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Open for Business



Stefan Back as Master of Ceremonies opened proceedings. Pavel Mokran (pictured left) as president of the Slovak Bridge Federation welcomed everyone to Slovakia, and wished us a pleasant time, unforgettable deals, and plenty of fun. Then the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee Panos Gerontopoulos (pictured right) welcomed the players to one of Europe's newest countries for this magnificent opportunity. After the previous World Junior Pairs in Hungary, only three years ago Panos had travelled to Slovakia to meet Pavel, leading to the idea not only of their staging one of the world's biggest junior events ever in Slovakia, but also of Slovakia becoming a member of the EBL and WBF. It was a tribute to the organizing skills of such a small federation.

With welcoming rain to cool the climate to temperate levels, Panos was happy to welcome the 34 countries from 5 zones together with about 430 juniors, the second largest junior bridge event ever held; this was something we could be proud to be a part of.



Panos told us that WBF President Jose Damiani will join us tomorrow and will be at Sunday's Closing Ceremony, and that he had received the best wishes of Gianarrigo Rona, President of the European Bridge League. Panos then introduced the staff, the TDs led by Antonio Riccardi, the Director of Operations Dimitri Ballas, the Chairman of the Appeals Committee Patrick Jourdain and the Bulletin Editor Barry Rigal.

Finally, Panos was very happy to declare the 6th World Junior Pairs Championship and the 1st World Schools Bridge Championship officially open and to wish all the participants the best of luck.

To complete the ceremony, Stefan Back introduced the players from each country as rousing cheers were heard, from all the participants, especially Argentina, Australia and Austria, through to Sweden, USA and our hosts Slovakia.

World Pairs Programme

Saturday July 1

08:45 – 10:00 Breakfast
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
14:00 Pairs Championship Session 2
18:00 – 19:30 Dinner
20:00 Pairs Championship Session 3

Sunday July 2

08:45 – 10:00 Breakfast
11:00 – 12:30 Lunch
13:00 Pairs Championship Session 4
20:00 Victory Dinner and Prize-giving Ceremony

Monday July 3

8:45 – 10:00 Breakfast
Depart from Piešťany or stay for World Junior Bridge Camp

About the Event

There are over 400 players, with about two thirds in the World Junior Pairs Championship and about one third in the World Schools Pairs Championship. About 170 will stay for the Camp. All departure times on Monday July 3rd for those not staying for the Camp MUST be advised to the Tournament Manager before play starts on Saturday.

Please have two Convention Cards, one for each opponent.

Your entry fee to the bridge may be paid now, or else it will be billed later to your National Bridge Organisation. Your accommodation costs must be paid here as soon as possible.

You should wear your armbands at all times. This helps with security. Failure to wear your armband may lead to expulsion from the hotel.

Smoking is not permitted in any indoor parts of the venue.

T Shirts for the event are for sale for 5 euros at the front desk.

For Thursday's outing there are two options: a tour of local castles or waterskiing. Would campers please advise the Tournament Managers of their choice on Saturday.

Who Will Win?

In the World Junior Pairs Championship, of the Defending Champions **Adi Azizi** and **Yuval Yener** from **Israel** only Yuval is here, partnering Yotam Bar-Yossef who is in Israel's Junior Bridge Team. The Americans tell me that the pair to beat is Joe Grue and John Kranyak, who starred when USA won the World Junior Teams Championship in Sydney last year. France's top two youth pairs Thomas Bessis – Julien Gaviard and Olivier Bessis – Romain Tembouret have good form in the World Open Bridge Championships in Verona earlier in June.

Peter Marjai and Gabor Minarik have been at the forefront of Hungary's surge to the top level of world junior bridge in the last few years. Eldad Ginossar has an Open World Championship bronze medal from Verona two weeks ago. Eldad and his partner leading Belgian junior Steve de Roos should be serious contenders here. Poland has Silver Medallists from Sydney 2005 Jacek Kalita and Krzysztof Kotorowicz leading their large contingent.

For England, pairs such as Ollie Burgess – Ben Handley-Pritchard and Michael Byrne – Alex Morris might do well. From the Netherlands comes Marion Michiels and her partner Vincent de Pagter, Vincent having done well in Tata in 2003. Bob Drijver is another Tata medallist from Netherlands, partnered this time by Bas Tammens. Petter Eide – Allan Livgard from Norway are another pair with a good record.

