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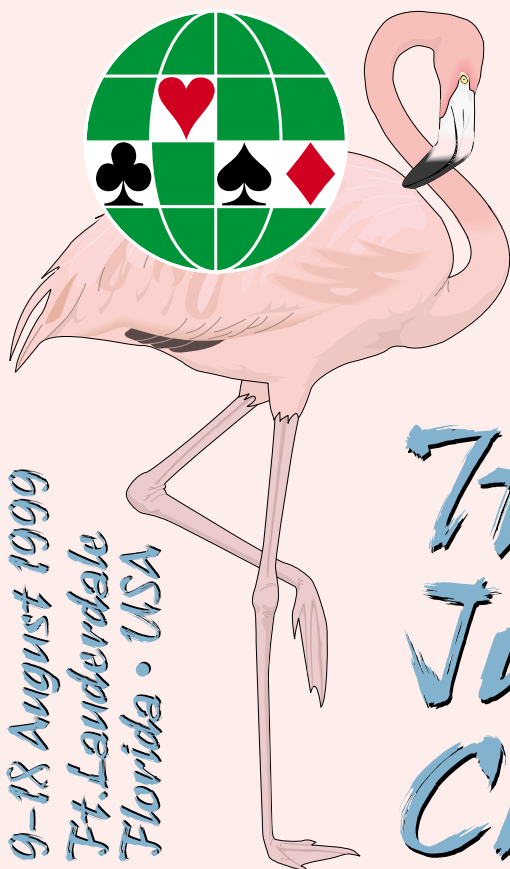
TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST 1999

Today's Program

Round-Robin (session 2)	10.30-13.20
Round-Robin (session 3)	15.00-17.50
Round-Robin (session 4)	21.00-23.50

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USA 2 starts with a blitz

In the battle of the Americans, **USA 2** shot to the top of the standings by blitzing **USA 1**, 25-4, in the opening match of the 15-match round-robin. **Australia** and **Italy** are tied for second with 23 Victory Points. **Australia** defeated **Chinese Taipei** and **Italy** overcame **CAC**. **Argentina** was next with 22 VPs.

Message of welcome



Welcome to Fort Lauderdale. I'm very happy to welcome 16 teams representing the entire globe to this seventh edition of the World Junior Team Championship.

This is the most prestigious Junior event worldwide. In many parts of the world, hundreds, if not thousands, of Juniors compete in order to earn the right to represent their country and their zone in this event. Congratulations! Every one of you has succeeded in this goal, and I wish

you the best of luck in this competition.

The ACBL and the local bridge organizations have done their utmost to ensure that conditions here will be as good as possible and certainly up to the standard that would be expected for such a distinguished tournament. I am certain that you will take full advantage of what has been prepared for you and that you will play this championship with the highest possible standard of ethics in accordance with the longstanding tradition of Junior bridge.

Enjoy your game and have a great time in Fort Lauderdale.

Panos Gerontopoulos

WBF Youth Committee Chairman



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Canada 2 - Hong Kong	10.30
Denmark - Italy	15.00
Norway - Brazil	21.00

7th World Junior Teams Championship

Opening Ceremony

"Junior bridge goes from strength to strength," said **Panos Gerontopoulos** of Greece, *WBF Youth Committee chairman*, as he addressed all the competitors and guests at last night's opening ceremony of the Seventh Junior World Team Championships.

Ernesto d'Orsi of Brazil, *former WBF president*, officially opened the Games as the World Bridge Federation flag was unfurled.

All 16 teams were introduced. They were led to the stage by two of the tournament directors, **Guillermo Poplawsky** and **Rick Beye**, who acted as flag bearers. After the players reached the stage, they stood at attention as their national anthem was played.

Gerontopoulos told of the unusual circumstances that prevented the 17th team, Pakistan, from participating. The American Embassy refused to grant visas to two members of the four-man team despite pleas from senators, congressmen and governors. The ACBL also made strong efforts to have the decision reversed. The players were granted a second hearing, but they were refused again. The reason given was that they did not show sufficient economic and social ties to their country.

