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Let's have a party!



It was a magical evening – figuratively and literally – as the 11th World Teams Bridge Olympiad celebrated opening night in spectacular fashion at the Theater aan het Vrijthof in Maastricht city center.

"Let's have a party!" cried magician Richard Ross as he stood on stage with WBF President José Damiani and Deputy Prime Minister Anemarie Jorritsma-Lebbink, both covered in streamers and confetti, the climax of a celebration witnessed by hundreds of competitors and throngs of organizers.

Ross had opened the evening in disguise as part of a skit which ended with the WBF flag in position at the back of the stage. Ross followed Harry van de Peppel, chairman of the Dutch organizing committee, and displayed his sleight-of-hand magic - including several card tricks – between each of the opening-night speakers.

As Damiani took the podium near the end, he remarked about Ross: "I definitely refuse to play rubber bridge with that guy."

Damiani noted that the Olympiad was played 20 years ago in Limburg, the Dutch province of which Maastricht is the capital. In fact, two of the competitors at Valkenburg in 1980 will compete again in Maastricht: the Netherlands' Anton Maas, who earned a bronze medal, and France's Paul Chemla, who won the gold.

"The history of bridge is being rewritten," Damiani said, reading a letter from Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee. Samaranch wished the WBF and the Dutch organizers of the tournament well. "We soon hope to join the Olympic Games," Damiani said.

Jorritsma noted that she enjoys playing, although she downplayed her own skill. As she left the stage for the first time, however, she showed her knowledge of bridge history with a piece of advice for players: "When in doubt in leading against a grand slam with two aces, try spades." This was a reference to a disaster suffered by the U.S. in the 1980 Olympiad final against France, when Bob Hamman led the ♡A against a grand slam by France, allowing declarer to take all the tricks in a doubled contract. Mayor Philip Houben of Maastricht told the crowd that those who "think and play bridge at the same time" chose to be in his city for the next two weeks. "Maastricht, the ultimate European city, is proud to welcome you."

The speaker with the best sense of humor no doubt was Laurens Hoedemaker, president of the Dutch Bridge Federation. After welcoming the players and acknowledging the support of Limburg and the city of Maastricht, Hoedemaker took part in a magic trick engineered by Ross, who said Hoedemaker needed to change his name to "Laurens the Greatest."

Hoedemaker wished all competitors well, reminding them that "members of the national organizing committee and the volunteers have devoted their time to what will become your event."

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The President's Opening address

José Damiani
President of the World Bridge Federation

Madam Minister
Mr. Mayor
Rector of the University
Dear Friends

Firstly allow me to congratulate our Dutch friends on this magnificent presentation, which results from a long and painstaking preparation of this Olympiad.

I also give a thought to those colleagues who are no longer with us but who were present twenty years ago when we were here in the same Province of Limburg - in Valkenburg - beautifully situated in the heart of Europe. André Boekhorst, Wim Wagner and Harry van der Helm were among those from The Netherlands who contributed to the spread of the organization and development of international bridge and their successors today - the President Laurence Hoedemaker, Harry van de Peppel and Marijke Blanken to name but a few - are worthy heirs.

I am sure, Madam Minister, that you will be able to observe that our sport of bridge generates events that bring about a large economic and touristic movement.

You may also be sure, Mr. Mayor, that our community will know how to appreciate to the full your city that has remained as charming as it is steeped in history.

The history of bridge is being rewritten in Olympian leaps and bounds and this is confirmed by the message I have just received from the IOC President Samaranch who wrote:

"On behalf of the International Olympic Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you my very best wishes for the World Championship to be held in Maastricht, Netherlands.

"I trust this event will prove to be a success-

ful and memorable occasion for the organizers, the competitors and the spectators."

It would be a great pity not to respond to this with enthusiasm and it is why we can but regret - even if we register a little progress in the Open - the absence of too many players in the Women's and the juniors in the University Cup from the larger wealthy countries, despite my strong personal support.

You should be aware, ladies and gentlemen, that you as champions represent the beginnings of a groundswell that we hope to see developing and involving people at all levels throughout the world.

It is no coincidence that we have created here the 1st Senior International Cup. We also have a special affection for the youth of the world and that is why we have created, in addition, the 1st University Cup with the help of the FISU. I would like to thank President George Killian and Secretary-General Roch Campana of FISU, and Mr. Declerc of FISU for their support, with the participation of many local and national sponsors and partners such as Electrabel, Ebridge and World Bridge Production.

Thanks to the attention we give you and that you well deserve, as the champions of our great sport, we soon hope to join the Olympic Games of which these Olympiads already reflect the spirit.

It is in this hope, underscored by ceaseless efforts, that I am going to use my privilege to have the honour of asking Madam Minister to assist me in officially opening this 11th Olympiad.

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 1

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 2

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

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	Spain	Poland
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

ROUND 6

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Pakistan	Denmark	11	Australia	Netherlands	21	Uruguay	Mexico	31	Ukraine	China
2	Poland	Brazil	12	Portugal	Hungary	22	Czech Republic	India	32	La Reunion	New Zealand
3	Ireland	Austria	13	Lebanon	Bangladesh	23	Egypt	Germany	33	Norway	Botswana
4	Croatia	Spain	14	Finland	Chinese Taipei	24	Israel	Malta	34	Martinique	Malaysia
5	Belgium	Switzerland	15	Monaco	Liechtenstein	25	Latvia	Venezuela	35	Bermuda	Bulgaria
6	Singapore	Wales	16	Greece	Romania	26	San Marino	Sweden	36	Italy	Palestine
7	Slovenia	Tunisia	17	Scotland	Philippines	27	England	France	37	Turkey	Argentina
8	Canada	Tanzania	18	Russia	Luxemburg	28	Yugoslavia	Cyprus	38	Thailand	Morocco
9	Colombia	Hong Kong	19	USA	Guadeloupe	29	Indonesia	Japan	39	Iceland	South Africa

ROUND 7

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Denmark	Poland	11	Netherlands	Portugal	21	Mexico	Czech Republic	31	China	La Reunion
2	Brazil	Ireland	12	Hungary	Lebanon	22	India	Egypt	32	New Zealand	Norway
3	Austria	Croatia	13	Bangladesh	Finland	23	Germany	Israel	33	Botswana	Martinique
4	Spain	Belgium	14	Chinese Taipei	Monaco	24	Malta	Latvia	34	Malaysia	Bermuda
5	Switzerland	Singapore	15	Liechtenstein	Greece	25	Venezuela	San Marino	35	Bulgaria	Italy
6	Wales	Tunisia	16	Romania	Philippines	26	Sweden	France	36	Palestine	Argentina
7	Pakistan	Canada	17	Australia	Russia	27	Uruguay	Yugoslavia	37	Ukraine	Thailand
8	Tanzania	Colombia	18	Luxemburg	USA	28	Cyprus	Indonesia	38	Morocco	Iceland
9	Hong Kong	Slovenia	19	Guadeloupe	Scotland	29	Japan	England	39	South Africa	Turkey