Then there are the players from far away, Paul Gosney from Australia and Michael Whibley from New Zealand are the top pair from down under, Adolfo Madala is the brother of the now famous bridge professional Agustin Madala of Argentina and China Hong Kong's top pair might be a chance. Past results however suggest that the winner is more likely to come from Europe or USA.

The winners of the 1st World Schools Pairs Championship are impossible to predict, because the event has never been held before.

Some Hands from Verona

The Open and Women's World Championships were held in Verona earlier in June.

The best result by a Junior player was by Eldad Ginossar of Israel, who collected a Bronze Medal for third in the Rosenblum Teams, i.e. the World Open Teams Championship, with a Turkish partner and Israeli team-mates. Here's Eldad in action:

Rosenblum Teams – Round of 64

Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p> ♠ Q 10 5 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ Q 9 6 4 </p>			
♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 10 8 7 3 ♣ 10 8 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 9 6 4 ♥ 9 7 ♦ K Q 9 6 ♣ A J 3	
<p> ♠ K 3 ♥ A K J 10 6 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ K 5 2 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Dbl	3♣
		All Pass	

A diamond was led to the queen, and a heart returned. Ginossar drew two rounds of trumps and played ♠K. West won

the ace and made a small mistake by not returning another spade. Instead, his diamond return was won by the ace, and a club played to the king. Now Ginossar played all the trumps, leaving East with ♠Jx and ♣AJ in the ending, with one of those cards to be discarded. When East discarded ♣J, Ginossar threw East in with ♣A to concede the last two tricks to dummy's spades.

The lessons at the World Junior Bridge Camp will be held from 13-15 to 14-15 hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday and Monday, the other two days being outings. The instructors will be international players: Patrick Jourdain from Wales for the more experienced players, and Klaus Reps from Germany for the less experienced players. Each lesson consists of a talk followed by hands from play. Here's a hand which Patrick played at Verona.

World Seniors Pairs Championship – 1st session

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p> ♠ 6 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ K 9 8 7 2 ♣ K 10 9 3 </p>			
♠ A Q 7 4 ♥ 9 8 4 3 2 ♦ Q ♣ Q 8 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K J 8 5 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A 10 6 5 ♣ A J 5	
<p> ♠ 10 9 3 2 ♥ K J 6 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ 7 4 2 </p>			

West	North	East	South
Tedd	Tokcan	Jourdain	Falay
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

At Match-point Pairs it is necessary to strain to get into the auction, especially when not vulnerable. Patrick's 1♠ overcall would be the choice of most experts when playing pairs. It's important to have a sensible modern structure for raising overcalls, and Mike Tedd's 3♦ raise showed a good raise to 3♠ with four card support. Patrick could thus jump to game without any worries about a 4-3 fit.

♦3 was led to the queen, king and ace. A diamond ruff was followed by a heart from dummy. North's diamond continuation was ducked to dummy's jack, and ruffed. Another heart was won by South who switched to a trump, won in dummy. A club to the jack was followed by ♦10, ruffed perforce by South and over-ruffed with dummy's last trump.

Another heart from dummy allowed ♠8 to make a trick under cover. Plus 420 was worth 91% for E/W.

The following hand was well defended by 21 year old Fiona Brown of Australia, who came 4th in the World Mixed Pairs Championship partnered by Hugh McGann of Ireland. Their opponents are 2005 Venice Cup World Champion Daniele Al-louche-Gaviard of France and Juan Ventin of Spain.

World Mixed Pairs Championship Final 3rd session

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ventin	McGann	Allouche	Brown
3♦	Pass	Pass	2♦
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In third seat at favourable vulnerability, most youth players would have an impulse to bid something. Fiona bid a Multi 2♦, which showed a weak hand and a spade suit, although she might even decide later that she had a heart suit if necessary.

Because partner might have bid 3♥ (pass or correct) with three or more cards in each major, Fiona's partner's most likely suit was clubs, so Fiona found the logical lead of ♣5. Hugh McGann won the king and returned ♣4. Daniele Al-louche-Gaviard from France made the good deduction that North had ♦A. Therefore Daniele won the second club to create a blockage, and played a diamond to the king. When declarer played a second diamond, Fiona realised that with

♣J98, declarer would have played ♣8 on the second club. Since North must have ♣8. Fiona discarded the blocking ♣10 on the second round of diamonds 3NT down two was worth 98% of the match-points for North/South.

