 USA	62
11 FRANCE	60
12 AUSTRALIA	59
13 TURKEY	59
14 ITALY	56
15 BELGIUM	55
16 POLAND	54
17 ARUBA	52
18 ISRAEL	52
19 IRELAND	51
20 FINLAND	50
21 CZECH REPUBLIC	43
22 WALES	43
23 NETH. ANTILLES	41
24 VENEZUELA	36

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**AFTER 4 ROUNDS**

1 CHINA	89
2 AUSTRIA	84
3 NORWAY	78
4 DENMARK	78
5 ITALY	75
6 INDONESIA	75
7 GERMANY	72
8 POLAND	68
9 USA	66
10 HONG KONG	64
11 CZECH REPUBLIC	62
12 BELGIUM	58
13 CHINESE TAIPEI	55
14 FRANCE	55
15 ENGLAND	51
16 NETHERLANDS	51
17 BOTSWANA	50
18 SINGAPORE	47
19 JAPAN	40
20 YUGOSLAVIA	35
21 LATVIA	30
22 IRELAND	24

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 3

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 4

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 5

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 4

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 5

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 6

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

Posters of past winners

If you are interested in purchasing a poster with past winners of the World Team Bridge Olympiad, you may see Peter Huisman in the Convention Center, on the lower level next to the Daily Bulletin office. The price will be determined later.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 5

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79	Poland	England
80	Norway	Czech Republic
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ROUND 6

71	Latvia	USA
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75	Poland	Chinese Taipei
76	Hong Kong	Belgium
77	France	Botswana
78	Czech Republic	Japan
79	Netherlands	Yugoslavia
80	Austria	Germany
81	England	Ireland

ROUND 7

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

ROUND 8

71	Latvia	Ireland
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75	Botswana	Hong Kong
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ROUND 9

71	Latvia	Norway
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ROUND 10

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ROUND 12

71	Latvia	Hong Kong
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73	USA	Botswana
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ROUND 13

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74	Czech Republic	Poland
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76	Austria	Chinese Taipei
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ROUND 14

71	Latvia	Singapore
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74	Germany	Netherlands
75	Italy	Norway
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77	Ireland	Japan
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79	USA	Indonesia
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81	Hong Kong	England

ROUND 15

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ROUND 17

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ROUND 18

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ROUND 19

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ROUND 20

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79	Czech Republic	Austria
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ROUND 21

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University Championships

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91	San Marino	Italy
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93	Canada	Finland
94	Egypt	France
95	Neth. Antilles	Aruba
96	Switzerland	Israel

ROUND 6

85	Venezuela	Neth. Antilles
86	Netherlands	Aruba
87	Italy	Australia
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89	Egypt	Switzerland
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ROUND 7

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ROUND 8

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ROUND 9

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ROUND 10

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ROUND 16

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ROUND 21

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ROUND 22

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86	Neth. Antilles	Finland
87	England	Belgium
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ROUND 23

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Notice

Regarding the Appeals Committee's scheduled 9 a.m. meeting Monday, there are no appeals to be heard.

History of the European University Championships

The idea to organise Championships for University Students originated with Lode Lambeets, of the University of Antwerpen, after he had seen the organisation of the University Chess World Championship in Antwerpen in 1992. He contacted Paul Magerman, then president of the European Community Bridge League, and together they put together the first European Union Bridge Championships.

Support was sought and received from FISU, the International Federation for University Sports, and from the University of Antwerpen. Both of these continue their support for these championships until this very day.

Since a student's career is hopefully a short one, The European Community Bridge League decided to make this an annual event.

The ECBL, renamed European Union Bridge League in 1995, was dissolved in 1998. Among the assets it transferred to the European Bridge League were these championships and the EBL needed no persuasion to continue the University Championships under its banner.

Last year it was decided to turn the European Championships into World Championships in even-numbered years and the WBF decided to incorporate the first such championships into the Olympiad.

The University Championships and the European Capital of Culture

As Antwerp was also European Capital of Culture for 1993, the Portuguese delegation asked to host the second staging of the event in 1994, when Lisboa would be the Cultural Capital.

At that time it was suggested to hold the championships each year in the Capital of Culture, but it proved impossible to host the championships in 1995, when Luxembourg was the European Capital, because the country sadly has no university of its own.

The Danish Bridge Union agreed to stage the third event, but decided to move the venue away from the European Cultural Capital for 1996, København, to Århus and a venue very well suited for the event.

The fourth championships were held in 1997 in Palermo, Italy, at the request of Primo Nebiolo, president of FISU, to coincide with the World Universiad.

Stockholm was the European Capital for 1998, and the Swedish Federation hosted the event, but again held it away from the capital in Skövde.

Last year the organisers were pleased to see the event return to the European Capital of Culture for 1999, Weimar.

Too many cities applied to be European Capital in the symbolic year 2000, and so the European Union decided to award them all the title (for those interested, the list is at the end of this article).

Also in 2001 there will be more than one Cultural Capital, Rotterdam, and Porto and it is almost certain that the Erasmus University of Rotterdam will host the seventh European University Championships. The Mayor of Brugge has already given the go-ahead for the second University World Cup, in Brugge, one of the Capitals of Culture in 2002.

