

ITALY REPEAT AS OLYMPIAD CHAMPS



Italy: winners of the World Bridge Olympiad



The Netherlands were second in the Olympiad

Four of the players who won the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad for Italy have repeated as champions of the event with two new teammates. The Italians vanquished a young team from the Netherlands 310-251 to earn the title.

With the victory, Lorenzo Lauria overtook Bob Hamman for the No. 1 spot on the WBF masterpoints list. Hamman had held the top spot since 1985.

Lauria and three of his teammates in Istanbul – partner Alfredo Versace, plus Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio

Duboin – were on the winning team in the 2000 Olympiad in Maastricht. Their new teammates are Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes.

In the World Transnational Mixed Teams, Sabine Auken, Zia Mahmood, Catherine D'Ovidio and Paul Chelma easily dispatched the Batov team from Bulgaria in the final, 173-82.

In the World University Teams Championship, Poland had a big win in their last match to grab victory. Belgium earned the silver medal, and USA took the bronze.



The Auken team, Transnational Mixed Champs



USA, the silver medal team in the Women's Olympiad.



The President's Speech

Messieurs les Pr sidents

Ladies and Gentlemen

Dear Friends

Istanbul has been a triumph!

I have been overwhelmed by the hospitality of our hosts, by their willingness to help, their desire to make this Olympiad one that we will always remember. I know you are all going to take home with you wonderful memories of this very special city, that bridges East and West, where teams from all over the world have met to play our great game and build their own special bridges of friendship.

We could not have achieved such a success without the magnificent and generous sponsorship of the Ko  Group, including Aygaz, its chairman Mustafa V Ko , and CEO Temel Atay and his wonderful wife Sevin , present here tonight – thank you both, thank you so much, for all you have done for us.

TurkCell – the leading mobile operator in Turkey has been another generous sponsor for this event, and we thank them and their CEO, Mr. Muzaffer Akpinar, most warmly for all they have done for the Championship.

Our long standing friendship with Generali Group must not go unacknowledged either – they are always with us and we are very grateful for this, especially because it has helped us in the TV production and broadcasting which we have done with Zoomscope and New Bridge Assets.

This will boost worldwide the excellent media coverage we have had here through television and the written press.

The Internet broadcasting and results are also expanding rapidly to the enjoyment of millions of bridge fans throughout the world through many websites, our own as well as BBO and e-Bridge.

In such a way, Istanbul and Turkey will be even more well known and bridge will have contributed to their candidature to the European Community which we are very proud of.

The members of the Turkish Bridge Federation, under the leadership of their extremely dynamic President, Ata Aydin, have excelled themselves during this great Tournament – they have worked with us, shown us their kindness, their efficiency and, indeed, their stamina, to ensure the success of the event. I know you will all wish to join with me in thanking them and I invite them all – every member of the Turkish Federation who has been working here – to stand so that we can see you and applaud and thank you.

You will all, I am sure, recognise the enormous amount of work involved in the organisation of our Bridge Cham-

pionships; the technology involved, the hospitality – there are so many aspects, many of them unseen by you, the players. Please join me tonight in applauding the many staff who have worked long and hard throughout this fortnight, in every field.

The Hospitality Team led by Martine Schupp and Maggie Pierce with the invaluable assistance of Tuna Ozgul and T lin G nay

The Bulletin Team, with its co-ordinator Jean Paul Meyer and Editor Brent Manley, Assistant Editors Mark Horton, Brian Senior, Photographer Ron Tacchi, Layout Editor Kataliena Maneta and Internet Editor Akis Kanaris

Our Line-up team, Corry & Jan Louwerse with Irena and Janek Chodorowski

The Systems Desk ably manned by Chris Diment

Scoring and Results, done by Harvey Fox, Claude Dadoun, and Philippe Rigaud

The Press Room – headed by Jan Swaan with the assistance of Melike Son and Yonca Kuce.

Behind the scenes on the technical side, we had Mark Newton in charge of the IT, keeping the computers linked and the internet alive. Christine Francin, Anna Gudge and Carol von Linstow worked within the WBF Secretariat.

In the Vu-Graph, there was the Bridge Vision Team headed by Elisabeth Antelme with Jean Fran ois Chevalier, Fran ois Haddad Herv  Lustman, Elisabeth Piganeau and Laurent Rigaud and the Vu-Graph team, led by Bernard Delange, with Paul Binisti, Bernadette Pasquier and Isabelle Barri re.

Fulvio Colizzi organized the equipment, and the duplication team of Monica Gorreri, H ne Vivier and Vanessa Allodi, Virginie Antelme, Franco Crosta, Bo-Lennart Grahs, and Ilaria Varesi who dealt over 40 thousand boards for you to play with scarcely an error and the team of caddies, led by Mr & Mrs Ohana, distributed them amongst you so efficiently.