ROUND 8

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Ireland	Denmark	11	Lebanon	Netherlands	21	Egypt	Mexico	31	Norway	China
2	Croatia	Brazil	12	Finland	Hungary	22	Israel	India	32	Martinique	New Zealand
3	Belgium	Austria	13	Monaco	Bangladesh	23	Latvia	Germany	33	Bermuda	Botswana
4	Singapore	Spain	14	Greece	Chinese Taipei	24	San Marino	Malta	34	Italy	Malaysia
5	Tunisia	Switzerland	15	Philippines	Liechtenstein	25	France	Venezuela	35	Argentina	Bulgaria
6	Slovenia	Wales	16	Scotland	Romania	26	England	Sweden	36	Turkey	Palestine
7	Canada	Poland	17	Russia	Portugal	27	Yugoslavia	Czech Republic	37	Thailand	La Reunion
8	Colombia	Pakistan	18	USA	Australia	28	Indonesia	Uruguay	38	Iceland	Ukraine
9	Hong Kong	Tanzania	19	Guadeloupe	Luxemburg	29	Japan	Cyprus	39	South Africa	Morocco

ROUND 9

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Denmark	Croatia	11	Netherlands	Finland	21	Mexico	Israel	31	China	Martinique
2	Brazil	Belgium	12	Hungary	Monaco	22	India	Latvia	32	New Zealand	Bermuda
3	Austria	Singapore	13	Bangladesh	Greece	23	Germany	San Marino	33	Botswana	Italy
4	Spain	Tunisia	14	Chinese Taipei	Philippines	24	Malta	France	34	Malaysia	Argentina
5	Switzerland	Wales	15	Liechtenstein	Romania	25	Venezuela	Sweden	35	Bulgaria	Palestine
6	Ireland	Canada	16	Lebanon	Russia	26	Egypt	Yugoslavia	36	Norway	Thailand
7	Poland	Colombia	17	Portugal	USA	27	Czech Republic	Indonesia	37	La Reunion	Iceland
8	Pakistan	Hong Kong	18	Australia	Guadeloupe	28	Uruguay	Japan	38	Ukraine	South Africa
9	Tanzania	Slovenia	19	Luxemburg	Scotland	29	Cyprus	England	39	Morocco	Turkey

ROUND 10

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Belgium	Denmark	11	Monaco	Netherlands	21	Latvia	Mexico	31	Bermuda	China
2	Singapore	Brazil	12	Greece	Hungary	22	San Marino	India	32	Italy	New Zealand
3	Tunisia	Austria	13	Philippines	Bangladesh	23	France	Germany	33	Argentina	Botswana
4	Wales	Spain	14	Romania	Chinese Taipei	24	Sweden	Malta	34	Palestine	Malaysia
5	Slovenia	Switzerland	15	Scotland	Liechtenstein	25	England	Venezuela	35	Turkey	Bulgaria
6	Canada	Croatia	16	Russia	Finland	26	Yugoslavia	Israel	36	Thailand	Martinique
7	Colombia	Ireland	17	USA	Lebanon	27	Indonesia	Egypt	37	Iceland	Norway
8	Hong Kong	Poland	18	Guadeloupe	Portugal	28	Japan	Czech Republic	38	South Africa	La Reunion
9	Tanzania	Pakistan	19	Luxemburg	Australia	29	Cyprus	Uruguay	39	Morocco	Ukraine

ROUND 11

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Denmark	Singapore	11	Netherlands	Greece	21	Mexico	San Marino	31	China	Italy
2	Brazil	Tunisia	12	Hungary	Philippines	22	India	France	32	New Zealand	Argentina
3	Austria	Wales	13	Bangladesh	Romania	23	Germany	Sweden	33	Botswana	Palestine
4	Spain	Switzerland	14	Chinese Taipei	Liechtenstein	24	Malta	Venezuela	34	Malaysia	Bulgaria
5	Belgium	Canada	15	Monaco	Russia	25	Latvia	Yugoslavia	35	Bermuda	Thailand
6	Croatia	Colombia	16	Finland	USA	26	Israel	Indonesia	36	Martinique	Iceland
7	Ireland	Hong Kong	17	Lebanon	Guadeloupe	27	Egypt	Japan	37	Norway	South Africa
8	Poland	Tanzania	18	Portugal	Luxemburg	28	Czech Republic	Cyprus	38	La Reunion	Morocco
9	Pakistan	Slovenia	19	Australia	Scotland	29	Uruguay	England	39	Ukraine	Turkey

ROUND 12

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 13

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 14

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 15

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 16

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

ROUND 17

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

GROUP C

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

GROUP D

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

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 1

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

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

ROUND 2

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 7

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 3

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 8

GROUP A

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

GROUP B

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

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 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 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 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**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 13**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 14**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 15**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 16**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 17**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 18**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

ROUND 19**GROUP A**

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

GROUP B

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

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.



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Re: World Championship

Dear President and Friend,

On behalf of the International Olympic Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you my very best wishes for the World Championship to be held in Maastrich, Netherlands.

I trust this event will prove to be a successful and memorable occasion for the organisers, the competitors and the spectators.



Yours sincerely,

Juan Antonio SAMARANCH
 Marqués de Samaranch

Turin to Maastricht

Drawing from his 'Mammoth Book of Bridge', Mark Horton presents a history of the World Team Olympiads. Thanks to Raymond Brock for giving permission to use the photographs that appear.

In 1960, the WBF introduced two new competitions, the World Team Olympiad and the Women's World Team Olympiad, open to teams from any member country.



Harold S. Vanderbilt

The French, fielding a team including four members of their victorious 1956 Bermuda Bowl squad, won the Open event, while the United Arab Republic surprised the prominent bridge-playing nations by winning the Women's event.

1st World Team Olympiad in Turin, Italy

1st **France:**

R Bacherich, P Ghestem, P Jaïs, R Trézel,
C Delmouly, G Bourchtoff

2nd **Great Britain:**

J T Reese, B Schapiro, A Rose, N Gardener,
M J Flint, R Swimer

1st Women's World Team Olympiad in Turin, Italy

1st **United Arab Republic:**

H Camara, A Choucry, S Fathy, L Gordon,
J Morcos, S Naugib

2nd **France:**

Mrs Chanfray, Miss Morenas, Mrs Gray,
Miss Rouviere, Mrs Pouldjian, Mrs Alexandre

3rd **Denmark:**

A Faber, O Dam, R Fraenckel, L Schaltz, G Skotte

Unlike 1960, in 1964 each country (or National Contract Bridge Organization - NCBO) was allowed to enter only one team in the World Team Olympiad (and one in the Women's event). With six consecutive Bermuda Bowl triumphs behind them, the Italians emphasised their superiority by winning the

first of three successive Olympiad titles. Meanwhile, the British ladies collected their first World team title, winning every match except the last (when the title was already assured). For Rixi Markus & Fritzi Gordon, this victory gave them an unprecedented triple - the Olympiad, the World Women's Pairs and the World Mixed Teams.

