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Australia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China Hong Kong
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England
France
Hungary
Israel
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New Zealand
Norway
Pakistan
Poland
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GAMES ARE OPENED



Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales, being presented with flowers by Brazilian team-member, Paula David

The 10th World Youth Team Championship was officially opened by Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, the Governor of the state of New South Wales, at yesterday's Opening Ceremony in the vugraph theatre at the Sydney Showground. Professor Bashir is the first woman to become Governor of New South Wales. She welcomed us all to Sydney and spoke of all the teams as being part of one big family. Professor Bashir also told of her own love for the game of bridge and how she used to play as a student, plus the fact that her Aunt was still an active player at the age of 94 years — truly, bridge is a game for our whole lives.

John Wignall, 1st Vice-President of the World Bridge Federation and WBF representative of Zone 7, then officially opened the Championship on behalf of the Zone. Panos Gerontopoulos, WBF Youth Committee Chairman, welcomed all the players and team officials and encouraged everyone to enjoy not only the Championship, but also both Sydney and Australia.

Finally, our masters of ceremony, Stefan Back and Kim Neale, introduced each of the teams in turn, to an impressive backdrop of scenes from their countries followed by their photographs.

Passport Check

Players' passports must be checked by WBF Youth Committee member, Stefan Back, before they play in the Championship. This should be done at the Hospitality Desk this morning between 0900 and 1000.





VUGRAPH MATCHES

New Zealand - Australia 10.00

Japan - Norway 14.10

Poland - USA I 17.40

The vugraph match can also be followed on Bridge-BaseOnline, which will also be covering two other tables in each round. Today those tables will come from the following matches:

USA 2 - USA I 10.00

Chile - Brazil

England - Poland 14.10

Hungary - Israel

France - Canada 17.40

Ch. Taipei - Hungary

SCHEDULE

10.00-12.50 Round Robin, Round 1

14.10-17.00 Round Robin, Round 2

17.40-20.30 Round Robin, Round 3

The Smart Money

An unofficial poll of various officials at the Championship suggests that the final should feature USAI and Poland. Roughly two-thirds of those polled went for the Americans as winners, while the remainder chose Poland. There were no votes for any other team.

Even more unofficial are the betting odds below:

USAI 9/10

Poland 6/4

Canada 4/1

Israel 8/1

France 16/1

Hungary 33/1

It is your editor's hope and expectation that we will see some of the other unmentioned teams in serious contention. While my bookmaker will confirm that this will be like a kiss of death for them, my fancy for the highest finish from a non-European or North American team is China Hong Kong.

Opening Speech of Panos Gerontopoulos



It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of you — players, officials and members of the staff — to the tenth World Youth Team Championship.

This is the first time that our premier event is held in Zone 7 and I am very glad that the Australian Bridge Federation has chosen such a wonderful venue as the Sydney Olympic Park for our tournament. This wonderful venue is matched by

the great effort put forward by the ABF organising committee under David Stern.

I am sure that all teams will try their best to contribute to the success of the Championship with fair and ethical play in an atmosphere of great sportsmanship. I also hope that you will take advantage of whatever free time you have available to visit this wonderful city.

All in all, let us all do whatever it takes to add one more great success to the history of the World Youth Team Championship.

Enjoy your stay in Sydney.

*Panos Gerontopoulos
WBF Youth Committee Chairman*

Youth Success

The Australian Bridge Federation held one of its major events last week, the National Butler Pairs, and three of the top four places in a strong field were taken by pairs who are taking part in the World Youth Teams Championship. Poland took the first two places, the winners being Krzysztof Buras and Konrad Araskiewicz, with Jacek Kalita and Krzysztof Kotorowicz taking second. In fourth position was the Australian pairing of Grif Ware and Daniel Geromboux.

The recent Summer US Nationals saw great success for two members of the USAI team. Joel Wooldridge and John Hurd were members of a team which finished runners-up in the Spingold, the week-long KO Teams event, and also finished fifth in the Life Masters Pairs, suggesting that they come into our own Championship in pretty hot form.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1

1	FRANCE	ENGLAND
2	NEW ZEALAND	AUSTRALIA
3	EGYPT	JORDAN
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA HONG KONG
5	HUNGARY	POLAND
6	JAPAN	CANADA
7	USA2	USA1
8	CHILE	BRAZIL
9	NORWAY	ISRAEL

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

1	JORDAN	FRANCE
2	AUSTRALIA	CHINA HONG KONG
3	ENGLAND	POLAND
4	NEW ZEALAND	CANADA
5	EGYPT	USA1
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	BRAZIL
7	HUNGARY	ISRAEL
8	JAPAN	NORWAY
9	USA2	CHILE