The competitors and their results

11 nations sent teams to the first championships in 1993. Not bad considering that the Community had only 12 members back then. Only Ireland and Luxembourg could not manage a team, but Israel, a regular invitee to Community Championships, was there. Israel won the round robin, but lost the semi-final to the even-

tual winners, Germany. Great Britain won the other semi-final from the Netherlands. There was no match for third place, and two bronze medals were awarded.

In 1994, only 9 countries were present, with Greece and Israel being absent. Denmark beat Germany in the final. The Netherlands kept Portugal from the bronze medal.

In 1996, the organisers accepted a team from Norway, even if their country was not a member from the European Union. Sadly this only brought the participation up to 8. The Netherlands defeated Norway in the final, with Denmark beating Germany for the Bronze.

The Netherlands won again in 1997, again with a field of 8 nations, beating the Italians in the final. Germany beat Great Britain for the Bronze. Even winning two years in a row was not enough to have any players that can say they won this championship twice.

Denmark won their second title in 1998, beating Italy in the final. Great Britain beat Germany for the bronze. Despite the enlargement of the European Union, the only newcomer was Sweden, and the field was only 7 strong.

And the Netherlands became the first country to win the event for a third time, when they won in 1999. Now at last we had a double winner in Simon De Wijs, who had participated in all 6 championships except the one that the Netherlands had won in 1996.

Expansion outside the European Union was witnessed by the initial participation of Poland and Romania

The medal table after 6 championships:

	(G-S-B)	(other placings)
1 The Netherlands	3-0-2	(5)
2 Denmark	2-0-1	(7,8,9)
3 Germany	1-2-1	(4,4)
4 Italy	0-2-0	(5,5,7,11)
5 Gr Britain	0-1-1	(4,6,7,9)
6 Norway	0-1-0	(8)
7 France	0-0-1	(5,6,6)
8 Israel	0-0-1	
9 Portugal		(4,5,8,8)
10 Romania		(4)
11 Poland		(5)
12 Belgium		(6,7,8,8,10,10)
13 Sweden		(6,7)
14 Greece		(6)
15 Spain		(10,11)

The European Capitals of Culture

Initiative of Melina Mercouri, then Greek minister for Culture

1985	Athina	1996	København
1986	Firenze	1997	Thessaloniki
1987	Amsterdam	1998	Stockholm
1988	Berlin	1999	Weimar
1989	Paris	2000	Avignon, Bergen, Bologna, Brussel,
1990	Glasgow,		Helsinki, Krakow,
1991	Dublin		Praha, Reykjavik, Santi- ago de Compostella
1992	Madrid		
1993	Antwerpen		
1994	Lisboa	2001	Porto, Rotterdam
1995	Luxembourg	2002	Brugge, Salamanca

WOMEN **England v Japan** **ROUND 2**

Great Britain has been one of the most successful teams in the history of Women's Teams Olympiads, with one win and a string of second places. However, Great Britain is no more, at least as far as international bridge is concerned. Following the recent disbanding of the British Bridge League, England, Scotland and Wales are all competing independently here in Maastricht.

Of the three, England are the most likely to reach the later stages of this tournament and to be fighting for a medal. In Round 2, the experienced English team faced Japan, a country that has never been in the medals at a World Championship but which, with a largely new and hungry young team, are hoping to change all that.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amano	Brunner	Sekizawa	Goldenfield
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
3NT	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Penfold	Shimamura	Senior	Fukuda
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

The match started well for Japan when Ayako Amano and Miho Sekizawa reached the thin no trump game while Sandra Penfold and Nevena Senior stopped in partscore. In the Open Room, Senior opened an off-shape no trump to avoid a possible rebid problem after 1♣. Penfold followed an invitational Stayman sequence and, looking at a minimum, Senior declined the invitation. After a low diamond lead from South, Shoko Fukuda, Senior came to ten tricks for +180.

In the Closed Room, Sekizawa opened 1♣ (playing strong no trump, she would not have a rebid problem) and rebid 1♥ over the 1♦ response. When Rhona Goldenfield decided to show her revolting spade suit, Amano jumped to 3NT, expecting a helpful lead. In practice, Michelle Brunner led the jack of diamonds to