The Open event consisted of a 29-team Round Robin from which the leading four teams qualified for a knockout stage. The Women's event, with only 15 teams, was contested over a Round Robin only.

This was the tournament that got bridge back on to the front pages of the world's newspapers, as Lebanon and the United Arab Republic refused to play against Israel. The journalists had a field day interviewing the captain of the UAR team, one O. Sharif, who was taking a break from making some obscure film about a doctor caught up in the Russian revolution.

2nd World Team Olympiad in New York City, NY, USA

Italy defeated **Great Britain** by 6 IMPs in one semi-final.

USA defeated **Canada** by 16 IMPs in the other.

Italy defeated **USA** by 46 IMPs in the final.

Great Britain won the play-off for third place by 11 IMPs.

This sensational defence featured one of the legends of the game, Italy's Benito Garozzo, who was in the West seat.

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

North's strange looking jump to Four Clubs was an asking bid.

Despite the fact that South had shown first round control in clubs, Garozzo attacked with a club lead. South won, cashed dummy's king and queen of diamonds, and the ace of hearts. He then ruffed a heart and discarded dummy's losing club on the ace



Benito Garozzo

of diamonds. He then ruffed a club, and discarded a club on the king of hearts. When he led another heart from dummy, East discarded his remaining club and declarer ruffed with the ten of spades. Garozzo promptly overruffed with the king!! When he continued with the king of clubs, declarer ruffed with dummy's ace and ran the nine of spades, hoping to pin the eight in West's hand.

1st **Italy:**

G Belladonna, P Forquet, M d'Alelio, E Chiaradia, B Garozzo, C Pabis Ticci

2nd **USA:**

R D Hamman, D P Krauss, S M Stayman, V Mitchell, A G Robinson, R F Jordan

3rd **Great Britain:**

M Harrison-Gray, M J Flint, K W Konstam, J Tarlo, J T Reese, B Schapiro

2nd Women's World Team Olympiad in New York City, NY, USA

1st **Great Britain:**

R Markus, F Gordon, A L Fleming, J Juan, M Moss, D Shanahan

2nd **USA:**

A Gordon, M Kaplan, A Kempner, H Portugal, S Rebner, J Stone

3rd **France:**

S Baldon, A Chanfray, Mme De Gailhard, J Velut, M Serf, G Morenas

Less than ten days before the start of the third Olympiad in Deauville in 1968 no planes were landing in Paris and there were barricades in the streets of the French capital! Despite the problems, the ingenuity of the world's finest players was revealed as almost all the teams who had entered managed to find a way to get to the venue. The Italians retained the Harold S Vanderbilt Trophy by winning their second consecutive World Team Olympiad. In the Women's Olympiad, the British did not defend their title and the Swedish team won the first ever World bridge championship for their country.

3rd World Team Olympiad in Deauville, France

Italy defeated **Canada** by 51 IMPs in one semi-final.

USA defeated **The Netherlands** by 32 IMPs in the other.

Italy defeated **USA** by 53 IMPs in the final.

Canada won the play-off for third place by 15 IMPs.

This deal shows why the Italians were so formidable:

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
Kay	Forquet	Kaplan	Garozzo
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the nine of diamonds, and declarer won and played three rounds of spades. He could now claim, losing a trump, a diamond and a club.

West	North	East	South
D'Alelio	Robinson	Pabis Ticci	Jordan
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Pabis Ticci found the brilliant lead of the ace of clubs. He continued with the six of clubs, and West ruffed and played back a diamond. After giving West a second club ruff, East still had to make a trick with the jack of spades.

1st **Italy:**

G Belladonna, P Forquet, M d'Alelio, E Chiaradia, B Garozzo, C Pabis Ticci

2nd **USA:**

E Kaplan, N Kay, W S Root, A I Roth, A G Robinson, R F Jordan

3rd **Canada:**

C B Elliott, W J Crissey, E R Murray, S R Kehela, G Charney, P E Sheardown



Italy's Blue Team once again captured the Olympiad championship: Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Massimo D'Alelio, Giorgio Belladonna, Walter Avarelli, Angelo Tracanella

**3rd Women's World Team Olympiad
in Deauville, France**

1st **Sweden:**

B Blom, K Eriksson, E Martensson, R Segander,
G Silborn, B Werner

2nd **South Africa:**

T Beron, G Goslar, P Mansell, E Sender,
R Jacobson, A Schneider

3rd **USA:**

H Baron, R Walsh, S Sachs, N Gruver, E-J Hawes, D Hayden

In 1972 the Italian Blue Team came out of retirement to defend their Olympiad crown, and they dominated the field en route to the final against the reigning World Champions, the Dallas Aces, who were representing the USA. The Italians won the final comfortably and, not to be outdone, their ladies team also won the Women's event, while South Africa and the USA repeated their silver and bronze medal performances of four years earlier.

The multicoloured Two Diamonds was still comparatively new, and could unseat even the greatest players:

Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 9 4 2 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ J 8 7 4	♠ 8 5 ♥ A K ♦ A Q 9 6 3 ♣ K 10 5 2	♠ K Q 6 3 ♥ Q 8 7 5 4 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; 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
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W E						
S						
♠ A J 7 ♥ 10 9 ♦ K 10 4 2 ♣ A Q 9 3						

West	North	East	South
<i>Cansino</i>	<i>Forquet</i>	<i>Flint</i>	<i>Garozzo</i>
		2♦	Dble
2♥	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Who would you care to blame for this particular disaster? If North had hearts he might have started with a double. Still, Italy went on to the title.

**4th World Team Olympiad
in Miami Beach, Florida, USA**

Italy defeated **France** by 90 IMPs in one semi-final.

USA defeated **Canada** by 118 IMPs in the other.

Italy defeated **USA** by 65 IMPs in the final.

Canada won the playoff for third place by 73 IMPs.