Central America's team also lost its Venezuelan representative for the same reason.

"This situation is a problem for Junior bridge," said Gerontopoulos. "It's something we will have to solve in the future."

He pointed out that all seven zones are represented - 16 teams from 14 countries. He also pointed out that many important officials from around the world either are here or will be here. **Jaime Ortiz-Patino**, *former WBF president*, will arrive next Monday and will be on hand to present the Jaime Ortiz-Patino Trophy to the winners. ACBL President Val Covalciuc also will be here later in the week. **Gianarrigo Rona**, *president of the European Bridge League*, arrived as the anthem for his team was being played.

Gerontopoulos also expressed the best wishes of WBF President Jose Damiani.

Jonathan Steinberg of Toronto, *ACBL Board of Directors member* from District 2 and non-playing captain of Canada 1, conveyed the greetings of the American Contract Bridge League on behalf of ACBL President Covalciuc and the Board of Directors.

"You represent the top players of the youth of your national contract bridge organizations," said Steinberg, "and we are pleased that you are participating in this, the Seventh World Junior Bridge Team Championships. We hope that the 10 days you spend here in beautiful Fort Lauderdale will be some of the most memorable in your bridge careers.

"Floridians are famous for their gracious hospitality, and this bridge championship is no exception. Your hosts have planned some really special excursions for you - a trip to the Everglades National Forest, a visit to Saw Grass Mills, which offers one of this area's premier shopping experiences, and an evening cruise to view the intercoastal mansions owned by famous people from all walks of life."

Bobby Wolff of the United States, a *former president of both the WBF and the ACBL*, pointed out that he has been to four World Junior Team Championships, each time in a different capacity. "I have been a captain, a coach, the president, and head of appeals. When am I going to get a chance to play?"

Wolff pointed to these championships as a chance to put bridge on the map. "Our Juniors are the stars of tomorrow, and now we have Olympic recognition as well. We're on our way!"

Joan Gerard of the United States, *vice president of the WBF and a former ACBL president*, was mistress of ceremonies. "Everybody here is a winner," she said. "That's why you're here."

Sixteen teams consisting of more than 100 of the world's best young bridge players - all 26 or younger - then opened the competition for the World Junior Team championship.



RESULTS

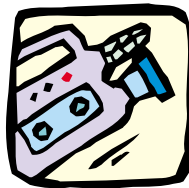


ROUND ROBIN SESSION I

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	USA 1 USA 2	13 72	4 25
2	ISRAEL NORWAY	61 46	18 12
3	CANADA 1 CANADA 2	29 26	16 14
4	ARGENTINA BRAZIL	59 27	22 8
5	CAC ITALY	16 67	5 23
6	EGYPT DENMARK	30 51	11 19
7	CHINA HONG KONG	50 37	18 12
8	CHN TAIPEI AUSTRALIA	19 56	7 23

RANKING AFTER SESSION I

Country	VP's
1 USA 2	25
2 AUSTRALIA	23
ITALY	23
4 ARGENTINA	22
5 DENMARK	19
6 CHINA	18
ISRAEL	18
8 CANADA 1	16
9 CANADA 2	14
10 HONG KONG	12
NORWAY	12
12 EGYPT	11
13 BRAZIL	8
14 CHINESE TAIPEI	7
15 CAC	5
16 USA 1	4



Special rules for vugraph teams

Special rules covering the starting times for teams playing in vugraph matches have been established. Play in the Closed Room will start 10 minutes prior to the usual starting time, and play in the Open Room will begin 10 minutes after the usual starting time. This means that results will be available from the Closed Room by the time play starts in the Open Room.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

1	USA 1	ITALY
2	BRAZIL	DENMARK
3	CANADA 2	HONG KONG
4	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA
5	USA 2	CHINESE TAIPEI
6	ISRAEL	CHINA
7	CANADA 1	EGYPT
8	ARGENTINA	CAC