The excellent Vu-Graph Commentators, who keep you so well entertained were Barry Rigal, Eric Kokish, Jean-Paul Meyer, and Bobby Wolff.

The World Bridge Federation is fortunate to have a very experienced team of Tournament Directors, led by its Chief, Max Bavin: please all of you, stand so that the players can see you – Baris Arslantas, Erdem Bayer, Pierre Collaros, Antony Ching, Maurizio Di Sacco, Sanda Enciu, Mehmet Ertinaz, Richard Grenside, Sedat Gurdal, Rahmi Iyilikci, Jeanne van den Meiracker, Selim Ozkok, Jean-Louis Pennec, Guillermo Poplawski, Ihsan Qadir, Antonio Riccardi, Matt Smith, Ali Topcu, Fahir  zumcu and Henk Van Tent

We also have to thank the Appeals Committee, with Bobby Wolff as President and under the able Chairmanship of Joan Gerard and John Wignall, with Jens Auken, Richard Colker, Jim Kirkham, Eric Kokish, Ernesto d'Orsi,

Jean-Paul Meyer, Dan Morse, Jeffrey Polisner and Nissan Rand for their work in hearing the very few Appeals that we have had at the Championships. A special mention too for Grattan Endicott, the co-ordinator. We are all delighted to see you back with us and doing so well.

Ton Kooijman has overseen the entire operation with his usual care and skill, working tirelessly throughout the event as he always does with the unstinting and valuable assistance of Levent Ozgul.

Please, all of you, accept my personal thanks and the thanks of the Executive Council.

From the sporting point of view, we have to note the excellent performance of many, if not all, of you, with a special mention for two countries – China and Russia – who really made a good showing, as well as the Netherlands.

It is clear that hard work and training do bring some good results.

It is an encouragement for many of you – specially for

the youngsters who played in the World Bridge University Championships under the aegis of FISU, with the sponsorship of Soci t  Gn rale and e-Bridge.

There is now no more doubt about bridge being a sport as accepted by the International Olympic Committee, the General Association of International Sports Federation (GAISF), ARISF or FISU.

And the winners and the medallists deserve our congratulations as great sportsmen and women.

Most of all you will accompany us as our future unfolds – I am very pleased that it seems a little more settled than it did at the end of the Championships last year, as we know that we will be going to Estoril next year for the Bermuda Bowl and the Transnational Open Teams, and to the delightful city of Verona in 2006 for the World Bridge Championships - I hope to see many of you at these exciting and challenging events.

Thank you all for your attention – and we will see you next year!

OPEN TEAMS

FINAL

Match	Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Boards 49-64	Boards 65-80
Netherlands Italy	35 - 37	12 - 17	36 - 67	2 - 44	35 - 35

Match	Boards 81-96	Boards 97-112	Boards 113-128	Total
Netherlands Italy	49 - 46	41 - 58	41 - 6	251 - 310

TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

FINAL

Match	Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Total
Auken Batov	68 - 28	84 - 16	21 - 38	173 - 82

It Was Fun

It has been an exciting, interesting two weeks in Istanbul, which I have found to be a charming, interesting city with many friendly people. Getting out the Daily Bulletins each day has been hectic, but we tried our best and hope you enjoyed the final product, even when we made an error or two (don't say it!).

Thanks very much to Jean-Paul Meyer, coordinator, who supported our efforts and kept us on track.

Also to Mark Horton, author of the very popular Championship Diary, and an enormous wealth of other material. Brian

Senior was also a major contributor despite taking ill partway through the tournament. As always, Ron Tacchi's companionable nature is equal to his top-notch photos.

A new addition to the team was Katialena Maneta, who worked extremely hard on the Daily Bulletin layout. It didn't hurt, of course, that she is prettiest layout editor we have had since I have been working with the WBF.

The Internet version of the Daily Bulletin was posted by Zafiris Kanaris, Akis to us. Efaristo, Katialena and Akis – and to everyone on the WBF team who are so enjoyable to work with.

Brent Manley, Chief Editor

WOMEN

USA v Russia

FINAL-6

by Mark Horton (with special guest reporter Ron Tacchi of the Vaupillon Express)

From your reporter's point of view a quiet set of boards would mean far less work as the final session of the Women's final was flashed up on to the VuGraph screen. However, the bridge gods decreed otherwise as the two best teams in this Olympiad engaged in a desperate struggle for the gold medals. Some of the play was outstanding, some less so, entirely understandable under the circumstances.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

The American pair stole this deal. West cashed the top diamonds and switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer won in hand and ran the ten of spades. When that held she ruffed a diamond and played the king of spades. East could win and play a diamond, but declarer still had to make two trumps and a heart; down two for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
INT	1♥	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