the king and ace. Goldenfield returned the ♦7 to the eight and nine and Brunner switched to the king of spades. Amano won the ace while unblocking the ten from hand. Declarer led the ♣Q and ran it when it was not covered. Next she switched her attention to hearts, Goldenfield winning the second round to play through her remaining diamond. Amano had nine tricks for +400 and 6 IMPs to Japan.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amano	Brunner	Sekizawa	Goldenfield
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Penfold	Shimamura	Senior	Fukuda
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Dble	2♣	2♥
Pass	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Would you come in on the first round with the North hand? Kyoko Shimamura did, with a take-out double, while Brunner did not, waiting to make a balancing double on the next round. Over South's 2♥, Sekizawa bid a third club and played there. Goldenfield led a heart and Brunner ducked then won the next heart. She switched to two rounds of spades and Sekizawa ruffed the second and tried the queen of diamonds from hand. Goldenfield won the king and played back a diamond to dummy's jack. Declarer played a club and Brunner split her honours, won the second club and gave Goldenfield a diamond ruff for down one; -50. No doubt Senior intended her 2NT bid in the Open Room to ask for a minor, but with no eight-card fit likely, Penfold chose to pass. Whatever Senior intended by her 2NT bid, Fukuda expected her partner to have diamonds for her take-out double and led the king. Declarer won the ♦A and played the ♥J to North's ace. She switched to spades. The defence was still bemused as to what declarer's hand looked like and Senior emerged with no less than nine tricks; +150 and 5 IMPs to England.



Rhona Goldenfield, England

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amano	Brunner	Sekizawa	Goldenfield
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Penfold	Shimamura	Senior	Fukuda
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
All Pass			3♣

Brunner's weak no trump silenced her opponents. Goldenfield's 2♠ response asked about range and 3♣ showed a maximum. Sekizawa led a low heart to the bare king, which proved to be Brunner's ninth trick when the diamonds rolled in. A fortunate +600.

Shimamura's 1♣ opening allowed a comfortable 1♥ overcall from Senior. There was no way that the Japanese pair were going to get to 3NT now, and little likelihood of their succeeding had they done so. Three Clubs made 11 tricks when both minors behaved nicely for declarer, but +150 meant 10 IMPs to England, who had moved into a 15-10 IMP lead.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amano	Brunner	Sekizawa	Goldenfield
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♥
Dble	All Pass	Dble	4♥

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Penfold	Shimamura	Senior	Fukuda
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♥
All Pass		Pass	3♥

The English lead did not survive the next deal. Should East get involved over 2♥? And if so should she double or simply bid 2♠ with her strong doubleton? Sekizawa made a competitive double and Goldenfield jumped to 4♥ to shut her opponents out. Amano doubled that and led the ace of spades. A second spade went to the king and Goldenfield tried to slip the ten of hearts through. Amano went up with the ace and gave her partner a ruff. The defence took their clubs now but could not open up diamonds without giving up their trick in the suit. Goldenfield was just two down for -300.

In the other room, Senior did not come in to the auction and Fukuda made a gentle reraise to 3♥, where she played. She too came to eight tricks for -50 but 6 IMPs to Japan.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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W							
E							
S							

♠ J 10 2 ♥ A K J 9 5 ♦ J 9 8 4 ♣ 8

Closed Room

West Amano	North Brunner	East Sekizawa	South Goldenfield
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Open Room

West Penfold	North Shimamura	East Senior	South Fukuda
Pass	2♥	All Pass	2♦

Where Fukuda treated her hand as a weak two bid, Goldenfield was willing to open at the one level. That got the English pair to the thin game while their counterparts stopped in partscore. Goldenfield won the club lead with dummy's ace and played a diamond to the nine and queen. Amano switched to a spade for the king and ace and Sekizawa returned a club. Goldenfield ruffed and led a low diamond and Amano went in with the ace to play a spade. Goldenfield won in hand and ruffed a diamond, bringing down the king. She ran the ♥10 and soon had ten tricks for +620. In the other room, Shimamura came to 11 tricks in 2♥ to hold the loss to 9 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West Amano	North Brunner	East Sekizawa	South Goldenfield
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Open Room

West Penfold	North Shimamura	East Senior	South Fukuda
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	4♠



Michelle Brunner, England

Surprisingly, Goldenfield simply raised 2NT to game. After a spade lead, Brunner could play on diamonds for 12 tricks; +690. Fukuda made a diamond slam try. Three Diamonds could have been various handtypes and 3♠ said that it was a minor-suit slam try. Four Spades confirmed that the suit was diamonds, and Shimamura jumped to the cold slam; +1370 and 12 IMPs to Japan, who were back in the lead at 29-27 at the midpoint in the match.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West Amano	North Brunner	East Sekizawa	South Goldenfield
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♣	All Pass

Open Room

West Penfold	North Shimamura	East Senior	South Fukuda
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♣	2♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

As the cards lie, the trick is to get to 5♣ on the East/West cards. That is tough to do and in practice neither pair was close to doing so. The key decision came to East over 2♠. Sekizawa supported clubs but not strongly enough to excite Amano - who alerted 3♣ so it was presumably constructive in a good/bad 2NT scenario. Brunner led a trump to the ace and Goldenfield returned a spade to the ace. Amano cashed a club then played ace and another heart. She ruffed the spade return, cashed the top diamonds then ruffed a spade. The diamond loser went on the queen of hearts and declarer had the rest; +150.