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

1	ARGENTINA	USA 1
2	CAC	CANADA 1
3	EGYPT	ISRAEL
4	CHINA	USA 2
5	CHN TAIPEI	NORWAY
6	AUSTRALIA	CANADA 2
7	HONG KONG	BRAZIL
8	DENMARK	ITALY

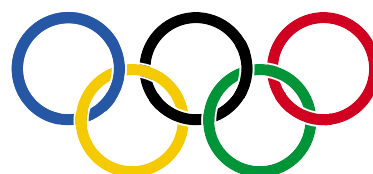
ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4

1	USA 1	CANADA 2
2	NORWAY	BRAZIL
3	USA 2	ITALY
4	ISRAEL	DENMARK
5	CANADA 1	HONG KONG
6	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA
7	CAC	CHN TAIPEI
8	EGYPT	CHINA

TOMORROW'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

1	USA 1	CHN TAIPEI
2	AUSTRALIA	CHINA
3	HONG KONG	EGYPT
4	DENMARK	CAC
5	ITALY	ARGENTINA
6	BRAZIL	CANADA 1
7	CANADA 2	ISRAEL
8	NORWAY	USA 2



IOC recognizes Bridge as a sport

It's official! Bridge is a sport! That's the word from the International Olympic Committee.

On June 20 **José Damiani**, *president of the World Bridge Federation*, received an official letter from the IOC while he was playing in the European Senior Teams in Malta. This letter stated unequivocally that the WBF has been accepted as a Recognized International Federation.

This made official what **Juan Antonio Samaranch**, *IOC president*, said on Sept. 7, 1998, at the opening of the First IOC Grand Prix for Bridge at IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland: "Bridge is a sport and as such your place is here like other sports."

What does this recognition mean? It means that bridge is now on the same level as golf, rugby, squash, karate and polo – all sports that have been recognized but not yet admitted into the Olympic Games. Bridge can now be part of international associations and will be part of the Olympic Congress. The WBF logo and flag already are being included in IOC publications and displays.

"It is very important to have the confirmation that an intellectual game like bridge (or chess) can be considered a sport," said Damiani. "This gives us some hope of becoming an Olympic discipline."

What happens now? "Our only chance is to participate in the Winter Games because the Summer Games are totally full," said Damiani. "As you have seen, golf, for example, is not in the Olympic Games. However, we must obtain a modification in the Olympic Charter where it states that sports which are practiced on snow or ice are considered as winter sports. This change will have to be made before bridge can be accepted as an Olympic winter sport."

Damiani pointed out that the WBF must accept IOC conditions to comply with their requests concerning doping and the court of arbitration. "We are to stage a good event – the IOC Grand Prix – every year prior to 2002, at which time we hope to be on demonstration in Salt Lake City."

The first Bridge Grand Prix took place last September in Lausanne. Six top-ranked teams from around the world competed, with Brazil and China tying for the championship. The United States finished third. Another such event will take place in Lausanne in September, with a field of six teams set to compete.

A second event will enhance the Grand Prix. There will be a special competition between four American pairs of women and four European pairs of women.

Damiani told an interesting story about his recent arrival in Trinidad for the Central America-Caribbean Bridge Championship. "I had to fill out an entry form and I ticked the box Conventions as the reason for my trip. When I turned the form into the Customs officials, they asked me to be more precise about what convention I was attending? When I told them the CAC Bridge Convention, they told me I would have to tick the sport box. Clearly bridge is a sport!"



I have a dream

by Grand Danois

We have been juniors all of us - and most of you still are. Appreciate this while you can - soon, it will be too late.

We have been experts all of us - and most of us still are. At least in our own opinion. In fact there are only two kinds of bridge players, namely the lucky experts and the unlucky experts!

A long life with bridge has taught me to consider myself belonging to the group of unlucky experts. Let me give you a couple of brand new examples from OKbridge:

1. West / None

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3NT by West. North leads the ♠10 to South's ♠Q. Your move, junior?

2. West / All

<p>♠ A 6 ♥ A J 10 9 8 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ J 6 3</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>♠ K Q 9 2 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ K 9 5 2 ♣ Q 4</p>
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4♥ by West. North leads the ♣A and shifts to the ♠J. This one looks easy. Two club tricks to N-S so you need the double finesse in hearts to work. You take the ♠K and play a low heart to the ♥J. Low heart from both opponents. Your move, junior?