Facing a protective no trump, should East have made a move? Of course West would have accepted. North led a heart and when the defenders played four rounds of the suit it was not difficult for declarer to drop the queen of diamonds given the opening bid. Nine tricks, +150 and 2 IMPs for USA on the comeback trail – it might have been more.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
Pass	2♠*	Pass	INT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	3♣*

North decided to move and that had the effect of keeping East/West quiet. East led a trump and declarer went up with the ace and played back the queen. West won and played the ace of hearts followed by the jack. Declarer ruffed, drew the last trump and played a club to West's ten. In due course she made a couple of club tricks and finished two down; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
Rdbl	2♦	INT	Dble
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

East led the three of clubs and East won with the queen and returned the suit. Declarer won and played ace and queen of diamonds. West took the king and played a low heart. East won the king and returned a heart to West's ace. When East won West's switch to the nine of spades with the ace she had her last chance to give her partner a club ruff. When she took it the contract was one down for -200 and a flat board.

Note that 3NT is playable on the East/West cards, (as I type Tacchi is interfering – something to do with passing up some free armagnac in order to return to the office – a martyr to the cause.) and might well have made.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Despite her partner's double, West led the queen of diamonds. Although a club lead would not have been fatal, it would have set a trap for declarer, as if she wins and ruffs a club at trick two the contract cannot be made. As it was declarer won in dummy and played a heart to the ten. When that held she played a heart to the queen and king, won the spade return, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club, drew trumps and claimed a cracking +980.



Tatiana Ponomareva, Russia

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

With such good controls and excellent support for both North's suits, Four Hearts was careless – but very typical of what can happen towards the end of a long tournament. Declarer won the opening club lead in dummy and ran the ten of hearts. That meant she was held to eleven tricks; +450 and a loss of 11 IMPs.

When the Americans picked up 10 IMPs over the next two boards the session score was 23-0 and the Russians were wobbling.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 6 3 2 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ 4 ♣ Q J 10 6	♠ K 9 5 ♥ 5 2 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ K 7 5 4 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <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 7 ♥ A J 8 6 3 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ A 9 8
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

It takes a club lead to ensure the defeat of the slam and that was South's choice. Declarer played low from dummy and was allowed to win in hand with the nine. Declarer played a heart to the king and a heart to the ace, South following with the four and the ten. Now declarer ran the queen of spades to North's king. A club would have enabled South to ruff, but her failure to peter in trumps, combined with the play of the ten, convinced North that declarer must have started with a six-card suit. When she switched to the ten of diamonds declarer was home, winning with the ace, playing a spade to the ace, ruffing a spade, drawing the last trump and claiming. How disastrous would that prove to be? (Calamitous, cried Tacchi.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
		1♥	3♦
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Same contract, same lead. Declarer put up the queen of clubs and when it held she played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond and played the six of clubs to her eight. South ruffed and played back the nine of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played another club. South ruffed and there was still a spade trick to come; -200 and a massive 17 IMPs to Russia.

What a body blow! It was hard to see the Americans recovering from that, but they were not finished yet.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
Pass	2♣*	Dble	2♦*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT was a fair shot with that diamond suit hidden in the South hand. West led the queen of clubs and then continued with the jack. When that held she had to find the heart switch to defeat the contract, and once you think about it the jack of hearts in partner's hand is just about the only hope. No, she played a third club and declarer won and, making no mistake, simply played ace of diamonds, nine of diamonds. West won and switched to a heart, but it was too late. South put in the queen and with the ace of spades in the West hand the contract was home; +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
			1♦
Dble	1♥	2♣	2♦
3♣	3♦	All Pass	

That was an easy eleven tricks for +150, but a loss of 10 IMPs, putting America right back into the contest.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	Dble*	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

It is not routine to get to game on the North/South cards, but apart from the match situation North's hand had improved during the auction. West cashed the ace of clubs and played a second club to dummy's king. Declarer crossed to hand with a heart and played a diamond. When West played low she went up with the king and no longer needed to worry about how to tackle the trump suit. She cashed the ace of spades and was assured of ten tricks; +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
	INT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

This time North was declarer and their had been no assistance from the bidding. East led the five of clubs and West took the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds before exiting with a club. Declarer won, crossed to dummy with a heart and played the jack of spades. When West played low, declarer, suspicious of West's motive in cashing the ace of diamonds so quickly, did the same to land her contract in spectacular style. A flat board and a fine effort by both teams. *Continued on page 11.*