1st **Italy:**

G Belladonna, P Forquet, M D'Alerio, E Chiaradia,
B Garozzo, C Pabis Ticci

2nd **USA:**

R D Hamman, R S Wolff, P Soloway, R Goldman,
J Jacoby, M S Lawrence

3rd **Canada:**

B Gowdry, W J Crissey, E R Murray, S R Kehela,
G Charney, D R Phillips

**4th Women's World Team Olympiad
in Miami Beach, Florida, USA**

1st **Italy:**

M Bianchi, R Jabes, M A Robaudo, L C Romanelli,
A Valenti, M V Venturini

2nd **South Africa:**

T Beron, J Disler, G Goslar, P Mansell,
R Jacobson, A Schneider

3rd **USA:**

E-J Hawes, D Hayden-Truscott, M-J Farrell, M Johnson,
P Solomon, J Mitchell

1976 was a busy year, as both the World Team Olympiads and the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup were staged in the same year. There were two NCBOs sending teams to the Bermuda Bowl for the first time - Israel as European champions, and Hong Kong as the Asian representatives. For the first time too, the great Italian Blue Team were beaten - and twice too! They reached the final of the Bermuda Bowl but lost to the Aces. This was indeed the end of an era - the Italians have come close to winning the Bermuda Bowl since 1975, but have not yet done so.

In the Olympiad, the Italians lost their crown to the Brazilians, whose victory meant a first World bridge title to representatives of the South American zone.

In the Women's events, the Italians retained their Olympiad crown, while the Americans repeated their Venice Cup success of two years earlier by beating the British European Champions. There were no play-offs in either event - just a complete Round Robin with the results of each match converted to victory points.

**5th World Team Olympiad
in Monte Carlo, Monaco**

1st **Brazil:**

P P Assumpcao, G P Chagas, S Barbosa, M Branco,
G Cintra, C Fonseca

2nd **Italy:**

G Belladonna, P Forquet, B Garozzo, A Franco,
C Mosca, S Sbarigia

**5th Women's World Team Olympiad
in Monte Carlo, Monaco**

1st **Italy:**

M Bianchi, R Jabes, M A Robaudo, A Valenti,
L Capodanno, M B d'Andrea

2nd **Great Britain:**

C Esterson, N P Gardener, S Landy, R Oldroyd,
R Markus, F Gordon

3rd **USA:**

B-A Kennedy, E-J Hawes, D Hayden-Truscott,
C Sanders, J Mitchell, G Moss

In 1980, the French, who had won the first World Team Olympiad in 1960, won their first World title in 20 years, beating the USA team in a close final. The format in the Open divided the teams into two pools, with four teams from each advancing to the second stage. At that point the eight qualifiers were again divided into two for a second Round Robin, with the winning team from each group advancing to the final.

The Women's Olympiad was played as a complete Round

Robin, and for the first time in six attempts the USA team emerged victorious. However, this was not a first World title for any of the American women, as they were reigning Venice Cup holders. This win completed the Women's Triple Crown for Johnson and Farrell - the Olympiad, the Venice Cup and the World Women's Pairs - the first women to achieve that distinction. Indeed, Farrell had now achieved a unique quartet of victories, having also won the World Mixed Pairs. The victory also elevated Dorothy Truscott (previously Hayden) to the number one spot in the WBF world women's rankings, taking over from Britain's Rixi Markus, who had held that position for the previous ten years. Farrell also overtook Markus to move into second place behind Truscott. The Italian team, containing four players who had been on the winning team at the last two Women's Olympiads, collected silver medals this time around.

6th World Team Olympiad in Valkenburg, The Netherlands

France defeated USA by 20 IMPs in the final.

1st **France:**

P Chemla, C Mari, M Lebel, M Perron, H Szwarc, P Soulet

2nd **USA:**

P Soloway, I S Rubin, R D Hamman, R S Wolff, M Passell, F Hamilton

This deal from the 1980 final has passed into legend.

Slip into the seat occupied by World Number 1, Bob Hamman, as West.

Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K J 8 7 6
♥ A 10 7 6 3 2
♦ -
♣ 2

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Chemla	Wolff	Mari
		Pass	1♦
2♦	2♥	4♠	4NT
5♠	6♣	Pass	6♦
6♠	7♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Two Diamonds was a Michaels cuebid promising the majors, and North has shown a good hand with support for diamonds



Bob Hamman reflects on an unlucky lead!

and a decent club suit. Having tried in vain to buy the hand in Six Spades, Hamman declined to sacrifice.

What are you going to lead?

♠ 4
♥ -
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A Q J 10 6 5 4 3

♠ A K J 8 7 6
♥ A 10 7 6 3 2
♦ -
♣ 2

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W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 5 3 2
♥ J 8 5 4
♦ Q 6 4
♣ 7

♠ 10
♥ K Q 9
♦ A 10 9 8 3 2
♣ K 9 8

Knowing that his partner almost certainly held longer spades than hearts, Hamman led the ace of hearts. Declarer ruffed, and was not hard pressed to get the trumps right.

Perhaps the clue to the winning lead lies in North's first bid of Two Hearts, his subsequent bidding suggesting that he controlled that suit better than spades.

At the other table the USA collected +200 by defeating Six Spades, so the French team gained 19 IMPs instead of losing 9. They won the title by 20 IMPs.

6th Women's World Team Olympiad in Valkenburg, The Netherlands

1st **USA:**

E-J Hawes, D Truscott, J Mitchell, G Moss, M-J Farrell, M Johnson

2nd **Italy:**

M Bianchi, A Valenti, L Capodanno, M B D'Andrea, E Gut, A M Morini

This deal was widely reported:

Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A K J 8 7 2
♥ A 10 3
♦ 8 5
♣ 7 4

♠ 6 3
♥ Q 8 7 5
♦ A 9 2
♣ 9 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 4
♥ J 6
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ K J 10 3

♠ 9 5
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ A Q 6

West	North	East	South
Bianchi	Landy	Valenti	Sowter
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Declarer won West's opening lead of the five of clubs with the queen and took a losing spade finesse. East switched to the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace, and a diamond back to East's ten was followed by the jack of clubs. Declarer won and ruffed a diamond before running her trumps. In the four-card ending, the last spade caught East, who was down to ♠-♥J6♦♣10 in a guard squeeze. Discarding a heart would expose her partner to a finesse, so she had to part with her diamond. When South did the same, West was squeezed in hearts and clubs.

The 7th World Team Olympiad in 1984 was a showcase for European Bridge. In the Open, all four semi-finalists came from that single VBF zone. Poland won its second World team title in six years, although none of the players had previously won at this level.

Three of the four semi-finalists in the Women's event were also European teams, but here it was the Americans who emerged as triumphant, retaining the Olympiad title won in The Netherlands four years earlier. Two members of that team survived (Moss & Mitchell), while the other four successful players in Seattle had each won the World Women's Pairs.

