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# WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

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# 太仓欢迎您！

# Welcome to Taicang



Welcome to Taicang, a city of some 600,000 people (a small town, a local assured me) that has an unusual claim to fame.

It has more bridge players per capita than any other city in the world. Approximately one quarter of the population can play.

Taicang also nearly became famous in another field. Some 600 years ago, Zheng He led seven marine expeditions to Asia and the Middle East from Taicang.

The first in 1405 consisted of 27,800 men and a fleet of 62 treasure ships supported by approximately 190 smaller ships. The treasure ships used by Zheng He and his deputies were nine-masted, about 127 metres (416 feet) long and 52 metres

(170 feet) wide (approximately the size of a soccer field). Then there were a variety of other ships for troops, horses, supplies and water.

If only Zheng He had sailed east instead of west, perhaps the world would now be speaking Chinese, not English.

Zheng He died during the last expedition in 1433 and was buried at sea.

Now we all set out on an expedition, the players to try to win a world title, the organisers and staff to make sure that everything runs smoothly, and the bulletin staff to supply information and details of interesting deals, not just here but to players around the world, hopefully without too many typing mistakes!

# Welcome Message from the President of the World Bridge Federation

Mr. Mayor, Authorities, distinguish guests, dear colleagues, dear friends, dear young players.

Welcome to Taicang to participate and enjoy together the 14th World Youth Bridge Championships.

In China, thanks to the great and generous support of the Authorities and the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, we have had the opportunity to organise twice the World Teams Championships (Beijing 1995 and Shanghai 2007) and once the World Bridge Games, incorporated in the International Mind Sports Games (Beijing 2008). Now for the first time we have the honour to organise the World Youth Teams Championship. With teams representing some 28 Federations, this will be a marvellous and special event with hundreds of young players involved.

I want to thank the City of Taicang and its Mayor, Mr. Wang Jianfeng, and the CCBA and its President, Mr. Xiang Huaicheng, who honours me with his friendship, for this great opportunity that has been given to us. And I am not forgetting my dear friends and colleagues Chen Zelan and Fan Guangsheng for their invaluable support.

I am sure that this will be a great event thanks to the Local Organising Committee, its President, Liu Siming, and all of its members, who have worked with such commitment, passion, professionalism and enthusiasm towards its success. To them go our most sincere thanks: without their generosity it would be impossible for us not only to organise this event, but also to be able to think of organising it.

Finally, I want to remark on the excellent job done once again by the WBF Youth Committee chaired by my brother friend Ata Aydin, who deserves the merit for the materialisation of this event.

I am sure that Taicang will live up to its reputa-

tion, tradition, history and culture for offering a great welcome to all of you dear friends, young players, officers, journalists and guests.

Together with my colleagues from the World Bridge Federation, I am confident in being able to count on both the dedication and professionalism of our staff, and on the cooperation of all of you. I always repeat that bridge is more than fair play, because it is a way of thinking and not just a way of being, and I am sure that, once again, this event will increase my conviction.

I am sure that this appointment renews a great tradition of friendship, solidarity, aggregation, without discrimination and barriers, exalting the true values of Sport in general, and Bridge in particular. Our motto 'Bridge for Peace', which is our flag, has to continue to fly higher and still higher.

As President of the WBF, knowing the past and being aware of the present, my mind goes to the future, and the future means you, the youth. Following the teaching from my predecessors and "Magistri" Jimmy Ortiz-Patiño and José Damiani, I will never be tired of repeating that without youth there is no future for us.

And today we are particularly happy because you are here to play once again in a friendly, sporting atmosphere a very agreeable bridge competition. This event will not be only a lucky viaticum for our future Championships, but also a strong sign that our future will be prosperous.

Thank you dear friends for your attention and enjoy all together the Championship and your stay in Taicang.

I declare officially open the 14th World Youth Bridge Teams Championship.

Un abbraccio to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona  
WBF President

# Welcome Message from the President of the WBF Youth Committee

Mr. Gianarrigo Rona, President of the World Bridge Federation, distinguished guests, dear young players.

I am pleased and honored to welcome you all to the 14th World Youth Teams Championship here at Taicang, the City of Bridge.

This year we have a record participation, a total of 48 national teams representing 28 countries and regions in three categories. There is no doubt that the future of our sport depends primarily on youth bridge. Hence, it is a big reward in itself to observe here that all Zones are well represented in this Championship in each category.

This prestigious event will not only give you the opportunity to build your experience while competing for world titles, but will also provide an excellent opportunity to establish new friendships and renew existing relationships.

It is also a pleasure to experience once more the traditional hospitality of our host country, China, a country with a rich history, a deeply established culture and above all one of the greatest supporters of youth bridge in the world.

I wish all of you the best of success in the championships and a very enjoyable stay in Taicang.

Ata Aydin

## Message from the Executive President of the Organizing Committee

Honorable WBF president, Mr. Rona, distinguished guests, dear players, ladies and gentlemen:  
Good evening.

The long-anticipated 14th World Youth Bridge Teams Championship will start this evening. On behalf of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, I would like to offer my warmest welcome to all players and coaches from all over the world, and all guests here. Taking this opportunity, I would also like to express my gratitude to Taicang Municipal Government, Taicang Sports Bureau and other related organizations and persons for their long support of this event.