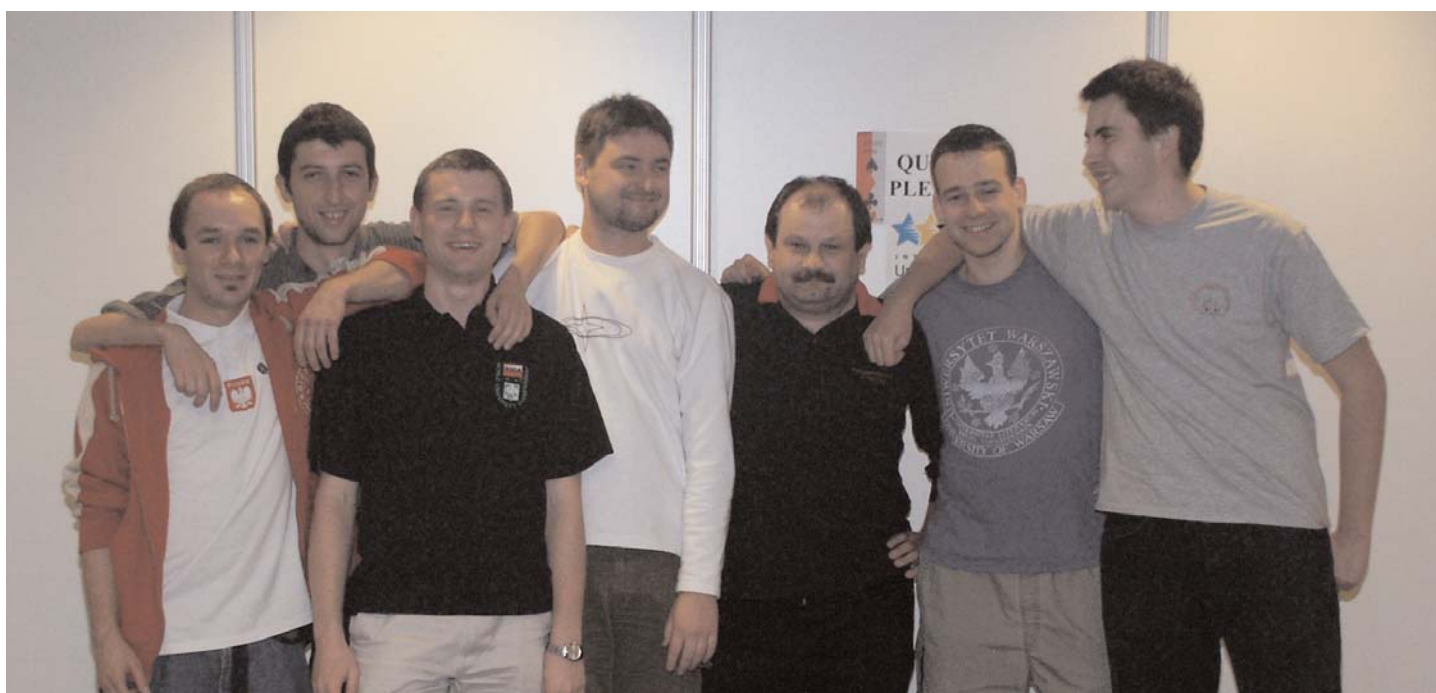
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DAILY BULLETIN

GOLD FOR POLAND!!!



The winners: Poland

After a very exciting last round, Poland was the strongest team and becomes the new University Champion of the second FISU World University Bridge Championships!

Indeed, in the last round, Poland beat Italy by 25 while Belgium, in poll position till the last round, stayed on 16.

USA is the third and will take the bronze medal!

Congratulations to everybody for their university spirit at these Championships, and I am very happy that you were in Istanbul!

I hope to see you back in Rotterdam in 2005 or China in 2006!

Geert Magerman
Chairman Technical Committee Bridge FISU



Silver medalists: Belgium



UNIVERSITY

Belgium v Denmark

ROUND
9

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Roos S.		de Roos D.	
1♠	INT	1♦	Pass
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

East led ♦Q for ♦K and declarer's ace. Declarer went on with three round of hearts for East's ♥Q, switching to the ♠Q and taking this trick. After ♠7 to West's ace, West plays three rounds of diamond, two diamonds for declarer, who will still lose ♣A and two diamonds for 500 for Belgium. In the Closed Room, East opened a weak INT followed by a weak and natural 2♠ by West, one which Steven De Donder wisely passed.

On Board 3, Belgium went on with a good score.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
De Roos S.		de Roos D.	
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♦*
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		5♥

* Multi

After ♣A and ♣K, East switched to a spade for declarer's ace and king. Declarer continued with a diamond for East's jack, switching to a club, a diamond from dummy for West's ruff with ♥2, ♦A and ♦Q for East's ruff with ♥8, switching again to a club for East's ruff with ♥J. Declarer was still missing the trump ace, six off for 1400 to Belgium.



Steve de Roos, Belgium



Daniel de Roos, Belgium

UNIVERSITY Impressions of the Last Round

by *Enri Leufkens*

It's great to see so many teams play in the University Championships. The atmosphere is good, and the level is better than I had expected (well, most of the time).

The Dutch team doesn't perform very well, but has its highlights.