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

1	FRANCE	CANADA
2	POLAND	USA1
3	CHINA HONG KONG	BRAZIL
4	JORDAN	ISRAEL
5	AUSTRALIA	NORWAY
6	ENGLAND	CHILE
7	NEW ZEALAND	USA2
8	EGYPT	JAPAN
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	HUNGARY

Team Profiles

We would like to publish team profiles in the Daily Bulletin of all 18 teams at this Championship. This is not only of interest to others present in Sydney or reading the bulletins on the internet, but is valuable material for bridge journalists around the world. Ideally, we would like to receive the profiles in electronic form, however, handwritten is OK, but only if your handwriting is more legible than mine.

Thank you

SPORTS NEWS



Rugby Union

South Africa defeated New Zealand 22-16 in yesterday's Tri-Nations match. The next match in the series is between Australia and New Zealand on Saturday August 13th, right here at the Sydney Olympic Park.



American Football

The Atlanta Falcons defeated the Indianapolis Colts by 27-21 in an NFL Exhibition game in Tokyo, part of the warm-up for the forthcoming domestic season.

Speedway

Poland won its first ever World Speedway Cup title in Wroclaw. Poland was very dominant, as the scores show: Poland 62, Sweden 34, Denmark 31, Great Britain 27.



Athletics World Championships Helsinki

Men's 20 Km Walk:

- 1 Jefferson Perez (Ecuador)
- 2 Francisco Javier Fernandez (Spain)
- 3 Juan Manuel Molina (Spain)

Women's 10,000 Metres:

- 1 Tirunesh Dibaba
 - 2 Berhane Adere
 - 3 Ejugayehu Dibaba
- All three medallists represented Ethiopia, the gold and bronze winners being sisters.

Men's Shot Put:

- 1 Adam Nelson (USA)
- 2 Rutger Smith (Netherlands)
- 3 Ralf Bartels (Germany)

Additional Staff

There have been a number of additions to the staff working at this Championship since the official program was published. These are:

- Appeals Committee Member — Stefan Back
- Daily Bulletin Co-Editor — Ron Klingner
- Daily Bulletin Layout Editor — George Georgopoulos
- Daily Bulletin Internet Editor — Fotis Skoularikis

Best of the Europeans

The European Youth Championships, deciding the qualifiers for next year's World Youth Championships, were held just a couple of weeks ago in the superb Italian coastal resort town of Riccione. As we have not, of course, played any bridge yet in this championship in Sydney, we thought that perhaps you might like to take a look at a little of the best of the action in today's bulletin.

Operation Successful — Both Patients Died

By Barry Rigal

Eldad Ginossar of Israel was full of praise for Thomas Bessis's attempts to make consecutive game contracts on two deals from the Round 10 Juniors match between Israel and France.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Ginossar	Bessis	Reshef
		Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Ophir Reshef, having shown a limited two-suiter with his 2♥ opening bid, led the jack of clubs against 3NT, zero or two higher. Bessis won the ♣K and cashed the ace and king of diamonds, getting the bad news. Now he tried the effect of exiting with the ten of clubs to South's queen!

Had Reshef taken all his club winners, North would have been squeezed in spades and diamonds, but Reshef could see the danger and carefully cashed only three clubs, North pitching an encouraging heart. Reshef switched to a low heart, dropping declarer's bare ace, and Bessis cashed two top spades, hoping to drop an honour from South so that North could be endplayed with the fourth diamond to lead into the ♠Q9. When that too failed, he had to go one down. But very well played and also well defended.

Incidentally, had South actually held a doubleton spade honour, he would have had to cash one less club before finding the heart play. Now North will still have a second heart with which to get off lead should declarer try for the endplay and South will win a heart and his remaining club tricks.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Ginossar	Bessis	Reshef
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
Rdbl	INT	Dble	Dble
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass



Thomas Bessis, France

Two No Trump would have made, but Gaviard tried to play the known five-three spade fit and Bessis raised himself to game.

Reshef, suspecting that his partner was probably 4-1-4-4 from the auction, cashed the ace of hearts then shifted to a club, ducked to the queen. Back came a trump and Bessis, who did not know that North had four spades, hoped that he might be 4-2-3-4, and ran the spade switch to dummy's eight! Unlucky — Bessis had his entry to dummy but the five-one heart split was too much for him. Had hearts divided four-two, he could have ruffed a heart, drawn trumps, then used the ace of clubs as an entry to run the hearts.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Thomas Bessis was also the hero of this deal earlier in the match. After a strong and artificial 2♣ opening, Ginossar declared 4♥ on the lead of the two of diamonds. He won in hand and led a low. Bessis took the ♥Q and got out with a heart to declarer.