Having also won the Venice Cup, Carol Sanders and Betty-Ann Kennedy join Mary-Jane Farrell and Marilyn Johnson as the only players to have completed the Women's Triple Crown - the Olympiad, the Venice Cup and the World Women's Pairs.

For the first time ever (and, hopefully, the last, as the rules have since been changed) the team winning the final of a World Championship event did not win the title. The USA team had beaten the British by 45 IMPs in their Round Robin qualifying match, and the rules in force stated that when (if) they met later in the knockout stage then half of that advantage was carried forward. Therefore, although the British team defeated the Americans 102-87 in the 64-board final, this only reduced the Americans' carried forward lead by 15, so the Americans won the title by 7 IMPs.

7th World Team Olympiad in Seattle, Washington, USA

Poland defeated **Austria** by 4 IMPS in one semi-final.

France defeated **Denmark** by 15 IMPS in the other.

Poland defeated **France** by 80 IMPs in the final.

The final featured this fine effort by Wolny:

Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 8 3 ♥ A K 8 7 4 2 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ J	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 ♥ Q 10 5 3 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ A Q 7 4 3	
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♠ K 10 7 5 4 2 ♥ 6 ♦ J 7 ♣ K 10 8 6	♠ A Q 9 ♥ J 9 ♦ A K 9 8 2 ♣ 9 5 2					
West Wolny 2♠ All Pass	North Szwarc 1♥ Pass	East Gawrys Pass Pass	South Mouiel 2♦ 3NT			

Having survived in the auction, Wolny unerringly led a club to give the defenders the first five tricks.

1st Poland:
 P Gawrys, H Wolny, T Przybora, P Tuszynski,
 J Romanski, K Martens

2nd France:
 P Chemla, M Perron, H Szwarc, H Mouiel,
 F Covo, F Paladino

3rd= Denmark:
 S Werdelin, J Auken, S Schou, J Hulgaard,
 P Schaltz, K-A Boesgaard

Austria:
 W Meinel, H Berger, J Fucik, F Terraneo, A Milavec, F Kubak

7th Women's World Team Olympiad in Seattle, Washington, USA

USA defeated **France** by 31 IMPS in one semi-final.

Great Britain defeated **The Netherlands** by 132 IMPs in the other.

USA defeated **Great Britain** by 7 IMPs (including the carry-forward) in the final.

1st USA:
 G Moss, J Mitchell, K Wei, C Sanders,
 B-A Kennedy, J Radin

2nd Great Britain:
 N P Gardener, P Davies, S J Horton, S Landy,
 S Scarborough, G Scott-Jones

3rd= The Netherlands:
 P Kaas, B Vriend, L van der Brom, M van Mechelen,
 E Schippers, M van der Pas

France:
 N Cohen, H Zuccarelli, C Blouquit, E Delor,
 F Pariente, A C de l'Epine

In 1988, at the eighth attempt, the USA finally broke their duck in the World Team Olympiad. For four of the American team, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, this was the third leg of their Triple Crown - the Olympiad, the Bermuda Bowl and the World Open Pairs. This feat had previously achieved only by Roger Trézel and Pierre Jaïs of France, more than 25 years earlier, when they won the first World Pairs

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.

in 1962. For Hamman this was his fourth Olympiad final, and for Wolff his third. Curiously, Austrians Heinrich Berger and Wolfgang Meinl completed a Triple Crown also, but with silver medals, having finished second in the 1986 World Pairs, the 1985 Bermuda Bowl, and now the 1988 Olympiad.

The Women's event was won by Denmark - that country's first World bridge title. It was their third silver medal in this event for Great Britain's Sandra Landy and Nicola Smith (formerly Gardener).

This dramatic deal was the first board of the Open final:

Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deutsch	Kadlec	Wolff	Terraneo
		4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Dble
All Pass			

When West made the plausible but unlucky lead of the king of clubs, Austria were off to a fast start.

8th World Team Olympiad in Venice, Italy

1st **USA:**
 R D Hamman, R S Wolff, J J Meckstroth, E V Rodwell,
 S Deutsch, J Jacoby

2nd **Austria:**
 H Berger, J Fucik, W Meinl, A Kadlec, F Terraneo, F Kubac

8th Women's World Team Olympiad in Venice, Italy

1st **Denmark:**
 K Moeller, D Shultz, B Kalkerup, C Palmund,
 T Dahl, J Norris

2nd **Great Britain:**
 N P Smith, P Davies, S Landy, E McGowan,
 S Penfold, M Brunner

In 1992, the Olympiads followed the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup formats by qualifying eight teams to the knockout stage.

Great Britain reached its fifth Women's World Team Olympiad final in nine attempts, but for the fourth time (and the third consecutive occasion) they came away with the silver medals. This time it was the Austrian team, three of whom had lost in the final of the Venice Cup a year earlier, that claimed the World Championship title.

In the Open, the USA team matched the British women's achievement exactly by reaching their fifth final and losing for the fourth time. Meanwhile, the French reached their fourth final and

equalled Italy's record of three victories in the event. The Danish team included a married couple - Peter and Dorthe Schultz - and in reaching the quarter-finals they established the best ever performance by such a pair. The same Danish team also featured a pair of brothers - Lars and Knut Blakset - and this was the first time such a pair had reached the latter stages of an Olympiad. In the Open, six European teams emerged from the Round Robin stage. The only non-European teams in the knockout stages were the USA and a surprise African representative, Egypt. In the Women's, Europe did even better by qualifying seven teams to the knockout rounds, the only exception being China.

This was the most dramatic board of the Open final.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Levy	Meckstroth	Mouiel
			1♥
Pass	INT	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Notice that Alain Levy was not afraid to respond to his partner's opening bid, a theme I was to use later in my Bols Bridge Tip, 'Don't be afraid to respond'.

Four Spades was a reasonable contract but it was doomed from the start. The opening lead of the king of hearts was ruffed and declarer crossed to the ace of spades to lay a diamond to the jack and queen. South returned a diamond, collected his ruff and still had to score the queen of spades for +50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chemla	Hamman	Perron	Wolff
			2♥*
Pass	Pass	Dble	

I have never really understood why people play Flannery and this board was certainly not a good advertisement for the convention.

Chemla led the ace of spades and must have enjoyed the sight of dummy's ♥109. He switched to the queen of hearts and when declarer won and tried a low club he went up with the ace of clubs and played the jack of hearts. East won the next club and cashed the king of spades allowing Chemla to get rid of his remaining club. Next came the jack of spades, covered by the queen and ruffed. Chemla switched to a diamond, ducked to East's king

and Perron played winning spades. Declarer could make only three tricks, the ♥AK and the ♦A. A painful way to lose 1100.