As they are young, they bid (too) high, so they have to play them well!

Round 13 Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠ (?)	1♥	Dble
All Pass		Pass	4♠ (!)

After a heart lead and continuation came a spade shift. Meike Wortel of the Netherlands ducked a spade and made the contract, even after the defender played in the double void in hearts. Spades 3-3, clubs 3-3 and ♦K onside was enough....

In the clash between the Netherlands and Poland the latter proved very strong. I hear the Polish league puts a lot of effort in the youth, and right they are.

See how the Polish players in NS made life (too) difficult for the Dutch.

Round 14 Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
2♠	3♥	4♥	2♥ (Polish)
4NT (KCB)	Pass	5♣	Pass
			All Pass!

After a Polish 2♥-opening and a spade-overcall, a single raise was enough to disturb the EW-bidding. Of course East can bid 4♣, but even then it's not clear where the bidding will end.

Do you want to play Bridge with Zia Mamhood?

Each day, several pages of university bridge are inserted in the daily bulletin.

I'm very happy to learn that university bridge is not only followed by the students, but also by a lot of other players at the Olympiads. The most famous of them, Zia Mahmood, told me that he's very interested in University Bridge! And much more: he offers to play a tournament with the winner of the next European University Championships in Rotterdam in 2005!

This is certainly a very good reason to be in Rotterdam, or, there is no more reason anymore for not being there!

Thank you very much for your support Zia! See you all in Rotterdam!

Geert Magerman
Chairman FISU Technical Committee Bridge

Tianjin 2006

The 3rd World University Bridge Championship will be jointly hosted by FISU, WBF and the China University Sports Association in 2006 at Tianjin Normal University. Tianjin, a coastal city located 130 km south of Beijing, is one of the four municipalities of China, with about 10 millions inhabitants.

Accommodation and competition site will be a three-star hotel and cultural events and sightseeing activities will be included in the programme of the championship.

RESULTS

ROUND 15

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Indonesia Romania	74	39	23	7
2	Netherlands USA	45	46	15	15
	Hungary Bye	0	0	18	0
3	Italy Poland	5	64	2	25
4	Belgium Chinese Taipei	49	43	16	14
5	Denmark UK	84	39	25	5
6	France Turkey	44	25	19	11
7	Germany Sweden	43	75	7	23

FINAL RANKING

1	POLAND	284
2	BELGIUM	276
3	U.S.A.	247
4	TURKEY	246
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	245
6	FRANCE	242
	INDONESIA	242
8	SWEDEN	240
9	ITALY	236
10	DENMARK	226
11	NETHERLANDS	210
12	GERMANY	188
13	UNITED KINGDOM	184
14	ROMANIA	170
15	HUNGARY	149

University Bridge Platform

In the next months and years, a lot of events will take place as well as initiatives will be taken for University Bridge.

On www.unibridge.org, you will find all the latest information about our events, the European University Championships in Rotterdam in 2005 and the World University Bridge Championships in China in 2006.

One of the interesting new initiatives in the coming months is the creation of a University Room at several online-bridge areas in Europe and USA. As a student, you will have free access to play bridge online. Access will be given via the above link.

You can also find the list of all existing university bridge clubs in the World we know at the moment. These are only partial results, and we ask you to inform us about every university bridge club you know.

If you would like to work with us on University Bridge in your country or if you would like to support University Bridge, please contact me on geert.magerman@pandora.be.

Of course, I am at your disposal if the FISU-programme can help you to construct University bridge in your country.

**SOCIETE
GENERALE**

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BELGIUM		16	21	16	16	25	20	23	19	10	22	20	25	14	11	18		BELGIUM	276	2
CHINESE TAIPEI	14		19	19	25	13	9	19	14	10	14	13	19	14	25	18		CHINESE TAIPEI	245	5
DENMARK	9	11		2	19	25	17	10	22	10	18	14	13	13	25	18		DENMARK	226	10
FRANCE	14	11	25		17	21	2	18	13	6	23	16	19	14	25	18		FRANCE	242	6
GERMANY	14	2	11	13		16	14	14	10	15	20	7	2	7	25	18		GERMANY	188	12
HUNGARY	1	17	4	9	14		5	5	13	16	16	7	6	10	8	18		HUNGARY	149	15
INDONESIA	10	21	13	25	16	25		2	22	5	23	12	14	21	15	18		INDONESIA	242	6
ITALY	7	11	20	12	16	25	25		25	2	17	16	18	11	13	18		ITALY	236	9
NETHERLANDS	11	16	8	17	20	17	8	4		6	25	15	14	15	16	18	1	NETHERLANDS	210	11
POLAND	20	20	20	24	15	14	25	25	24		15	20	9	18	17	18		POLAND	284	1
ROMANIA	8	16	12	7	10	14	7	13	5	15		13	12	13	7	18		ROMANIA	170	14
SWEDEN	10	17	16	14	23	23	18	14	15	10	17		10	20	15	18		SWEDEN	240	8
TURKEY	1	11	17	11	25	24	16	12	16	21	18	20		11	25	18		TURKEY	246	4
U.S.A.	16	16	17	16	23	20	9	19	15	12	17	10	19		20	18		U.S.A.	247	3
UNITED KINGDOM	19	4	5	4	5	22	15	17	13	13	23	15	1	10		18		UNITED KINGDOM	184	13