Ginossar drew another round of trumps then played the king of spades so Bessis took the ace and returned a spade. Ginossar ran his winners to come down to:

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

When the last heart was cashed, Bessis carefully threw the ace of clubs to avoid the endplay, so the contract was one down.

Belgian Brilliancy

Almost everyone went three down in 3NT on this deal from Round 8 of the Juniors and Girls series, but Steven de Donder of Belgium brought his contract home in the match against Czech Republic in the Juniors.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

At almost every table the auction was a simple 2NT — 3NT or something similar and East led a spade to the queen and king. Most declarers led out ace and another diamond, hoping that East would have to win the trick and would not be able to attack spades effectively. Of course, that did not work out so well for declarer and there was a string of —150s on the vugraph screen.

De Donder looked more deeply into the hand. He saw that East could, and surely should, unblock the king of diamonds from a doubleton and that, even if he did not do so, there would still be the possibility of his switching to a heart with good effect should West have the ace of that suit.

At trick two De Donder led the seven of hearts to dummy's king and continued with a low diamond to his jack. That lost to the king but East was powerless. If he defended passively then the ♦Q would fall under the ace and declarer would have all the tricks he required to bring home his contract, so East played ace and another spade, more in hope than expectation. That gave De Donder two overtricks for a great +460 and 12 IMPs to Belgium. Note that the even club break means that it is no use for East to win the heart at trick two. If he does so then clears the spades declarer has two tricks in each major, one diamond and four clubs — nine in all.

Nicely played.

Dutch Stepping Stone

Netherlands defeated Poland 22-8 in Round 6 of the Girls Championship, with this well-played hand from Meike Wor-



tel contributing significantly to the margin of victory.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 5 ♥ K 5 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A Q 10 4 3 2</p>			
♠ J 7 4 3 2 ♥ A J 9 2 ♦ K Q 8 7 ♣ —	<p>N W E S</p>	♠ A ♥ 8 3 ♦ 10 5 3 2 ♣ J 9 8 7 6 5	
	♠ K 10 8 6 ♥ Q 10 7 6 4 ♦ A J 6 ♣ K		
West	North	East	South
	<i>Michielsen</i>		<i>Wortel</i>
1♠	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	2NT
		All Pass	

The Polish West led the king of diamonds and collected a discouraging five from her partner. West saw no attractive switch so continued with the queen of diamonds anyway, won by Wortel's ace. She cashed the king of clubs then did very well to run the eight of spades to East's bare ace. East erred by returning the ♦10 to declarer's jack and Wortel led a spade to the nine then cashed dummy's two club winners. The second of those clubs forced West to come down to two hearts if she wanted to keep her diamond winner but that was not good enough in this ending.

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

Now Wortel could cash the queen of spades and play the ♥K. West could duck to prevent an entry to declarer's hand but a second heart now forced her to win and, after cashing the diamond winner, West was obliged to return a spade for declarer in the last trick with her king; nine tricks.

Note that, had East retained the ♦10, playing back the ♦3 when she won the spade, West could have put her in with it to cash a club at the end for down one. Still, a nice stepping stone squeeze for Meike Wortel and the Dutch Girls, on their way to winning the second European Girls Teams Championship.

Strip and Endplay

Turkey had two good wins in the Junior series on Friday, including one over Poland. This nice endplay by Huseyin Gurcan Bakan contributed to the Turkish success.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ J 8 7 5 3 ♦ Q 9 8 7 3 ♣ Q 4</p>			
♠ A J 10 9 5 4 2 ♥ 6 4 ♦ 10 ♣ 10 9 8	<p>N W E S</p>	♠ Q 8 ♥ K 2 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ A 7 6 3 2	
	♠ K 7 3 ♥ A Q 10 9 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ K J 5		
West	North	East	South
<i>Anter</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Bakan</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

For Poland, Konrad Araskiewicz made the normal lead of a low spade into the 15-17 no trump on his right and Bakan ran this to his queen then repeated the spade finesse and cashed the ♠A. Next he passed the ♣10 to South's jack and Araskiewicz was in difficulties. He solved his problem by exiting with the king of diamonds to declarer's king but the reprieve was only temporary. Bakan won the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond then led the ♣9 to queen and ace. Next came the key play, a second diamond ruff. When Bakan now played the third club to Araskiewicz's king, South had only hearts left and had to lead up to declarer's king to give the contract. Very nicely played.



Krzysztof Buras, Poland