Bridge is a charming mind sport, attracting numerous enthusiasts regardless of age and national boundaries. I am very delighted to see so many players getting together here to compete, communicate and make friends with each other. There are a total of 340 players from 27 countries and regions of the world participating in this event, who are the real future stars and the best hope of Bridge. I hope that all of you can enjoy the charm of Bridge, practise good sportsmanship, follow the peaceful and harmonious idea, and build the bridge of friendship among the youth all over the world.

We firmly believe the 14th World Youth Bridge Teams Championship will definitely promote the development of Bridge in China and even the whole world. Taicang is a land of abundance, with its fast economic development, profound cultural heritage and beautiful landscape. I sincerely hope that everyone will enjoy playing bridge here as well as enjoy the charm, the local customs and practices of Taicang.

Finally, I wish everyone good luck and wish the 14th World Youth Bridge Teams Championship a big success.

Fan Guangsheng





# The Draw

## Thursday 26 July

### Juniors Round 1

1	ARGENTINA	EGYPT
2	PAKISTAN	CHINA
3	SINGAPORE	BULGARIA
4	BRAZIL	CANADA
5	CHINA H K	USA2
6	USA1	FRANCE
7	JAPAN	COSTA RICA
8	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA
9	ISRAEL	ITALY
10	DENMARK	INDIA

### Juniors Round 2

1	CHINA	ARGENTINA
2	BULGARIA	PAKISTAN
3	CANADA	SINGAPORE
4	USA2	BRAZIL
5	FRANCE	CHINA H K
6	COSTA RICA	USA1
7	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN
8	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
9	INDIA	ISRAEL
10	EGYPT	DENMARK

### Juniors Round 3

1	ARGENTINA	BULGARIA
2	PAKISTAN	CANADA
3	SINGAPORE	USA2
4	BRAZIL	FRANCE
5	CHINA H K	COSTA RICA
6	USA1	AUSTRALIA
7	JAPAN	ITALY
8	NETHERLANDS	INDIA
9	ISRAEL	DENMARK
10	CHINA	EGYPT

### Girls Round 1

1	ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI
2	POLAND	FRANCE
3	CHINA	NETHERLANDS
4	OCEANIA	INDONESIA
5	SWEDEN	USA

### Youngsters Round 1

1	ARGENTINA	POLAND
2	FRANCE	JAPAN
3	ENGLAND	CANADA
4	CHINA	ITALY
5	ISRAEL	LATVIA
6	SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA
7	SINGAPORE	USA1
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA2
9	NORWAY	Bye

### Youngsters Round 2

1	JAPAN	ARGENTINA
2	CANADA	FRANCE
3	ITALY	ENGLAND
4	LATVIA	CHINA
5	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL
6	USA1	SWEDEN
7	USA2	SINGAPORE
8	NORWAY	CHINESE TAIPEI
9	POLAND	Bye

### Youngsters Round 3

1	ARGENTINA	CANADA
2	FRANCE	ITALY
3	ENGLAND	LATVIA
4	CHINA	AUSTRALIA
5	ISRAEL	USA1
6	SWEDEN	USA2
7	SINGAPORE	CHINESE TAIPEI
8	POLAND	NORWAY
9	JAPAN	Bye

### Girls Round 2

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	SWEDEN
2	FRANCE	ITALY
3	NETHERLANDS	POLAND
4	INDONESIA	CHINA
5	USA	OCEANIA

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1	CHINESE TAIPEI	POLAND
2	FRANCE	CHINA
3	NETHERLANDS	OCEANIA
4	INDONESIA	USA
5	ITALY	SWEDEN

# The World Universities Championship

The most recent junior championship ended in Reims, France, on July 15, the sixth World Universities Championship. Poland won their third World University Championship.

The award for the best-played deal was shared by Jovana Marinkovic from Serbia and Sam Bahbout from Belgium.

This was the deal:

Dlr: West      ♠ K 7  
 Vul: N-S      ♥ K J 3 2  
                   ♦ K 10  
                   ♣ K J 8 7 6

♠ 5 2 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ A 9 8 6 5 4 2 ♣ 9	♠ A J 8 4 ♥ 10 9 8 4 ♦ Q 7 ♣ 5 4 3
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♠ Q 10 9 6 3 ♥ A 5 ♦ J 3 ♣ A Q 10 2	
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West	North	East	South
Macura	Jelic	Kopecky	Marinkovic
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Filip Jelic (North) no doubt wanted to bid on the first round of the auction, but had nothing comfortable to do, being too short in spades for a take-out double. Then he had an awkward bid on the second round, but four spades would surely be the majority choice.

Milan Macura (West) from the Czech Republic, led his singleton club.

Declarer won with dummy's king and unblocked her ten. She then called for the seven of spades,

planning to insert her ten. But Michal Kopecky (East) shot in with his ace to return a club for his partner to ruff. West cashed his ace of diamonds and played another diamond.

South cashed dummy's king of spades, seeing West discard a diamond. East still had the jack and eight of spades, and declarer needed the rest of the tricks. But she knew that West had started with 2=3=7=1 distribution and East 4=4=2=3.

South played a heart to her ace, followed by a heart to dummy's jack. When that held, she discarded her queen of clubs on the king of hearts and ruffed the last heart in her hand to give this position:

	♠ —	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ J 8 7	
♠ —		♠ J 8
♥ —		♥ —
♦ 9 8 6		♦ —
♣ —		♣ 4
	♠ Q 10	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ 2	

Now South led the two of clubs to the dummy and continued with another club to execute a trump coup.

Sam Bahbout followed the same basic plan, except that he won the first trick with his ace and, later, played the ace of hearts, a heart to the king, and ruffed a heart to bring down West's queen.