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♦	2♥	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West's Two Diamond bid was not a thing of beauty and East's fit jump would not have been everyone's cup of tea (Tacchi's comments are unprintable). Five Diamonds would have cost 500 or so, but when South bid in front of her partner it was North/South who went minus. West led the ten of spades and declarer won, drew two rounds of trumps and played a club to the ten. West won and the defenders cashed a spade and a diamond; +100.

With boards running out the Americans were pushing hard. East led the two of hearts for the jack and ace and declarer played the ten of spades to the king and ace. A heart return would have given declarer some chance, but West switched to the ace of clubs and continued the suit; one down for +100.

Closed Room

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
1NT	Dble	Pass*	2NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
Dble	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

If you are looking for boards where fatigue has played its part this would be a leading exhibit. North's double of the mini no trump was questionable, but what was clear was that South's bid of 2NT had to be forcing to game. (In Vaupillon it asks partner to bid suits up the line – Tacchi). West started with three rounds of diamonds and declarer won as she went along. She then played a club to the ace. When the king did not appear she took the spade finesse, but when that lost she was one down. You don't have to be a mind reader to realise that declarer, aware that a cold game had been missed, was not in the right frame of mind to give the play her full attention. She must have thought a pile of IMPs had been lost but we know it was a flat board.



Janice Seamon-Molson, USA

North, perhaps still nervous from the previous board, missed a chance to put the match out of reach when she neglected to double Three Hearts. South cashed the king of diamonds and switched to the king of spades. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a diamond, crossed to the jack of clubs, ruffed a diamond and exited with the queen of hearts. North won, cashed her other top heart and had only to play a spade for three down. When she played the ace of diamonds declarer simply discarded a diamond from both hands to escape for two down; -200. That gave Russia 7 IMPs and some breathing space.

With three boards to go the USA needed two game swings to win.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ K Q J 9 7 3 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ 4 3 ♣ 8 6</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <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>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 5 2 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ K Q 10 5 ♣ K 10 2</p>
N					
W E					
S					
<p>♠ — ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ A J 9 6 ♣ Q J 9 5 4 3</p>					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
		INT	Pass
2♥*	Dble	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

South led the nine of hearts for the five, ten and ace and declarer played a spade to the king discovering the bad break. She played a diamond to the king and ace and South played the eight of hearts, covered by the queen and king. North switched to her low club and declarer put up the king, cashed the queen of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, cashed the queen of spades and played a spade to the ace. When she played the ten of diamonds and South produced the jack she discarded a heart but North got rid of the ace of clubs and now the defenders made a club and the ten of spades en passant for two down; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
		INT	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This time South led the queen of clubs and North put up the ace. At this point only a club return will defeat the contract, but it is hard to see why. North switched to a diamond, covered by the king and ace, and South returned the nine of hearts, which declarer won in hand. She cashed the ace of spades, discovering the 4-0 break and played four more rounds of the suit to reach this position:

<p>♠ 3 ♥ Q 7 ♦ 4 ♣ 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <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>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ — ♥ 6 ♦ Q 10 ♣ K 10</p>
N					
W E					
S					
<p>♠ — ♥ 8 ♦ J 9 ♣ J 9</p>					

When declarer cashed the last spade, discarding a heart from her hand, South was helpless. She tried the nine of clubs, but declarer had not travelled this far to go wrong and played a club to the king to land the contract in spectacular style; +420 and 11 IMPs to USA.

The penultimate deal was an easy game, reached at both tables, so once again we came to the last board with the result still in the balance. (Did Ton Kooijman have extra boards ready?)

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 4 3 ♥ A ♦ A Q 3 ♣ K Q 9 6 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <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>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 10 2 ♥ 10 9 8 7 5 2 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 7 5 2</p>
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W E					
S					
<p>♠ Q J 7 ♥ Q J ♦ K J 9 8 6 ♣ A 8 3</p>	<p>♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ 10 7 4 2 ♣ J</p>				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Molson	Gromova	Sokolow
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led a diamond and declarer finessed, cashed the ace of hearts and played a club to the jack and ace. West played the king of diamonds, covered and ruffed and East switched to the two of hearts. Declarer won, discarding the losing diamond and played king of spades, spade, claiming ten tricks; +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Lebedeva	Montin	Galaktionova
INT	Dble	Rdble*	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

When North started thinking at her second turn it was time to see if Two Hearts would make – one down would give USA 10 IMPs and produce a tie. Yes it would (unless declarer played like a gibbering baboon – Tacchi).

