

8TH EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP DAILY BULLETIN

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Witamy we Wrocławiu

In name of the EBL, Paul Magerman welcomes you to the eighth European University Championships, held in the beautiful city of Wrocław.

Lesson one: say Vrotswaf, the L has a stripe through it.

Lesson two: don't say B*****, the locals don't like to be reminded that this part of the world used to belong to a neighbouring country.

These are the first University championships held under a new format, where every university has the right to send a team. We have 21 teams participating this year, and we will give you a list in this issue.

History of the European and World University Championships

The idea to organise Championships for University Students originated at the University of Antwerpen, when Paul



The contestants arrive

Mobile Phones are not permitted in the playing area. Neither are Alcohol and Smoking. You are not permitted to leave the playing area during the match in order to phone, smoke or drink. All these offences will cost you a number of VP.

Magerman, then president of the European Community Bridge League, put together the first European Community Bridge Championship in 1993.

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

In 1999 it was decided to turn the European Championship into World Championships in even-numbered years and the first such event was held in 2000 in Maastricht, where it was incorporated into the Olympiad.

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That event was not officially recognised as a "World Championship" by FISU, but last year that recognition was given, and we witnessed the first World University Team Championships in Brugge.

This year sees the eighth European University Championship, the third under EBL auspices and the first at which individual Universities can send teams.

The next University Championships will be world championships again, and will probably be held with the Olympiad in Istanbul from 24 to 30 October.

1993 (ECBL) **Antwerpen**

1994 (ECBL) **Lisboa**

1995 not held

1996 (EUBL) **Århus**

1997 (EUBL) **Palermo**

1998 (EBL) **Skövde**

1999 (EBL) **Weimar**

2000 (WBF) **Maastricht**

2001 (EBL) **Rotterdam**

2002 (WBF) **Brugge**

2003 (EBL) **Wrocław**

The winners:

1993- 11 nations - **Germany**.

1994- 9 nations - **Denmark**

1996- 8 nations - **The Netherlands**

1997- 8 nations - **The Netherlands**

1998- 7 nations - **Denmark**

1999- 11 nations - **The Netherlands**

2000- 22 (8 outside Europe) - **Austria**

2001- 14 nations - **The Netherlands**

2002-13(2 outside Europe) - **Denmark**

Medal table after 9 championships:

	(G-S-B)	(other placings)
1	Netherlands	4-0-3 (4,5)
2	Denmark	3-1-2 (7,8,9)
3	Germany	1-2-2 (4,4,5,7)
4	Austria	1-0-0

5	Italy	0-4-0(5,5,8,7,11)
6	England/GBR	0-1-1(4,6,7,8,9,11)
7	Norway	0-1-0 (7,8,9)
8	France	0-0-1(5,6,6,6,9,10)
9	Israel	0-0-1(4,5,5,8)
10	Poland	(4,5,8,8)
11	Portugal	(4,6)
12	Estonia	(4)
13	Romania	(5,12)
14	Czech Rep.	(6,6,7,7,8,8,10,10,10)
15	Belgium	(6,7)
16	Sweden	(6)
17	Greece	(9,14)
18	Latvia	(10,11)
19	Spain	(10,12)
20	Yugoslavia	(13,13)
21	Ireland	(11,14)
22	Turkey	

This championship is also designed to help you build friendships across the World. In order to do so, you should really introduce yourselves. Please captains, do prepare a small introduction to your players, and bring this to the Bulletin Editor.

All other contributions will also be very welcome. Don't worry if English is not your first, second or even fourth language. Herman is fluent in many languages, and translating from and to bad English is second nature to him

List of Teams Participating

(between brackets: the short name we shall use for the team)

-from Belgium:

Combined team (Belgium)

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Universiteit Antwerpen (Antwerp)
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Leuven)
-from the Czech Republic:
Czech Economical University (Prague E)
Karol University (Prague K1 and K2)
-from Denmark
Aalborg University (Aalborg)
-from England
Warwick University (Warwick)
-from Italy:
Combined team (Italy)
Campus Biomedico di Roma (Rome)
-from the Netherlands
Two combined teams (Netherlands1&2)
-and from Poland
Combined team (Poland)
Uniwersytet Warszawski (Warsaw 1&2)
Uniwersytet Wrocławski (Wroclaw U)
Politechnika Wrocławska (Wroclaw P)
Akademicki Związek Sportowy Wrocław (Wroclaw AZS)
Politechnika Gdanska (Gdansk)
Łódz University (Łódz)
And hopefully:
-from Serbia and Montenegro:
University of Beograd (Belgrade)

Decision by the Organisers

There were 23 rounds scheduled in the programme, but since we have only 21 teams, two of these are superfluous. It has been decided that the fifth and sixth round of Tuesday will not be played. On Tuesday, your playing day will finish at 17:00.

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Sports News

Lance Armstrong will probably win the Tour de France. Jan Ullrich needed to make up 1'05" in the time trial today, and was leading the race by six seconds over the yellow jersey. And then he fell on the rainy track. That meant Armstrong could also take things slower, and David Millar of Scotland was able to win the stage. Armstrong now leads Ullrich by 1'16", a difference almost impossible to bridge in the final stage to the Champs Élysées on Sunday.

The Swimming Pool of the hotel can be used by the students, free of charge, every morning between 8:00 and 9:00

University Bridge Championships...Again

By Alon Amsel

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Who would have thought so in the magical year 2000, when so many Belgians had an excuse not to go to Maastricht (in the opposite case, it would have kept me at home or under some palm tree on a tropical island), that a mere three years later I would be the most experienced university championships player? Somehow it makes me feel old.

It has always been a lot of fun to play at these championships, and I am very grateful that my partners have put up with me. My blunders have made me very popular among Google surfers. Searching for my name on the net still shows how I "finessed the queen on the way back". That was all about Anders Hagen's superb lead of a low trump, from queen doubleton, finding his partner's jack. I'm sure the editor can find that deal, it is worth publishing again. From that day on, I have decided always to pull AK in a suit contract. Therefore, feel free to lead your singleton trump against me. I promise not to take advantage of it.

That was in Rotterdam, we came back to beat the Danish in that same game, and the Dutch team still owe us a drink for that. I have made many more blunders over the years, but you most certainly will find out for yourself this week.

We've had so many good memories over the years, especially from "final evening" parties. Steven, puking his excess of red wine all over the hotel room and denying it ever since. The entire Japanese team dancing on and under the tables. Anders (indeed, same person) showing up on a fancy boat wearing a Brøndby IF shirt. Leo jumping on the table, falling on his back from

several feet high and getting right back up to dance as if nothing had happened. Of course the lovely waitresses/cooks/maids/... in the Spermalie hotel school - hello Katleen;) - joining our party. Finally Herman, who has always been there to take nice pictures and pick up all the interesting gossip (and make some up as well).

I hope we're up for many more Kodak moments this year. I would like to wish great luck to the players from Antwerp and Leuven teams, who are all making their international debut here.

Let the game begin!

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Of course I found the deal, Alon, it's from Belgium's match against Denmark in Rotterdam 2001:

Anders Hagen found the brilliant lead of the [8 against 4]:

Board 7. Dealer South.

All Vulnerable.

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

Of course Alon Amsel finessed the ♠Q on the way back. 9 IMPs to Denmark.