Senior stretched to bid 2NT on the East cards and who could blame Penfold for raising to game? The spade lead meant that Senior only had eight tricks; down one for -50 and 5 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amano	Brunner	Sekizawa	Goldenfield
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Penfold	Shimamura	Senior	Fukuda
INT	All Pass		

System created the swing on this deal. When Penfold opened a 12-14 no trump, it was entirely normal for Senior to pass the East hand. Penfold made her contract exactly and probably thought nothing more about the deal. Amano had to open 1♦ and the critical decision came to her partner after the spade raise. Sekizawa made a slightly aggressive game try, 2NT followed by 3♣ showing that she was looking for help in the black suits and was probably shortish in hearts. Amano had good enough clubs and spades to bid the game. Even had Goldenfield found the impossible diamond lead, ducking would have cut the defensive communications. In practice, Goldenfield led a trump and Brunner won and returned the suit. Sekizawa won in hand and led the jack of clubs to the king and ace - a little deception just in case it mattered. Brunner returned her last trump and Sekizawa won in dummy and played a club to the queen then cashed the ♣10, throwing a diamond. Ace and another diamond put Brunner on play again and she exited with a heart to the ace. Declarer ruffed a diamond and the rest; +620 and 11 IMPs to Japan.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amano	Brunner	Sekizawa	Goldenfield
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	1♣
4♥	Dble	3♥	Pass
		All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Penfold	Shimamura	Senior	Fukuda
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Something strange happened in the Open Room where Shimamura only raised Fukuda's 1♠ rebid to 2♠. Did she think that this sequence showed invitational values because with a weaker hand with four spades she would have responded 1♠ rather than 1♦, Walsh-style? I imagine that the partnership will have been discussing this board and will know what is going on next time the sequence comes up. Anyway, 2♠ made 11 tricks for +200.

In the other room, Amano came in with a take-out double where Penfold had made a surprisingly cautious pass. Brunner redoubled to show strength and Sekizawa made a pre-emptive jump to 3♥. Amano continued the pre-empt by raising to game and Brunner doubled. Should Goldenfield have introduced her spades at some point, or was it just that the Japanese pair had done very well to make life difficult for their opponents?

The lead was the king of spades and Sekizawa won the ace and played the jack of hearts, which held the trick. Declarer gave up a spade now and Goldenfield won and switched to the king of diamonds. Sekizawa won the ace and played the ♥9 to the queen and ace. Now she played a club to the king and ace. Brunner cashed the queen of clubs and exited with a spade. Sekizawa ruffed and played a diamond to the queen. Goldenfield had to give a ruff and discard and chose to do so by leading a club, the suit that gave her partner a choice. Sekizawa ruffed low in dummy and Brunner made the mistake of over-ruffing. Sekizawa in turn over-ruffed and played winning diamonds so that Brunner could make only her ♥K; two down for -300 and 3 IMPs to England.

Brunner is double dummy at the point where she over-ruffed the club. If instead she pitches her remaining diamond, she cannot be prevented from making her small trump for three down; +500 and 7 IMPs to England.

After an interesting set of deals, Japan ran out the winners by 52-32 IMPs, converting to a 19-11 VP win.

World Teams Ranking

As made up by Herman de Wael for Bridge Magazine. Herman has been calculating rankings for the sport of Cricket for many years now, and he has used the experience gained there to do the same for the sport of Bridge.

This ranking is being presented for the first time here.

A small word about how these numbers have been calculated.

All teams receive a measure of strength, expressed in IMPs gained or lost per board. At first, this strength is 0. All IMP balances for a team are tallied. These balances are adjusted by the strength of the opposition. (so in the first iteration, there is no adjustment) Those numbers are averaged. That average is used as "strength of the opposition" in a subsequent iteration. That process is iterated some 50 times.

Example: if Belgium beat France by 8 IMPs over 32 boards, and the strength of France is 0.75, this means that the Belgian average will be calculated on a basis of $24+8 = +32$ IMPs over 32 boards.

These strengths are then transposed into VP, by a simple formula ($6 \text{ IMPs} = 1 \text{ VP}$). The rating could be said to signify the number of VP a team would score against average opposition.

More details are of course available from Herman.

At the moment, these ratings have been calculated using those results that Herman has been able to find on the World Wide Web. Especially in South America, many results are lacking.

Before the start of the Olympiad, the provisional ratings for 2000 are as follows:

Open series:

1 United States	20,32	44 Guadeloupe	13,71
2 Italy	20,07	45 Czech Republic	13,35
3 Norway	19,34	46 Chile	13,32
4 Brazil	19,28	47 Estonia	13,23
5 France	19,15	48 Ukraine	13,17
6 Poland	19,04	49 Monaco	13,11
7 Sweden	18,91	50 Venezuela	12,93
8 Indonesia	18,73	51 Switzerland	12,84
9 China	18,53	52 Belarus	12,73
10 Netherlands	17,83	53 Slovenia	12,71
11 Spain	17,82	54 The Faeroes	12,43
12 Great Britain	17,57	55 Yugoslavia	12,00
13 Russia	17,29	56 Bangladesh	11,78
14 Israel	16,92	57 Egypt	11,74
15 Chinese Taipei	16,91	58 Thailand	11,14
16 Australia	16,91	59 Lithuania	11,12
17 India	16,87	60 Zimbabwe	11,03
18 Belgium	16,76	61 Philippines	11,00
19 Iceland	16,71	62 Hong Kong	10,98
20 Denmark	16,69	63 Liechtenstein	10,77
21 Wales	16,57	64 San Marino	10,69
22 Bulgaria	16,35	65 Latvia	10,35
23 England	16,34	66 Luxembourg	10,27
24 Ireland	16,31	67 Reunion	10,24
25 Austria	16,28	68 Malaysia	10,07
26 Greece	15,95	69 Trinidad and Tobago	9,58
27 Argentina	15,86	70 Sri Lanka	9,36
28 South Africa	15,69	71 Tunisia	9,31
29 Hungary	15,52	72 Colombia	9,27
30 Scotland	15,48	73 French Polynesia	8,87
31 Japan	15,33	74 Mauritius	8,63
32 Germany	15,06	75 Bermuda	8,28
33 Lebanon	14,96	76 Singapore	8,00
34 New Zealand	14,76	77 Mexico	7,98
35 Finland	14,74	78 Martinique	7,95
36 Portugal	14,61	79 Kenya	7,76
37 Turkey	14,39	80 Macau	7,66
38 Croatia	14,25	81 Jordan	7,61
39 Canada	14,17	82 Cyprus	7,28
40 Morocco	13,91	83 Malta	5,19
41 Romania	13,88	84 Jamaica	4,14
42 Pakistan	13,85	85 Barbados	2,47
43 Northern Ireland	13,83	86 Palestina	0,38
		87 Botswana	-0,47

Women's Series:

1 United States	20,49	34 Pakistan	13,27
2 France	19,97	35 Turkey	13,21
3 Netherlands	19,90	36 Spain	12,83
4 Austria	19,48	37 Ireland	12,47
5 Germany	19,29	38 Sri Lanka	12,45
6 China	18,97	39 Iceland	12,37
7 Canada	18,68	40 Croatia	12,19
8 England	18,26	41 Hungary	11,98
9 Denmark	18,20	42 Colombia	11,97
10 Great Britain	18,18	43 Monaco	11,93
11 Poland	17,41	44 Portugal	11,84
12 Israel	17,26	45 San Marino	11,64
13 Egypt	16,79	46 Jordan	11,56
14 South Africa	16,49	47 Zimbabwe	11,49
15 Italy	16,31	48 Morocco	11,40
16 Sweden	16,09	49 Japan	11,22
17 Norway	16,01	50 Hong Kong	11,18
18 Czech Republic	15,82	51 La Reunion	10,55
19 Australia	15,74	52 Singapore	10,53
20 Finland	15,44	53 Greece	10,43
21 Scotland	15,26	54 Bermuda	10,31
22 Wales	15,23	55 Tunisia	9,14
23 Mexico	15,21	56 Malaysia	8,94
24 India	15,02	57 Trinidad and Tobago	8,48
25 Belgium	14,90	58 The Faeroes	7,95
26 Switzerland	14,50	59 Thailand	7,63
27 Argentina	14,39	60 Venezuela	7,05
28 Brazil	14,37	61 Jamaica	6,58
29 Indonesia	14,22	62 Philippines	5,79
30 Northern Ireland	13,91	63 Mauritius	5,74
31 Russia	13,68	64 South Korea	3,80
32 Chinese Taipei	13,53	65 Guadeloupe	1,83
33 New Zealand	13,49	66 Martinique	-1,99

OPEN **France v Czech Republic** **ROUND 1**

Strong start

France, the defending open champions in the 11th World Teams Bridge Olympiad, got off to a fine start in their quest for a third straight victory in the event. In the opening-round match, France thrashed the Czech Republic, 73-32. Should France repeat as champions, they will tie the record for consecutive wins in the Olympiad, set by Italy in 1964, 1968 and 1972.

On opening day of the Olympiad, the French drew blood immediately.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Jires</i>	<i>Salama</i>	<i>Kopriva</i>
	1♦	1♥	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The opening lead from Maurice Salama was also the ♠K, but Petr Jires ducked at trick one. He won the second round of spades perforce and started on diamonds. Unfortunately for his side, after he got the good news in diamonds, he cashed three more rounds, apparently trying to put pressure on the defenders. The upshot was that when he established his second heart trick, he had no way to get to it. The result was down one and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 4 was another disaster for the Czechs.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fort</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
	1♦	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♦	Dble	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Vit Volhejn started with the ♠K, taken by Alain Levy with the ace. He played the ♦K and a low diamond to the queen and ace, returning to dummy with another diamond to play a heart to his queen. Volhejn won the ♥K and cashed his spades, but that was it for the defenders. Levy had five diamonds, two hearts and two black aces for plus 400.



Tomas Fort, Czech Republic

Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fort</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
Pass	1♣	2♥	Dble
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Levy played expertly to take nine tricks after Volhejn led the ♥Q. Levy won the king and played a club to dummy's king. Another club went to his 10. When that held, Levy played a spade to the 9, 10 and jack. Fort exited with the ♦J, covered by the queen and ace. Levy ducked the diamond return, winning the third round in dummy with the king. He then played a club to the queen and ace and cashed the 13th club. The deal was an open book at that point. Levy played a spade to dummy's ace and floated the ♥4 to the East, who had to lead into Levy's ♥A 10 at the end. Plus 150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Jires</i>	<i>Salama</i>	<i>Kopriva</i>
Pass	1NT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	2NT ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Transfer to hearts.