However, the auction was not over. Time to analyse Three Clubs. Yes, an easy make. So, when West bid Three Diamonds it merely served to increase Russia's winning margin.

When you recall that in years gone by bridge was banned in the old USSR this must count as one of the most fantastic victories in the history of World Championship play.

Add the bronze medal won by the Russian Open team and you realise that a slumbering giant is awake. (Sorry, I nodded off – Tacchi.)

Dear Bridge Friends,

Having played 23 years for Turkey, I am going to stop international competitive bridge, at least for a while. It is not because I feel tired or old. It is just that I have new business arrangements and cannot continue the very serious programme of TBF, which needs at least semi-professionalism; at the least you have to invest three months a year.

I would like to thank everyone, but especially my dear partner, Salvador Assael, with whom I have been playing for 17 years. We have done extremely well, especially for the last five years. Secondly, I would like to thank my dear wife, Sevda, and children, Sena and Begum, for being so patient and understanding to me.

I hope I can settle things and turn back to bridge again. I love you all.

Nafiz Zorlu.

Championship Diary

We should have realised this was going to be a good tournament for Russia when we received the gift of a CD entitled A Gala Evening in Moscow.

At Friday's Press Conference when the time came for questions there were less than usual. 'But where is the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, London?' asked Panos Gerontopoulos. (Which is how Patrick Jourdain always introduces himself.)

From time to time someone brings a story that although amusing we cannot publish. While considering one such this morning someone remarked it might be in bad taste. 'What's that got to do with it' was the reply.

Years of experience have taught us that it is best to maintain a low profile at all times, especially when any kind of dispute arises. With that in mind we offer you an extract from one of the classic Gilbert & Sullivan operettas, The Gondoliers.

In enterprise of martial kind,
When there was any fighting,
He led his regiment from behind
(He found it less exciting).
But when away his regiment ran,
His place was at the fore, O-
That celebrated,
Cultivated,
Underrated
Nobleman,
The Duke of Plaza-Toro!

We hope to see you all in Tenerife!

From The Press Room

On behalf of all the journalists present in Istanbul, I would like to thank the World Bridge Federation and the Turkish Bridge Federation for the facilities offered in the Press Room. My special thanks go to my lovely, efficient Turkish assistant, Yonca Kuce.

Jan Swaan
Press Room Manager

Over Zia's Shoulder

by John Carruthers

By dint of very precise and careful play, my squad in the Transnational Teams qualified to be tourists today. I took the opportunity afforded me to kibitz Zia Mahmood and Sabine Auken, the leaders (with teammates Catherine d'Ovidio and Paul Chemla), and was fortunate enough to witness several boards where Zia, Sabine and/or their opponents had crucial decisions to make. See if you can do as well.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 9 8 6
♥ 2
♦ J
♣ K Q 10 9 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
Pass	Pass	1 ♥	Dble
2♥	3♥	4♥	Pass
Pass	??		

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ K 10 5 3 2
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ K
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
Pass	2♣(i)	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♥(iii)	Pass	4 NT(ii)

(i) Game forcing

(ii) RKCB

(iii) Two key cards, no trump queen

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 9 7
♥ A 7 5 2
♦ Q 8
♣ 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
Pass	1♦	2♣	2♦
Dble	4♦	5♣	5♦
Dble	Pass	5♠	6♦

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K Q J 9
♥ 7
♦ 8 5
♣ A K 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	??		

Incredible as it was, these four deals came along in the first five boards of the match. This is what happened...

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 9 8 6
♥ 2
♦ J
♣ K Q 10 9 7 4 2

♠ K 10 5 3
♥ A J 6
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ 6 3



♠ 7
♥ K 10 8 7 5
♦ A Q 8 7 3
♣ A 5

♠ A Q 4 2
♥ Q 9 4 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ J 8

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♥	3♥	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

On the auction up to Zia's third turn to speak, it is doubtful whether Auken would have found the club lead necessary to defeat four hearts at her table (there was no way declarer was going to guess hearts). Yes, the contract might also go down on a diamond lead, but I would not take that to the bank. Five minutes passed before Zia emerged with a bid of five clubs. Obviously, four spades was a serious consideration, and would not have done well on the lie of the cards on repeated heart leads.

In practice, Zia was doubled in 5♣, and was defeated three tricks on Halfond's singleton spade lead. At the other table, d'Ovidio held the loss to 3 IMPs by making 4♥ after a club preempt from North.