9th World Team Olympiad in Salsomaggiore, Italy

In the quarter-finals:

USA beat **Egypt** by 71 IMPs.

The Netherlands beat **Israel** by 9 IMPs.

Sweden beat **Poland** by 75 IMPs.

France beat **Denmark** by 4 IMPs.

USA defeated **Sweden** by 71 IMPs in one semi-final.

France defeated **The Netherlands** by 37 IMPs in the other.

France defeated **USA** by 80 IMPs in the final.

1st **France:**

P Chemla, M Perron, A Levy, H Mouiel, M Auhaleu, P Adad

2nd **USA:**

R D Hamman, R S Wolff, J J Meckstroth, E V Rodwell, S Deutsch, M Rosenberg

3rd= **Sweden:**

B Fallenius, M Nilstrand, A Morath, S-A Bjerregard, A Brunzell, J Nielsen

The Netherlands:

J van der Neut, M Nooijen, E Leufkens, B Westra, W de Boer, B Muller

9th Women's World Team Olympiad in Salsomaggiore, Italy

In the quarter-finals:

France beat **China** by 54 IMPs.

Austria beat **Sweden** by 51 IMPs.

Germany beat **Denmark** by 76 IMPs.

Great Britain beat **The Netherlands** by 120 IMPs.

Great Britain defeated **Germany** by 26 IMPs in one semi-final.

Austria defeated **France** by 14 IMPs in the other.

Austria defeated **Great Britain** by 48 IMPs in the final.

At the half-way point of the final, Great Britain were on course for victory, but then ran into a juggernaut in the guise of Austria's Maria Erhart. As the captain of the British team, here is an example that I still recall:

Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 7 4 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 10 9 ♣ A 8 6 5 2	♠ A Q 5 ♥ Q 8 5 3 ♦ A J 8 7 2 ♣ 3	♠ 2 ♥ 6 4 ♦ K 6 5 4 3 ♣ K Q J 10 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> ♠ K J 10 6 3 ♥ A K J 10 9 ♦ Q ♣ 9 7	N	W E	S
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In the Open Room, an undistinguished auction and a muddled defence had seen Great Britain collect +300 from five clubs doubled.

West	North	East	South
Smith	Erhart	Davies	Lindinger
	1♥	2NT	4♦
5♣	6♥!	All Pass	

South's Four Diamond bid is what I would call a 'serious splinter', and Maria obviously thought so as well! It set her team on the road to one of the most famous sessions in the Olympiads, where they outscored GB by 95-37 IMPs.

1st **Austria:**

M Erhart, B Lindinger, D Fischer, T Weigkricht, J Smederevac, H Gyimesi

2nd **Great Britain:**

E McGowan, S Penfold, S Landy, M Handley, N P Smith, P Davies

3rd= **Germany:**

S Zenkel, D von Arnim, W Vogt, B Nehmert, M Moegel, K Caesar

France:

C Lise, E Delor, S Willard, V Bessis, D Avon, A C de l'Epine

Victory in the 10th World Team Olympiad in 1996 made France the most successful nation in the event. Since its inception in 1960, the French had recorded four victories - one more than the great Italian Blue Team achieved. The losing finalists were Indonesia, and although they had been one of the leading Asian teams, and thus regular participants at the Bermuda Bowl for many years, this was easily their most successful event to date. The bronze medals went to Denmark, a strong European bridge-playing nation, but one still seeking its first Open World bridge title. One curious note to this event was the appearance of Jason, Justin and Paul Hackett in the British team - the first time that three family members (in this case, father and twin brothers) had ever played in the same team.

In the Women's Olympiad, it was business as usual and another victory for the Americans. For Juanita Chambers, her victory in Rhodes gave her an unusual treble - she is the only player to have won the Venice Cup, the Women's Olympiad and the World Mixed Pairs. China were the losing finalists, which is the closest they have yet come to a World bridge title, and it can only be a matter of time before they break their duck. One notable achievement was the victory of America's former Russian Irina Levitina, who became the first person to have won a World title at both bridge and chess.

This was one of the more humorous moments of the Championships:

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Nemtsev	Multon	Volkov
			I♦

All Pass

Playing a strong club and five-card majors, South felt compelled to open in his shortest suit, being well placed in the event of any response. Alas, answer came there none, and declarer scored just two tricks, -500.

West	North	East	South
Mikhaylenko	Mouiel	Livshitis	Levy
			I♣
Pass	Pass	2♣	All Pass

When the Ukrainians got their wires crossed, they had managed to improve on their other pair's score, losing only -100, but they had done so on a 3-0 fit as opposed to the 3-1 attempted at the other table.

10th World Team Olympiad in Rhodes, Greece

- 1st **France:**
M Bompis, A Levy, C Mari, H Mouiel, F Multon, H Szwarc
- 2nd **Indonesia:**
K Lasut, E Manoppo, D Sacul, Karwur, Panelewan, Watulingas
- 3rd **Denmark:**
J Auken, L Blakset, D Kock-Palmund, L Schaeffer, S Christensen, L Andersen

10th Women's World Team Olympiad in Rhodes, Greece

- 1st **USA:**
J Blanchard, J Chambers, L Deas, G Greenberg, S Quinn, I Levitina
- 2nd **China:**
Gu, S Ming, Wang H, Wang W, Zhang Y, Zhang Yu
- 3rd **Canada:**
D Gordon, S Reus, B Kraft, F Cimon, R Habert, B J Saltsman

World Open Team Olympiad

Total number of contests	10
Winners by country	France (4) Italy (3) Poland, USA, Brazil (1)
Most consecutive wins	Italy (3)
Wins by individuals	Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Benito Garozzo, Pietro Forquet, Camillo Pabis Ticci, Massimo d'Alelio (3) Paul Chemla, Michel Perron, Henri Szwarc, Hervé Mouiel, Christian Mari, Alain Levy (2)

Women's World Teams Olympiad

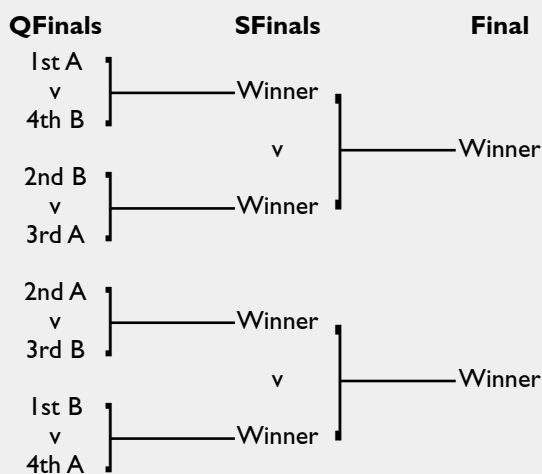
Total number of contests	10
Winners by country	USA (3) Italy (2) Sweden, GB, UAR, Denmark, Austria (1)
Most consecutive wins	Italy (2)
Wins by individuals	Gail Moss, Jacqui Mitchell, Anna Valenti, Marissa Bianchi, Rina Jabes (2)

**Women's Teams
Revision of Arrangements**

The women's teams are now divided into two sections, each of 20 teams playing a full round robin of 19 rounds. The top eight teams in each section will qualify for a Round of 16

When the qualifiers are known, the highest placed qualifier in each section will have its choice of opponents from teams placed five to eight in the other section, the next highest will then choose from the remaining three, the third highest from the two that are then remaining.