(answers on page 6)

The tournament plan

The **World Junior Team Championship** consists of a qualifying stage, semifinals, a final and a playoff for third place.

The **qualifier** is a round-robin where each of the 16 teams will meet all other competing teams in 20-board matches.

The four top teams will advance to the 64-board **semifinals**. The two semifinal winners will play in the 96-board **final** from which the new World Junior Champions will emerge. The losers will participate in a 64-board **playoff** to determine third place.

A special **Swiss Pairs** tournament will be arranged for those failing to qualify. Any other Junior player may also participate in this event. No nationality restrictions will be imposed on the composition of the competing pairs.

The qualifying stage will continue until Sunday 15 August, with free times for sightseeing, etc.

The semifinals will be played on Monday 16 August, the day the Swiss Pairs begin. The final will start on Tuesday, together with the playoff for third place. The Swiss Pairs and the playoff will be concluded on this day, while the final will continue until Wednesday afternoon.

The Championship will end with the **Victory Banquet** on the evening of Wednesday 18 August 1999.

Participating Teams

Zone 1

ITALY – Bernardo Biondo, Mario D'Avossa, Furio di Bello, Stelio di Bello, Riccardo Intonti, Andrea Mallardi, with G. Rinaldi as npc.

DENMARK – Gregers Bjarnarson, Anders Hagen, Kasper Konow, Mik Kristensen, Morten Madsen, Mikkel Nohr, with Kirsten Moller as npc and R. Hemberg as coach.

ISRAEL – Asaf Amit, Amir Levin, Asa Levinger, Inon Liran, Eran Sacham, Yaniv Zack, with M. Barel as npc and Micha Amit as coach.

NORWAY – Boye Brogeland, Thomas Charlsen, Gunnar Harr, C. Kristoffersen, N.K. Kvangraven, Oyvind Saur, with S. Bjertnes.

Zone 2

UNITED STATES 1 – Kevin Bathurst, Alan Epley, John Hurd, Michael Kitces, Lisa Kow, Brian Meyer, with Jade Barrett as npc and Anne Hoffman as coach.

UNITED STATES 2 – Chris Carmichael, Tom Carmichael, Eric Greco, Chris Willenken, David Wiegand, Joel Wooldridge, with Bob Rosen as npc and Bobby Wolff as coach.

CANADA 1 – David Brower, David Grainger, David Halasi, Michael Nadler, Darren Wolpert, Ben Zeidenberg, with Jonathan Steinberg as npc.

CANADA 2 – Erin Anderson, Craig Barkhouse, Ian Boyd, Josh Heller, Colin Lee, Gavin Wolpert, with Eric Sutherland as npc.

Zone 3

ARGENTINA – Luis Argerich, Augustin Madala, Estaban Pugliese, Pablo Ravena, Luciano Remondi, Federico Romanin.

BRAZIL – Paolo Barros, Jose Barros, Diego Brenner, Laila Brenner, Pedro Ceglia, Bruno Pascheco, with Miguel Villas-Boax as npc.

Zone 4

EGYPT – Mohamed Samir, Amir Eldessouky, Mohamed Hishmat, Abdel-Salam, H. Abdel-Hamid, M. Shams El Din, with A. El Shafei and K. Elbeltagy as officials.

Zone 5

CENTRAL AMERICA – Juan Castillo, Juanita Ochoa, A. de Tessieres, G. de Tessieres, T. de Tessieres.

Zone 6

CHINA – Yinglei Chen, Jian Hou, Yi Ma, Chen Shen, Hoomin Xu, Yu Wei, with D. Zhang as npc and Z. Zhang as an official.

CHINESE TAIPEI – Wayne Cheo, Jay Wong, Eric Wu, Jim Wu, Tony Yang, with Rong-Yung King as npc and Emma Lee as an official.