The players had no time to relax, as this was the next deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	End	

Lest you think this one too easy...at the crucial moment, Zia and Auken had a bidding misunderstanding, Auken thinking that 4♦ was in support of hearts, thus stopping (she thought) in 6♥, while Zia believed Auken to be asking for third-round heart control. Zia did clock up another five minutes before bidding 7♠. As he put down the dummy, Zia commented prophetically, "I hope we're on the same wavelength, Partner." Auken was soon two off, but this time Chemla and d'Ovidio couldn't save them, as their opponents stopped short of slam to gain 13 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
Pass	1♦	2♣	2♦
Dble	4♦	5♣	5♦
Dble	Pass	5♠	6♦
Dble	All Pass		

This time, Zia took only one minute before his 4♦ bid, and commented to Halfond as she made her opening lead, "Welcome to London!" He was only two off, with 6♣ cold for East/West and a gain of 14 IMPs. Six spades by East would have been an interesting contract. Suppose Zia doubles for the lead and Auken finds the club lead. Would declarer have got the trumps right? We'll never know.

Board 4 was a not-so-routine 4♥ that might have been defeated on repeated trump leads from the defence, but was a push at 620.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Zia	Halfond	Auken
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

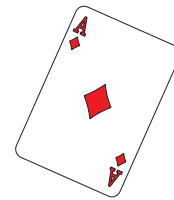
This time, Zia and Auken bid smoothly to the good grand slam, but not before Zia took two minutes to bid Blackwood. Zia commented to Auken as she put down her dummy, "I wanted to bid 6♣ to ask for third-round club control, but was afraid to after the last disaster. It's incredible that this decision came up twice in one match."

Zia received the lead of the ♦7. He won the diamond, played a club to the ace and ruffed a club carefully with the ♠6, noting West's jack with interest. When a spade to the ace brought the ten from East, he was able to ruff another club high with the eight of spades and claim the rest of the tricks. Had the ten of spades not fallen, Zia was going to draw trumps and go for diamonds, relying on the heart finesse or a squeeze if diamonds were 5-1. This was a push.

These deals were so tough on the players that 55 minutes had elapsed – they had 35 more minutes to complete the remaining five deals, which they were able to do with ease, despite an additional 35 IMPs exchanging hands. Oh yes, Auken-Zia-d'Ovidio-Chemla won the match 38-23.



Above you can see the bronze medallist teams from the Open and Women's series of the World Bridge Olympiad. At left is the team from Russia who earned their country's first medal in world championship play. As noted in this morning's edition, the Russian women followed up with a gold medal in the Women's series. At right is the team from England, who earned the bronze medal in the Olympiad.



Turkish Delight

The organization of bridge events in general is much more complicated than most of you can imagine. Trying to make it perfect one explores the edges of the possibilities and has to decide whether to change procedures or to keep the trusted ones. Which means that one might 'fall off' those edges. We didn't. Only the first day I had some doubts when the young caddies seemed not to understand the importance of their jobs. But they recovered in an astonishing way and the whole group became one of the best ever. Thank you, my dear youngsters, you deserve a bow. And thanks to Albert Ohana and Fulvio Colizzi for another great performance.

The whole staff was magnificent, but I would repeat our President in this Bulletin when naming them all. Yesterday I already asked your attention for the duplication staff. Let me highlight some others. The hospitality desk with Martine Schupp and Maggie Pierce as the enterprising and helpful ladies and the penetrating voice of Jan Louwerse at the line up desk trying to avoid penalties at your side. Hervé Lustman leading the BBO staff, who had one of the toughest jobs in the house, but never lost his kindness and charming smile. I also like to thank Jean-Claude Beineix, who looked over my shoulder, corrected, suggested, advised and worked when necessary. Which means that he was busy for two weeks.

But the big spot should be directed towards my assistant as operations director: Levent Ozgul. I know him for many years as I know many more of the Turkish staff, hav-

ing been invited here several times to give TD-courses, which also makes me proud of the Turkish TDs in this Olympiad. They did a good job in both the directing and organizing field. Max Bavin, our Chief TD, not only did confirm it but has asked me to emphasize this to be his opinion, too. Which leads me to Ata Aydin the president of the TBF. Under his leadership the federation has taken impressive steps to develop the quality of bridge in Turkey, till the level where it meets the standards to organize a big and complicated event as this Olympiad.

Levent was as efficient, cool, problem solving as I hope I have been in my best years. And above that he had chosen the best assistants possible, which is also a precious quality. The technical preparations from the Turkish side for this event were excellent and thanks to their work we introduced a new item in the WBF: the printed official score form with all relevant information, as there are the country names and the appropriate VP-scale.

Jos Damiani in his opening speech mentioned that he hoped and expected Turkey to become a member of the European Union. Since some countries in Europe seem to have doubts to take this decision, the bridge ambassadors from these countries should use their influence at home to convince their decision makers that Turkey will be an enrichment for Europe. The title above is not really original but do you have a better one?

Ton Kooijman