For the quarter-finals, teams will go forward as follows:



Schedules of playing times are as published, taking away the 17.30 match on Saturday and the Sunday match which is replaced by the Round of 16.



Annemarie Jorritsma-Lebbink applies the magic spray!

PLAYER PROFILES*Dutch Women*

During the Olympiad, it is the hope of the editors to publish profiles of each team taking part. What follows - profiles of the Dutch Women's team, winners of the 2000 Venice Cup in Bermuda - is the kind of information we are seeking. Please visit the Daily Bulletin office in the MECC (Room 0.6) with your player profiles.

BEP VRIEND

Bep Vriend, a bridge teacher from Amstelveen, learned bridge in 1965. With her partner Carla Arnolds she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1993 and the World Ladies Pairs in 1994. Vriend and Arnolds were fifth in the World Ladies Pairs in Lille 1998. Since 1974 she has played in 12 Europeans. Since 1994 she partnered Marijke van der Pas. Bep and her husband Anton Maas (a frequent member of the Dutch Open Team) form one of the leading Dutch mixed pairs. In 1994 Vriend/Maas, with van der Pas-Tammens, won the European Mixed Teams. In 1998 Vriend/van der Pas won the gold medal at the last European Union Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy. After Perth 1989 (silver), Yokohama 1991 and Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 was her 4th Venice Cup appearance. With a sensational finish the Netherlands won the Venice Cup in Bermuda by the incredible margin of just 0.5 of an IMP from U.S.A. 1. In Maastricht 2000 Bep will play the Olympiad for the sixth time in succession. Bep Vriend is an honorary member of the Dutch Bridge Federation and in April 1998 she received a Royal decoration for her contributions to bridge.

MARIJKE VAN DER PAS

Marijke van der Pas, from Utrecht, has been playing bridge since 1967. She joined the Dutch Ladies team in 1979. With her previous partner, Elly Schippers, she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1980. She played 11 European Championships. She is a bridge journalist and works for the Dutch Bridge Magazine. Marijke is living together with Jaap Trouwborst, captain of the Dutch Open Team. Since 1994 she partnered Bep Vriend. In 1994 van der Pas/Tammens with Vriend/Maas won the European Mixed Teams. Her resumé includes a victory, playing with Vriend, at the last European Union Championships in Salsomaggiore. After Perth 1989 (silver), Yokohama 1991, Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 was her fourth Venice Cup appearance. She too will be playing in her sixth straight Olympiad.

JET PASMEN

Jet Pasmen comes from Broek in Waterland, a small village north of Amsterdam. She started bridge in 1974. From 1989 to 1993 Jet was captain of the Dutch Ladies team during three European Championships, one Olympiad and two Venice Cups. Since 1979 she has played with Anneke Simons. As a player Jet represented the Netherlands in five Europeans. Jet, a sports teacher, is married to the coach of the Ladies team, Chris Niemeijer, a former player of the Dutch Open team. She and Simons were gold medal winners at the last European Union Championships in Salsomaggiore. After Tunisia 1997, Bermuda 2000 was her sec-

ond appearance in the Venice Cup. In Maastricht 2000 Jet will play the Olympiad for the third time.

ANNEKE SIMONS

Anneke Simons, a personnel manager, lives in Amsterdam together with Kees Tammens, a bridge journalist, and their 17-year-old son, Bas. Anneke learned bridge at the age of 20 and since 1979 has played with Jet Pasmen. In 1988 she gave up bridge for four years. Anneke played five European Championships. Her appearance in the Venice Cup in Bermuda was her second. Her Olympiad appearance in Maastricht will be her third.

WIETSKA VAN ZWOL

Wietske van Zwol, a native of Joure in the very north of Holland, is now living in Tilburg in the southern part of the country. She is married to Carel Berendregt and works as a business economics researcher. She learned to play bridge in 1982. Her partner from 1995 until the 1997 European Championships in Montecatini was Ine Gielkens. With her she won the European Union Ladies Pairs in Belgium in 1996. For the 1997 Tunisia Venice Cup Wietske renewed her partnership with Martine Verbeek. Wietske played in three European Championships. In 1998 van Zwol/Verbeek won the gold medal in Salsomaggiore. She now has two Venice Cup appearances and will be playing in her second Olympiad in Maastricht 2000.

MARTINE VERBEEK

Martine Verbeek, born in Amsterdam, is living together with Ron Pannebakker in Rotterdam. She learned bridge at age 14. Martine works as a bookkeeper in her own administration firm. For the Venice Cup in Tunisia 1997 she made her debut in an international championship by renewing her partnership with Wietske van Zwol, with whom she played from 1992 to 1994. In 1998 Verbeek/van Zwol won the gold medal in Salsomaggiore. Martine played in one European Championships (Malta 1999). She has made two appearances in the Venice Cup and will play in her first Olympiad in Maastricht.

ED FRANKEN, lives in Haarlem (west of Amsterdam). He is the team manager and captain of the Dutch Ladies Team since the European Championships in Vilamoura, 1995. Under his leadership the team won two championships, including the gold medal in Salsomaggiore.

CHRIS NIEMEIJER is the coach of the Dutch Ladies Team since 1987. He is married to Jet Pasmen and is a former player of the Dutch Open team.



José Damiani, President of the WBF

The Man at the Top

The President of the World Bridge Federation, José Damiani, recently found the time for an interview with Mark Horton.

I would like to begin by finding out a little more about about José Damiani when he is not engaged in the role of President. Tell me about your family life.

It is the most enjoyable part of life. My wife, Monique, and I have a daughter Caroline, who is married to a very good bridge player, and two sons, Laurent and Emmanuel, who work in our company. We have six grandchildren.

How did bridge become a part of your life?

By accident, because I discovered that I had congenital osteonecrose which prevented me from playing competitive tennis. Then I decided to take up bridge, and was lucky enough to find good partners. I was asked to become President of the club because of the illness of my best friend. Later on I was asked to become President of the District, and then I was asked to be President...

Your triumphs at the table?