HONG KONG – Lik Cheung, Wing K. Hon, Wai Kit Lai, Chi Keung, Poon, Chi Kwong Wong, Ngai Yau, with S.W. Chui as npc and Laurence Lo as coach.

Zone 7

AUSTRALIA – Paul Brayshaw, Nicholas Croft, Greg Dupont, Leigh Gold, Kylie Robb, Luke Matthews.

The experts who make the tournament work

Tournament professionals from around the world are here to make this tournament the best yet. These are the folks who make tournaments like this work.

Panos Gerontopoulos of Greece. This man has been the mainstay of Junior bridge first at the European level and now at the world level. There is no doubt that he has been the single most important element in the Junior bridge program. He has been the inspiration that fostered and then nourished Junior bridge at the world level.

Jaime Ortiz-Patino, now of Spain, formerly of Switzerland. This former WBF president who is now the President Emeritus has taken a major interest in Junior bridge since its inception. He rarely passes up the opportunity to attend these championships, and he will be here next week to present the Jaime Ortiz-Patino Trophy to the winners.

Bobby Wolff of the United States. This former WBF and ACBL president is and has been very active in Junior bridge. Here he is the coach of the USA 2 team, and he has served as non-playing captain, coach and adviser to teams over the years.

Ernesto d'Orsi of Brazil. The Junior bridge movement in South America has been nourished by this former WBF president. He is here to serve on the Appeals Committee.

Joan Gerard of the United States. A vice president of the WBF and a former president of the American Contract League, she has been active in advancing Junior bridge. She is the chairman of the Appeals Committee here and has been active in appeals procedures in both the WBF and the ACBL for many years.

George Retek of Canada. As WBF treasurer, he will ensure that all necessary means will be available for Junior bridge.

Gianarrigo Rona of Italy. The new president of the European Bridge League helped advance the cause of Junior bridge in Italy during his terms as president of the Italian Bridge Federation.

Steen Møller of Denmark. A world-class player with an excellent background in appeals procedures, he is first vice chairman of the Appeals Committee here.

Barbara Nudelman of the United States. A former ACBL president and a former member of the WBF Executive Committee, she is a member of the Appeals Committee here.

Dimitri Ballas of Greece. The director of operations here, he has a solid background of tournament organization that goes back more than 10 years. He has been active the last 5 years in EBL and WBF organizing work.

Charlotte Blaiss of the United States. She has been working with Juniors and the Junior program ever since she joined the ACBL Education Department almost 10 years ago. She is the hospitality chairman here, but if history is any criterion, she will be valuable in other areas as well.

Gary Blaiss of the United States. The head of the bridge department at the ACBL, he is the chief director here. He also was chief director at the Sixth Junior Championships in Hamilton, Ontario, two years ago.

Antonio Riccardi of Italy. A regular at WBF tournaments, he is assistant chief director here.

Felicity Reid of Jamaica. As president of the Central America-Caribbean Zone, she is serving here in the hospitality area. She was chairman of the Bermuda Bowl championship in Jamaica in 1987.

Nissan Rand of Israel. Twice a world champion, he is actively engaged in work for both Juniors and Seniors at the world level. He rarely misses an opportunity to attend the Junior championships because of his strong interest in promoting the Junior game.

Jeff Johnston of the United States. This is the behind-the-scenes man who makes North American championship tournaments work for the ACBL. Now the WBF has discovered him, the man you ask if you want to make sure the job gets done.

Barry Rigal now of the United States, formerly of Great Britain. This man, with an encyclopedic knowledge of systems and conventions, will keep vugraph audiences completely up-to-date on what's happening in the Open and Closed vugraph rooms.

Eric Kokish of Canada. A fine player and one of the game's best writers, he also will supply expert commentary on vugraph. As a result of his work on WBF conventions and systems, he too will dazzle the vugraph audiences with his understanding and analysis of systems and play.

Henry Francis of the United States. President of the International Bridge Press Association, your Daily Bulletin editor has been doing this sort of work for the WBF since 1977 and for the ACBL since 1972. Once again he is being assisted by his wife Dorothy.