⁽²⁾ Relay.



Patrick Allegrini, France

The 4-3 spade fit might have worked out, but not on this deal. Allegrini was delighted to put the ax to the spade contract, which was down three for minus 800 and 14 IMPs to France. The score was 26-0. It got worse on the next board when the Czechs stopped at 2NT on 26 high-card points, going plus 150, while the French bid the game for plus 600 and a 36-0 lead.

The lead had grown to 38-0 before the Czech Republic scored a single IMP.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Allegrini	Jires	Salama	Kopriva
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Dble	3♣	1♠
All Pass			3♠

⁽¹⁾ Minors.

Not everyone would wheel out the unusual 2NT with the West hand, which had good shape but two somewhat anemic suits. The bid did manage to push the opponents well past the level at which they could score a plus. Kopriva managed only seven tricks for minus 200. That was better than the score they were going to get for 3♣ doubled, however. That contract was going to make.

West	North	East	South
Fort	Levy	Volhejn	Chemla
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Dble	4♣	1♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
All Pass			4♠

⁽¹⁾ Minors.

East, in bidding 4♣ with only three trumps, obviously took West's 2NT much more seriously than West's cards warranted. 4♣ was due to go down, but Levy was apparently convinced that the opponents were trying to steal from him. Chemla, not picturing Levy's hefty heart suit, preferred his own suit. He was not happy at the four level, and finished three in arrears for minus 300 and a 3-IMP gain for the Czechs.

On the next board, French declarers managed to find seven tricks in 1NT in both rooms for a gain of 5 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fort	Levy	Volhejn	Chemla
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Volhejn started with a low spade to the 7, queen and 4. Fort continued with the ♦9, covered by the 10 and queen. East helped declarer by getting out with the ♣9 to the 6, jack and king. When Levy played a second club, Volhejn went in with the ace and tried another suit - hearts. Levy won the queen in his hand and cashed out. His seven tricks consisted of three hearts, three clubs and one spade. Plus 90 for France.

West	North	East	South
Allegrini	Jires	Salama	Kopriva
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	Pass	1NT	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Strong club system.

Play records were not immediately available, but Salama scored seven tricks to land his contract and help his team to a 5-IMP gain.

The Czechs finally broke through with a 12-IMP gain when Volhejn made a fine play to land a vulnerable game.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

<p>♠ 5 ♥ K Q 6 5 ♦ A K Q 4 2 ♣ A 6 4</p>		<p>♠ A J ♥ 10 8 ♦ J 10 7 6 3 ♣ 8 7 5 3</p>	<p>♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ 9 7 3 2 ♦ 5 ♣ Q 10 9 2</p> <p>♠ Q 9 7 6 4 2 ♥ A J 4 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K J</p>
West	North	East	South
<i>Fort</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Chemla started with a low spade to the king and ace. Volhejn thought about his next play for a moment, then put the ♥10 on the table. Chemla played low, and Volhejn could make his contract if he could work out to let the 10 ride. He considered his play for some time before doing just that! He now had three hearts to go with five diamonds, the ♠A, a spade ruff and the ♣A. Plus 600. The same contract was reached at the other table, but the defense did not slip, and the French declarer finished down one for minus 100. That was 12 IMPs to the Czechs.

Board 15 was a push, but it was an interesting deal, more for what might - or should - have happened than for what actually transpired.

Dealer South. N-S Vul.

<p>♠ 8 3 2 ♥ K 7 6 4 2 ♦ A Q ♣ A 6 5</p>		<p>♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ A 3 ♦ 10 9 8 7 3 ♣ K 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 5 ♥ Q J 9 8 ♦ K J 5 2 ♣ 10 8 3</p> <p>♠ A K J 10 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 6 4 ♣ Q J 9 7 4</p>
West	North	East	South
<i>Allegrini</i>	<i>Jires</i>	<i>Salama</i>	<i>Kopriva</i>
	3♣	All Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Natural, limited hand (strong club system).

With five tricks to lose off the top, this contract had no chance and Kopriva duly finished down one for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Fort</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
			1♣
1♥	INT	All Pass	

North and South have 20 high-card points between them but suffer from a severe shortage of aces and kings. Thus, timing was critical for Levy in his quest for seven tricks.

East started with the ♦10. Fort won the ace and played back the ♦Q. Looking at a double stopper, it seems normal to win trick two with the ♦K, and indeed that is what Levy did (the same play made by roughly 10 other declarers in INT at other tables in the first round). The play was fatal to the contract.

Levy won with the ♦K and played the ♥J to East's ace. The diamond suit was cleared, and when Levy continued with a heart to West's king, it was a simple matter for West to play the ♣A and a club to East, who was waiting with two diamond tricks for down one.