I won six National French Championships, many Festivals, and recently a medal in the European Mixed Pairs Championships, as well as a silver medal in the Senior European

Team Championships. But I spend much more time on administration than at the bridge table.

Is being President of the WBF a full-time job?

Unfortunately yes! It is on voluntary basis, but I like to do it properly and the promotion of the game is in my view just as important as the organisation. That is especially important now and, with our aim to become an Olympic discipline, it never ends.

You have a brilliant record in attracting sponsors, and keeping them. What advice would you offer to other bridge organisations that have been less successful?

You are right to mention in the same sentence 'attracting sponsors and keeping them'. As a matter of fact it is not difficult to attract them, but in order to keep them you have to show respect, and to work for them and give them what they are entitled to get back.

The Olympics: what is the latest news?

We have a strategy and we are following it. This means that we are working to be present in Salt Lake City, even with a single exhibition match, but our aim is really Turin 2006.

I understand that negotiations are taking place between the IOC, FIDE (World Chess Federation) and Australian Chess Federation on chess having a presence at the Sydney Olympics. Will bridge have a presence?

I have heard the same rumours and I asked my Australian friends to enquire. I also met some people from the Sydney Organizing Committee but nobody was able to confirm the rumour. As you know, in chess there are two main organisations which act in competition with each other, FIDE and the Chess PGA led by Garry Kasparov. Perhaps there is something happening with the latter, but we all recognise that bridge and chess have a common destiny.

Mentioning chess, France has recognised it as a sport. What about bridge?

As far I know both games have the same status with the Ministry of Sports. At the beginning of May, I met the President of the CNOSF (the French National Olympic Committee) and the French Bridge Federation has now sent its application. I strongly believe the FFB will be accepted before the end of the year 2000.

Do you have any news about the next Bermuda Bowl?

We have signed a contract with the Indonesian Bridge Federation to organise in Bali the next Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Transnational Open Teams, at the end of October/beginning of November 2001. It will be a marvellous venue and site, and I do not have any reason to doubt that it will be a great success.

As I understand it, you have been very successful in France in developing a schools programme. Can you tell us about this and how it was achieved?

In fact I worked on that with Jean Claude Beineix when he was President of the FFB. We got the support of the Minister of Education and Schools. We got sponsors: BP and Nesquik to cover the expenses of the seminar, to train the teachers, and finally we got the support of the parents and the media. But there is still a lot to do in that field.

In this year's Generali Masters, a Junior event was included. Are there any plans to include a Senior event in the future?

Not at all, for a simple reason: from the beginning we invited the most famous seniors and everybody can still remember the standing ovation given to Giorgio Beladona, and the bronze medals won by Jean Marc Roudinesco and Bobby Wolff. However, as part of our policy towards the Olympics, it was clear that we had to have a Junior event.

Bridge on television: do you see any way in which it can be done?

In the past I have shown how to do it. After Geneva, and the Generali, we had edited highlights, which attracted several million viewers. The problem is that it is expensive to make such programmes, and from now on we may have free TV on the Internet with, in a few months time, very good image quality and a very simple method of access on to your TV screen.

We have come a long way in the last ten years, especially in the use of technology. What further developments do you envisage?

For more than twenty years I have spent a lot of time on developing technology, especially in communications and our bridge presentations on VuGraph. I am now sure that the Internet revolution will be of great benefit for bridge, because bridge is also the best example of the use of the Internet. Furthermore it opens the field for teaching and learning.

Is there anything you would like to add, or request that be done to promote bridge in any way? This is very much an open question!

Of course, you know that development is my passion. As Club President I managed to increase the club members in three years from 90 to 220. As District President, also in three years, from 400 to 1,200. As French Bridge Federation President, in five years from 18,000 to 44,000. As European Bridge League President: in 1987 we numbered 240,000, and 370,000 when I left in 1995.

I am convinced that the present stagnant figures are unacceptable, and, in association with the national federations, I want to promote a development programme aimed at youth, though I do not want to neglect adults and older people, who are also of primary importance.

I also have in mind a solidarity programme to start in the year 2002, which will be presented and discussed in Maastricht. Needless to say, many national federations have already benefited from our interaction with the IOC and our advice in promoting our sport.

Thank you, José, it was a pleasure to talk to you.



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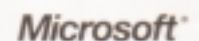
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Omar Sharif, representing Egypt



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VUGRAPH

Auditorium I <i>(Dutch commendation)</i>	Time	Auditorium II <i>(English commendation)</i>
The Netherlands v Scotland <i>(OPEN)</i>	10.00	France v Czech Republic <i>(OPEN)</i>
The Netherlands v South Africa <i>(WOMEN)</i>	14.00	Canada v Denmark <i>(OPEN)</i>
England v Israel <i>(WOMEN)</i>	17.30	Egypt v Canada <i>(WOMEN)</i>

ORANJE BOVEN: de Nederlandse pagina in het Daily Bulletin

Eindelijk is het zo ver: meer dan 2000 bridgers nemen de komende twee weken deel aan de Bridge Olympiade 2000.

Behalve de officiële landenteams die om de Olympische titels (open en vrouwen) gaan strijden, zijn er nog talloze zij-evenementen waarin elke bridger aan zijn trekken kan komen. Kijken naar topspelers of zelf een kaartje leggen, alles is mogelijk in dit mega-evenement.

Ook voor diegenen die als toeschouwer naar Maastricht komen, is uitstekend gezorgd.

In twee vugraphzalen kunt u de verichtingen van de toppers volgen. In deze 'bridgebioscopen' staan drie schermen opgesteld. Op een scherm zijn de kaartverdelingen te zien, op het tweede scherm ziet u de spelers aan tafel zitten en op het derde scherm worden de resultaten van het betreffende spel in andere wedstrijden getoond. Dit afgewisseld met tussenstanden van alle wedstrijden. Leuker en spannender dan een 'echte' bioscoop.

Commentatoren voorzien elk spel van deskundig en geestig commentaar. In een zaal in het Engels en in de andere in het Nederlands. Met een gezamenlijke capaciteit van bijna 2000 zitplaatsen is er plaats genoeg voor alle geïnteresseerden en supporters.

Het is voor het eerst dat er een aparte zaal is met commentaar in de taal van het organiserende land. Een prima initiatief van de NBB. De Nederlandse toeschouwers kunnen zo nóg makkelijker de wedstrijden volgen.

Om dezelfde reden is er in het Daily Bulletin op deze plek ruimte gemaakt voor een artikel in het Nederlands. Dagelijks treft u hier een (oranje getint) verslag aan van de gebeurtenissen van de vorige dag. Mooie spellen, resultaten van de Nederlandse teams en interviews met onze internationals.

Dus, vanaf vandaag, op deze plek: ORANJE BOVEN.