Father-daughter night

"I was playing for the first time ever with my 14-year-old daughter Lindsay in the Midnight Swiss at the ACBL Summer Championships in San Antonio," said Glenn Eisenstein, "and the first dummy I ever put down for her consisted of exactly one queen and a dozen deuces.

"It was a very special occasion – father and daughter night for our team. Our teammates were Bill Wickham and his daughter Rebecca, who is 21. My daughter is 14.

"Getting back to the hand, Lindsay opened a weak two-bid in spades with six to the ace-king-queen and out, with 2-3-2 distribution in the other suits. I had 3-3-2-5 and the only picture I had was the ♣Q. Lindsay was doubled by the player in the pas-sout seat. She took six trump tricks and got a seventh by ruffing a diamond in my hand." When the hand was over, Lindsay looked at her dad and asked, "Gee, Dad, was there any way I could have made it?"

Her father smiled and said, "Honey, you did great - probably a top on the board. They're cold for four hearts." Lindsay gained 10 IMPs on the board -- the Wickhams bid the heart game at the other table and made it with an overtrick.



I have a dream

by Grand Danois

(problems on page 4)

1. If South has the $\diamond K$ you have no problem, but if North has this card guarded and the $\clubsuit A$ is with South, you may be in deep trouble.

Well, without hesitation I played the $\spadesuit J$ in trick one! I had the dream that this was the full hand:

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W	S						
	\spadesuit Q 3 2 \heartsuit 10 8 2 \diamond 7 3 \clubsuit A Q 8 7 3						

In my dream South would believe that my spades were ace-jack doubleton. Therefore, he would continue with a low spade to my $\spadesuit A$, and after the $\diamond A$ and the $\diamond Q$ to North's king he would play a third spade. Voila - I would be nominated to the hall of fame!

I woke up and looked at the screen:

\spadesuit A K J 4 \heartsuit K Q 7 5 \diamond A Q 8 \clubsuit 10 4	\spadesuit 10 9 8 6 3 2 \heartsuit J 9 \diamond K 6 \clubsuit A 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	\spadesuit 7 5 \heartsuit A 6 4 \diamond J 10 9 5 4 2 \clubsuit K 6
N	E						
W	S						
	\spadesuit Q \heartsuit 10 8 3 2 \diamond 7 3 \clubsuit Q J 9 8 7 5						

At trick 2 South played a club to the $\clubsuit A$, got a club back and later a third club. Three off in a laydown contract. My partner: "What happened?"

2. Experts know their safety plays. Very fast I continued with the $\heartsuit 10$. I had a dream that I should guard against K-Q-x-x with South.

I woke up and looked at the screen:

\spadesuit A 6 \heartsuit A J 10 9 8 \diamond A 4 3 \clubsuit J 6 3	\spadesuit J 10 8 5 3 \heartsuit K 5 2 \diamond J 10 8 6 \clubsuit A	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	\spadesuit K Q 9 2 \heartsuit 7 6 4 \diamond K 9 5 2 \clubsuit Q 4
N	E						
W	S						
	\spadesuit 7 4 \heartsuit Q 3 \diamond Q 7 \clubsuit K 10 9 8 7 5 2						

When I played the $\heartsuit 10$ at trick 4, North (Pernille Jakobsen) ducked once more. This way South got an unexpected entry with the $\heartsuit Q$, and it didn't take him many seconds to cash the $\clubsuit K$ and give his partner a club ruff with the well preserved $\heartsuit K$. My partner: "What happened?"

Beware of your dreams, juniors.

Smoking and phone regulations

Smoking is 100% prohibited in the playing areas and the lavatories. The only place on the second floor where smoking is permitted is in the restaurant.

Mobile phones and pagers also are barred in the playing area.

University championship at 2000 Olympiad

The **World Team Olympiad**, which will take place in Maastricht, the Netherlands, in the fall of 2000, will be bigger and better than ever, according to **José Damiani**, *president of the World Bridge Federation*.

In addition to the usual Open and Women's team events, there will be a University World Championship, a completely new concept. This will be conducted under the auspices of the International University Sports Federation (FISU).