The outcome would have been better for Levy had he played low on the ♦Q at trick two. With the heart and club honors separated, Levy would have had time to build a heart trick before the diamond suit was established for the defense.

France picked up another 10 IMPs by bidding a vulnerable game the Czechs missed, and 12 more when they bid the correct game (3NT) while the Czechs languished in an impossible 4♥.

The Czechs engineered a slam swing on the final board, but it was not nearly enough.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 7 6 5 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ J 8 ♣ K 6 3</p>		<p>♠ A K 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ K 9 6 4 ♣ A J 9 8</p> <p>♠ 8 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ Q 7 3 2 ♣ Q 10 7 5 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 2 ♥ A Q 10 8 7 2 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ Q 7 3 2 ♣ Q 10 7 5 2</p>
West	North	East	South
<i>Fort</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Volhejn</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
2♠	2NT	Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Transfer

The Czechs started with another very aggressive bid, and Levy-Chemla settled for game only. Levy easily made 12 tricks, however, squeezing East in the minors. He won the spade opening in dummy and, fearing a spade ruff should the heart finesse lose, he played the ♥A and another heart. West won and continued spades, but from there it was easy for Levy to ruff two clubs in dummy and finish the hearts. In the end, East had to find a discard from ♦Q 7 3 ♣Q and he could not stop 12 tricks.

The Czech bidding and play were not immediately available, but they managed to reach the slam, making it, presumably, on the same line of play.

UNIVERSITY Flat Board - What's That? ROUND 1

By Marc Smith courtesy of 

Young players play a game the rest of us do not understand. Not only is the bridge more 'exciting' than that seen in other forms of the game but so too is the scoring. No matter how normal your result may look, there are no guarantees that the deal will produce a push. Witness this hand from Round 1 of the University Teams Cup match between Denmark and Japan.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul

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



The Danish University Team
(l to r: K. Konow, A. Sigsgaard, A. Hagen, G. Bjarnarson)

European Universities champions in their line-up, powered to a maximum win and were tied for the lead after Round 1 along with Italy and Germany.

At the table where the Dutch pair, Konow-Bjarnarson, were East-West, they bid to a reasonable Four Spade contract and recorded the 'obvious' +650.

North-South have a fairly cheap save available - they can make nine tricks in hearts, losing just one spade, two high trumps and a diamond ruff. With eleven tricks easy for East-West, though, that means 500 at the 6-level, so the gain is only 4 IMPs.

The swing was significantly more than that in our featured match. This was what occurred at the second table:

West	North	East	South
Sano	Sigsgaard	Tashiro	Hagen
			Pass
2♠	3♥	4♠	5♥
5♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Redble	All Pass		

Hisaya Sano opened the West hand with a rather off-center Weak Two bid. North, Anders Sigsgaard, overcalled Three Hearts and the Japanese East, Yuji Tashiro, jumped to game in spades. Anders Hagen figured that Five Hearts was a good two-way shot on the South hand, and one could be forgiven for thinking that matters might end there! Not today - Sano thought the unusual nature of his hand warranted another effort so he bid a fifth spade. North expressed his opinion with a red card but Sano was still not done - he redoubled and was soon claiming the unusual score of +1200...

Did we say 'unusual score'? Oh, only to us - to a junior it's just another routine 11 IIMP swing. Alas, there was little joy for the Japanese during the rest of the match - the Danish team, one of the pre-tournament favorites for this title with three former

Memories of Maastricht [1]

It was just like Lille and Herman De Wael all over again: being driven around by Marc Smith, along cycle tracks, trying to find a way to car parks we could see but could not get to, up cul-de-sacs, going in circles! I asked him where he learnt to drive like that: "I drove a cab in New York for a few years," Marc said. That explained a lot!

Alan Truscott seemed surprised that the Press Room did not have American electric plugs. He asked a few people, but [unsurprisingly] no-one had a suitable adaptor for his laptop. Finally he asked Ton Kooijman, who could not help either. As Alan went on his way, Ton confided to me: "When my wife Annelie goes on holiday, she takes a dozen adaptors with her: that means she can dry her hair wherever she is in the world!"

Paul has done an excellent job guarding the door of the playing room from people not wearing badges: he did not let in Max Bavin, Assistant Chief Director! Why did Max not have a badge? Someone had produced one for him, but had shortened the word Assistant in an unacceptable way!

It is great to see new friends, like Hans Gelders, known through OKBridge but never met, and old friends again such as Elly in the Press Room, Herman De Wael [of course: that evening in Lille will NEVER be forgotten!] and several Directors and Appeals members. I am looking forward to meeting new friends.

How confident are you of qualifying? I met a lady at the airport, who told me of her plans for tourism once the Round Robin ended. "Won't you be playing in the next round?" I asked, naively!

Aantallen

De Bridge Olympiade wordt iedere vier jaar gespeeld. Elke keer is het toernooi groter en complexer dan de voorgaande editie. Dit betekent een steeds grotere uitdaging voor de organisatie om alles perfect te laten verlopen. Een paar cijfers.