Fiona and Hugh came 4th in the Final, and Daniele and Juan came 8th.

An Irish pair produced the following auction in which North must not make assumptions about what cards South has.

World IMP Pairs Championship Final 5th session

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
J. Stansby	Garvey	D. Rosenberg	Carroll
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	4♥

John Carroll's 2♠ rebid showed 10-12 points and six or more spades. Tommy Garvey gently bid out his 5-5 shape, then had to be very careful to consider the 4♥ call from his partner's point of view. South might be thinking that North is 6-6 or 6-5 in the red suits, so the 4♥ call must not be treated by North as desire to play in hearts, but as a forced preference. Hence the natural 6♣ bid, completing the description of North's hand as a 0-5-5-3 shape, allowing the best contract of 6♣ to be found in an unusual way.

Debbie Rosenberg, who won the 1991 World Junior Teams Championship as Debbie Zuckerberg, led a club, won by dummy's ten. A diamond to the queen and a spade ruff led to an easy 12 tricks, for a 14 imp gain against the datum.



TATA 2003 TOP RESULTS – JUNIOR PAIRS

Final Standings

Rank	Pair		WBF Code		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
1	AZIZI	YENER	ISR010494	ISR010981	64.58	63.17	63.93	50.08	60.44
2	GRENTHE	GRENTHE	FRA5096335	FRA5096343	57.93	67.52	56.29	59.51	60.36
3	DRIJVER	DRIJVER	NED2010221	NED2010043	60.36	57.04	59.28	63.10	59.94
4	GRUE	KRANYAK	USAQ542341	USAL693651	59.92	61.50	54.20	63.37	59.68
5	HOP	PAGTER	NED10001480	NED6410342	57.61	58.70	63.56	58.04	59.48
6	KOTOROWICZ	KOTOROWICZ	S POL4111	POL4110	56.29	64.49	60.83	55.80	59.42
7	BREDE	KAPALA	POL4109	POL3237	53.93	61.06	58.94	63.34	59.32
8	ARASZKIEWICZ	WITTENBECK	POL4762	POL1731	60.00	59.39	59.78	57.51	59.17
9	JOHANSSON	MORIN	SWE8899	SWE12957	58.84	57.30	60.85	58.90	58.98
10	DONN	WALDRON	USAJ479822	USAL126374	62.28	53.04	58.51	61.81	58.91
11	BRINK	ROOS	NED1260336	BEL21304	57.76	58.11	64.04	54.73	58.68
12	KALITA	SIKORA	POL6658	POL6924	67.90	56.08	49.90	60.46	58.58
13	GOGOMAN	ROKYTA	AUT1566	AUT3745	70.36	53.12	49.67	59.54	58.17
14	BATHURST	MIGNOCCHI	USAQ270716	USAJ108549	55.57	52.71	60.57	62.41	57.82
15	BURAS	LUTOSTANSKI	POL7291	POL6336	58.09	51.54	57.81	63.52	57.74
16	BRGULJAN	ZORIC	CRO&500004	CRO&500037	52.98	64.69	57.01	55.11	57.45
17	BRINK	BRUGGEMAN	NED1260344_?	NED1372060	63.87	59.73	52.33	52.60	57.22
18	GUARIGLIA	UCCELLO	ITAGRR058	ITACCN084	47.61	58.89	59.15	62.36	57.17
19	BESSIS	GAVIARD	FRA6577227	FRA1322700	58.89	54.34	56.58	58.53	57.09
20	GOGOMAN	GRUMM	AUT1568	AUT3062	56.54	56.38	65.92	49.09	56.98
21	MADALA	SHAH	S ARG2565	ENG116772	61.31	54.69	62.82	48.86	56.92