Notice that key word – SPORTS. The FISU is associated with the International Olympic Committee, the group that recently recognized bridge as a sport. The University competition is expected to draw teams from as many as 30 universities around the world.

A Senior Olympiad also will be held.

Round 1 **USA 1 vs USA 2**

The first six boards shown on vugraph last night were not the type to grip the audience. A few IMPs had changed hands as the two United States teams faced each other, but the vugraph kibitzers – and the commentators – were looking for an action hand. Board 7 was the answer.

Board 7. South dealer. Both vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyer</i>	<i>T. Carmichael</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♠ (!)	All Pass

This was the bidding when USA 1 held the East-West cards. Look at that East hand after partner opens with a strong notrump. Then the response to Stayman shows the 4-4 fit. After checking for aces and kings, John Hurd leaped to the grand, hoping that one of partner's kings was the ♠K. Brian Meyer was understandably disappointed when he saw the dummy. When he lost his first trump trick, he felt he was headed for a huge loss - surely USA 2 would bid the small slam at the other table. But when both trump honors were offside, he began to feel a little better – if USA 2 played in 6♠, they would go down and the swing would be only 3 IMPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Kitces</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The bidding caused considerable consternation among the vugraph commentators. Was 4♣ ace asking or a splinter bid? Was 4♥ showing one control or was it a cuebid? Did 5NT mean pick a slam, or was it the Grand Slam Force? The answers: 4♣ was ace-asking, 4♥ showed one control and 5NT was pick-a-slam. The slam went down one of course.

Strangely enough, the best contract is 6NT – it's unbeatable with 12 top tricks available.

Board 13 was a killer for USA 1, but it could have been a big gain.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both vul.

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The Closed Room auction was relatively simple.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyer</i>	<i>T. Carmichael</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North-South have a lot of high cards, but just about everything is lying wrong, so the contract was beaten one trick.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Kitces</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Bathurst</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♦	Pass	2NT
3♣	3♦	Dbl	All Pass

Eric Greco stuck his neck out a bit when he bid clubs a second time. No doubt Kevin Bathurst was licking his lips and ready to reach for that red card. Greco would lose three spades, a heart and some number of trump tricks for a heavy minus. But Michael Kitces decided to bid his diamonds one more time, and Chris Willenken was ready with his own red card.

Declarer ducked the opening spade lead, and Greco cashed the ♣A, allowing partner to shed his remaining spade. Greco led a spade for partner to ruff, and Willenken returned the ♥10 to dummy's king. Willenken ruffed the ♠A return and got out with the ♥9 to declarer's ace. At this point Kitces conceded down three – minus 800 and 12 IMPs to USA 2.

On the very next hand, Kitces raised partner (who had bid to 5♣ on his own in a competitive auction) to 6♣ and suffered the embarrassment of having the defense cash their two aces for another 10 IMPs. However, Kitces clearly had a hand that at least suggested such action – ace-queen-third of trumps plus an outside ace after partner opened 1♣ and then bid 5♣ over spade interference at the four-level.

The result was a 25-4 blitz for USA 2.



Austria won World Junior Pairs

Andreas Gloyer and Bernd Saurer have made Austria the first nation to win the World Junior Pairs more than once. In 1991 Seidel and Wodnianski took the title, and today Andreas and Bernd, who took to the front in this event two sessions ago, held on to an ever-narrowing lead.

Congratulations also to Julien Geitner and Felicien Daux, the silver medallists, and Biondo-Mazzadi who claimed the Bronze Medal.