In het officiële toernooi staan 180 tafels opgesteld die elke ronde van nieuwe spellen moeten worden voorzien. De eerste week van het toernooi worden er dagelijks 5000(!) spellen geduplicateerd. Daarvoor zijn 12000 spellen kaarten beschikbaar. Deze kaarten hebben een barcode zodat ze te 'lezen' zijn door de computer.

Meer dan 70 personal computers staan opgesteld in het MECC. Computers voor de pers, computers voor de spelers. Een internetploeg presenteert dagelijks wedstrijden op het web. In alle zalen staan computers waarop uitslagen en resultaten worden getoond, vrijwel op het moment dat ze bekend zijn.

Pallets vol papier worden gebruikt voor spelverdelingen, scores en bulletins.

Meer dan 100 vrijwilligers zijn achter de schermen actief.

Zondag zijn de wedstrijden van start gegaan. Elders in dit bulletin treft u de uitslagen aan. Nederland is uitstekend van start gegaan. Het open team speelde twee wedstrijden. Met 23-7 werd van outsider Schotland gewonnen en tegen het sterke Rusland werd met 15-15 gelijk gespeeld. De spelers en coaches waren tevreden. Ze moeten bij de eerste vier eindigen in hun poule en lijken goed op weg. De sfeer is uitstekend en het vertoonde spel ook.

Het vrouwenteam, regerend wereldkampioen, begon voortvarend: 25-5 tegen Marokko, 20 - 10 tegen Zuid Afrika, maar moest daarna gas terugnemen tegen Schotland: 14-16; 59 uit drie, bijna twintig gemiddeld. Laatste acht moet makkelijk haalbaar zijn.

Spel 20

W/O/W

	♠ A H 3										
	♥ B 6										
	♦ H 9 6 4										
	♣ A B 9 8										
♠ 10 9 7 6 5		♠ 8 4									
♥ H 5 4		♥ 9 3									
♦ B 8		♦ V 7 3 2									
♣ H 6 3		♣ V 10 7 5 2									
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Wietske van Zwol speelt als noord na een ISA opening en een transfer van zuid 6♥. Oost komt uit met harten voor ♥H van west. Van Zwol trekt troef, speelt ♣A en troeft een klaveren. Met ♠H gaat ze naar tafel en ze troeft nog een klaveren. Nu incasseert ze de rest van de schoppen en alle troeven. Ze eindigt met ♦A105 tegenover ♦H 9 en ♣B. Oost heeft zich inmiddels over moeten geven. Op de laatste troef moest ze haar ruitendekking opgeven omdat ze ♣V vast moest houden en ♦10 is de twaalfde slag. Vakwerk.

IMPORTANT

Amendment to the Regulations

During the Round Robin Stage, if a pair is found to have used a Brown Sticker convention or a convention not listed on its Convention Card, it will be given a disciplinary penalty of two VPs deducted from the team's score. In addition, any favourable result arising from the use may be cancelled. The pair will not play again until it has corrected its card to the satisfaction of the Chief Tournament Director. If the pair re-offends in this way they will not be allowed to play in partnership for the rest of the event.

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A little Bug

Although Matt Ginsberg's GIB is undisputed top dog in the world of Computer Bridge, the reigning champion is not taking part in the MSN Gaming Zone World Computer Championships that are being contested here in Maastricht. This deal, reported by Gordon J. Parker of England, may help to explain why.

Dealer East. E/W Game

	♠ Q 6		
	♥ J 9 8 7 3		
	♦ A K 10 8 6		
	♣ Q		
♠ 8 7 2	N	♠ 5 4 3	
♥ 5 4	W E	♥ K 6 2	
♦ 9 7 2	S	♦ Q 5 4	
♣ K 8 6 4 2		♣ A 10 5 3	
	♠ A K J 10 9		
	♥ A Q 10		
	♦ J 3		
	♣ J 9 7		
West	North	East	South
<i>Gib</i>	<i>Gib</i>	<i>Gib</i>	<i>Parker</i>
Pass	Pass!	Pass	1♠

When asked to explain North's silence, the computer replied 'no suitable bid - only four points'.

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.

VUGRAPH

Auditorium I

(Duch commentary)

The Netherlands v USA
(OPEN)

Poland v Spain
(OPEN)

The Netherlands v China
(WOMEN)

Time

10.00

14.00

17.30

Auditorium II

(English commentary)

China v Iceland
(OPEN)

Norway v Bulgaria
(OPEN)

Argentina v Italy
(OPEN)

Captains, please

- The regulations do say that the team is responsible for the recording of matches. During the first day, we missed the recording forms from many tables. The main disadvantage is that the opposing team does not get its side of the information regarding bidding and play.
- The regulations do say that the lineup must be given within 15 minutes after finishing the previous round. This means that, after the last match of the day, you must hand in your lineup card for the first match of the next day. Many teams forgot to do this yesterday. May I ask you to follow our regulations more accurately?

Ton Kooijman

Operations Manager

Laws Committee

The first meeting of the WBF Laws Committee in Maastricht will be on Wednesday, August 30th, at 2.30pm (14.30 hours) in the Tigris Room (MECC second floor).