22	GREENBERG	LALL	USAQ229325	USAJ626957	55.73	55.32	57.24	59.11	56.85
23	GINOSSAR	RESHEF	ISR012120	ISR013301	54.10	56.61	53.83	62.67	56.80
24	BERG	CULLIN	SWE12873	SWE21204	55.41	61.38	56.03	54.08	56.64
25	LO PRESTI	SBARIGIA	ITALPB003	ITASBT013	62.84	49.52	59.38	54.16	56.48
26	BELLO	BELLO	ITADBL023	ITADBR019	52.47	62.58	55.27	55.45	56.44
27	BIRMAN	HOFFMAN	ISR015015	ISR012747	59.50	56.13	50.44	59.15	56.30
28	RUBINS	TIHANE	LAT23339	EST617	55.42	60.53	57.96	51.29	56.30
29	OFIR	PACHTMAN	ISR012403	ISR014659	55.19	51.25	61.29	57.48	56.28
30	BESSIS	TESSIERES	FRA6577201	FRA2259598	53.66	61.80	56.51	52.64	56.15
31	BYRNE	MORRIS	ENG402239	ENG118400	48.31	63.29	51.91	59.35	55.72
32	DONDER	ROOS	BEL19751	BEL21293	51.37	57.20	60.82	51.63	55.26
33	RICE	CRANK	USAK752832	USAM635043	56.76	60.32	50.09	52.42	54.90
34	LEVY	WOODCOCK	ENG91701_?	ENG104470	54.52	57.35	51.91	55.53	54.83
35	DEKKER	SALM	NED1750690	NED7261136	58.65	58.37	50.59	51.13	54.76
36	DANNIELOU	MOLINA	FRA3029007	FRA1137167	57.01	50.63	57.41	53.20	54.56
37	GRAS	TEMBOURET	S FRA1390517	FRA9979678	50.64	56.74	49.98	60.41	54.44
38	MRAZ	SZEGEDI	HUN507	HUN535	51.77	55.38	61.57	48.68	54.35
39	HYDES	PROBST	ENG100702	ENG72059	61.42	60.41	52.97	42.45	54.31
40	KRAEMER	STOSZEK	GER&500180	GER&500340	58.95	48.65	50.87	57.72	54.15
41	FELMY	SCHOLLER	GER&500081	GER&500297	55.55	56.42	50.19	53.87	54.08
42	JANISZEWSKI	STRZEMECKI	POL4108	POL2806	48.86	51.03	64.17	50.85	53.73
43	KOBAS	KOVACEVIC	CRO&500013	CRO&500014	43.85	60.50	54.33	56.11	53.70
44	KASPERZAK	NOWOSADZKI	POL4603	POL4662	51.94	61.46	49.65	51.43	53.65
45	HONYEK	RAPP	HUN&500052	HUN&500061	56.34	45.41	58.38	54.23	53.59
46	LIPPNER	ZABRADI	HUN&500056	HUN&500065	51.41	46.28	62.27	53.15	53.28
47	ANTER	OZBEK	TUR&500214	TUR&500215	59.56	52.85	49.83	50.74	53.24
48	GJALDBAEK	ORTMANN-NIELSEN	DEN33525	DEN34126	57.19	58.18	50.15	47.29	53.20
49	MOREAU	RAYNAUD	FRA3683738	FRA9909766	50.28	52.43	54.36	55.08	53.04
50	RYMAN	WESTMAN	SWE78201	SWE23603	50.63	54.39	56.51	50.28	52.95
51	KROGSGAARD	PEDERSEN	DEN1314	DEN76620	51.50	49.78	52.32	58.18	52.94
52	DELMAS	DESMOULINS	FRA1197830	FRA2092758	54.04	55.09	63.07	39.37	52.89
53	BOJOVIC	POPOVIC	SCG1833	SCG1834	56.93	50.65	45.81	58.15	52.88
54	ARVIDSSON	SIVELIND	SWE16417	SWE16660	46.21	55.99	48.49	59.78	52.69
55	GRABOWSKA	KRAWCZYK	S POL6613	POL3274	47.00	52.37	60.66	50.25	52.57
56	JELINEK	MARTYNEK	CZE&500045	CZE&500073	48.52	54.03	55.45	51.77	52.44
57	DYBICZ	NAWROCKI	POL6580	POL6815	52.73	50.74	46.59	59.55	52.44
58	DYKIER	STASINSKI	S POL4773	POL4704	52.29	50.12	51.77	55.42	52.40
59	NABER	VOZABAL	EST150	CZE&500118	54.50	43.32	59.85	51.37	52.26
60	DYCKOWSKI	SIKORA	S POL6581	POL6925	51.25	48.80	53.34	55.62	52.24