Final Results of Juniors Pairs (first 80 pairs)

Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%	Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%
1	Gloyer	- Saurer	AUT	58.61	41	Filipowicz	- Koluda	POL	53.30
2	Daux	- Geitner	FRA	58.46	42	Henriksen	- Marquardsen	DEN	53.23
3	Biondo	- Mazzadi	ITA	58.37	43	Caplain	- Gleyze	FRA	53.04
4	Kucharski	- Lutostanski	POL	58.19	44	Di Bello	- Di Bello	ITA	52.99
5	Halldorsson	- Haraldsson	ICE	57.99	45	Balasy	- Hegedus	HUN	52.97
6	Nyström	- Strömberg	SWE	57.94	46	Van Dijk	- Keller	NTH	52.92
7	Heller	- Wooldridge	CAN/USA	57.66	47	Katz	- Varshavski	ISR	52.61
8	Czeczko	- Wittenbeck	POL	57.40	48	Bessis	- Courrias	FRA	52.54
9	Buras	- Kapala	POL	57.32	49	D'Avossa	- Mallardi	ITA	52.50
10	Konow	- Madsen	DEN	57.18	50	Greenberg	- Kitces	USA	52.49
11	Drijver	- De Wijs	NTH	56.60	51	Roland	- Thomsen	DEN	52.45
12	Burghout	- Hasper	NTH	56.59	52	Gustavsson	- Linder	SWE	52.44
13	Green	- Hazel	GBR	56.54	53	Ortmann-Nielsen	- Schaltz	DEN	52.23
14	Ginda	- Pilch	POL	56.53	54	Mortensen	- Tylvad	DEN	52.15
15	Coldea	- Rótaru	ROM	56.49	55	Bergson	- Cockburn	GBR	52.11
16	Clarson	- McCormac	IRE	56.17	56	Galek	- Konieczny	POL	51.97
17	Hoffman	- Lalouche	ISR	56.06	57	De Groot	- De Groot	NTH	51.79
18	Piasecki	- Piontke	POL	56.00	58	Madry	- Strzemecki	POL	51.75
19	Tessières	- Tessières	MTQ	55.75	59	Karamanlis	- Karamanlis	GRE	51.75
20	Ferrando	- Rômbaut	FRA	55.72	60	De Roos	- De Roos	BEL	51.73
21	Balschun	- Linde	GER	55.62	61	Arason	- Jonsson	ICE	51.64
22	Marciniak	- Skalski	POL	55.56	62	Bruggeman	- Hoekstra	NTH	51.57
23	Albertsson	- Cohen	SWE/GBR	55.54	63	Brede	- Rejniak	POL	51.47
24	Cullin	- Jansson	SWE	55.45	64	Fung	- Greig	GBR	51.47
25	Lagàs	- Schollaardt	NTH	55.29	65	Frey	- Kümmel	FRA/AUT	51.44
26	Berg	- Berg	SWE	55.20	66	Iavicoli	- Uccello	ITA	51.40
27	Askgaard	- Bjarnarson	DEN	54.90	67	Jonsson	- Tryggvason	ICE	51.32
28	Eliazohn	- Wiklund	SWE	54.73	68	Maripuu	- Tihane	EST	51.31
29	Kotorowicz	- Kotorowicz	POL	54.63	69	Staszczuk	- Wojeczko	POL	51.28
30	Lindermann	- Schifco	AUT	54.37	70	Callea	- Guariglia	ITA	51.22
31	Lo Presti	- Magrini	ITA	54.13	71	Roll	- Schnieder	ISR	51.16
32	Linerudt	- Sivelind	SWE	54.08	72	Wade	- Zivan	GBR	51.16
33	Grümm	- Kriftner	AUT	54.04	73	Andersson	- Sivelind	SWE	51.13
34	Fonteneau	- Willard	FRA	53.86	74	Przyjemski	- Zaremba	POL	51.13
35	Baranowski	- Rozkrut	POL	53.78	75	Arutiunianc	- Baczek	POL	51.09
36	Gunnarsson	- Olgeirsson	ICE	53.64	76	Baldi	- Torielli	ITA	51.08
37	Blachnio	- Szczepanski	POL	53.63	77	Ciborowski	- Szuminski	POL	51.01
38	Brink	- Vreeswijk	NTH	53.62	78	Erdogan	- Sermen	TUR	50.95
39	Dubinski	- Plat	ISR	53.57	79	Swiatec	- Witkowski	POL	50.93
40	Brink	- Groosman	NTH	53.38	80	Goded	- Ivanov	SPA	50.90