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Chinese Taipei Dominates The Go Teams Event



Gold: Chinese Taipei 1



Bronze: Singapore



Silver: Chinese Taipei 2

Today's Program

Bridge

Open, Women & Senior Teams:

- 10.30 hrs: Semifinals - S 4
- 14.00 hrs: Semifinals - S 5
- 17.00 hrs: Semifinals - S 6

World Transnational Mixed Teams:

- 10.30 hrs: Quarterfinals - S 1
- 14.00 hrs: Quarterfinals - S 2
- 17.00 hrs: Quarterfinals - S 3

Chess

Initiation

Go

Pair / Youth U21 - Tournament

- 10.00 hrs: Opening
- 10.30 hrs: Round 1
- 14.30 hrs: Round 2

Draughts

- 64:
- 10.00 hrs: Round 7
- 14.30 hrs: Round 8

Checkers:

- 10.00 hrs: Round 5
- 15.00 hrs: Round 6

WC - rapid

9.15 hrs: Players need to be present at the playing room

- 9.30 hrs: Round 1
- 10.30 hrs: Round 2
- 11.30 hrs: Round 3
- 12.30 hrs: Round 4
- 14.30 hrs: Round 5
- 15.30 hrs: Round 6
- 16.30 hrs: Round 7
- 17.30 hrs: Round 8

Awards ceremony not before 18.45

Meet A Performer: Irma Bejashvili

When your Editor was wandering high up in the Grand Palais, the other day, in the Espace Jeanne de Flandre on the 11th floor, his attention was drawn by the board of directors to one specific participant who not only played draughts and checkers, but also chess and the violin. The latter capacity only was already more than enough for me to try and find her for one of our daily interviews. When I finally addressed her, she graciously accepted and below you can read the result of all that.



The really multitasking participant in question is Irma Bejashvili. She was born on April 16, 1967 in Tbilisi, the capital of what was then the Soviet Republic of Georgia. After school, she went to the Georgian National Operetta Theatre School to become a professional artist. After graduating there, she took up a career as a singer and actress in comedy theatres and operettas. She became the prima ballerina in the theatre of Kutaisi, the parliamentary capital and second largest city in Georgia, and at the same time, joined the Operetta Theatre in Warsaw (Poland) for 14 consecutive operatic seasons, from 1984 to 1997. When we came to speak about her own musical preferences, it soon turned out that she is fully aware of the fact that there is much more interesting music around than operetta only. Among her favourites are not only Bizet's opera Carmen but also the songs by Debussy and of course, the greatest theatre composer of them all, Italy's Giuseppe Verdi. "And don't forget his Requiem, maybe his best opera after all..."

Apart from this, she also loves pop music and, of course, Georgian traditional music and Georgian food. At this point, it was time for me to introduce the questionnaire to her, secretly hoping for some unorthodox responses.

I was not to be disappointed.:

What kind of food makes you happy?

Fish, Japanese, Georgian, French.

And what drink?

Dry red wine.

Who is your favourite author?

Nietzsche, Uspensky, Dumas

Do you have a favourite actor?

George Clooney.

Actress?

Angelina Jolie.

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Dali, Degas, Monet.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Finishing 2nd in my first-ever checkers tournament in Sanremo, a few years ago;

This is only my second international checkers tournament.

What is the best chess country in the world?

Thanks to Internet you can find good chess players everywhere in the world

What is it you dislike in a person?

Lack of culture and education as well as the inability to say "sorry" if appropriate.

Do you have any superstitions concerning checkers or chess?

No. Even less so if God helps me...

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

My family. I don't see them very often as my mother, sisters and brothers are all living in different places around the world.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Yes: basically everything. You should never stop learning.

A Notice To All Players

Please, feel free to visit any playing area in the Grand Palais to see the other sports in progress. Time will usually permit the organisers to welcome you!

On a regular daily basis BridgeTopics.com will transmit videos giving impressions from the Grand Palais in Lille about the 2nd World Mind Sports Games, by means of interviews with players and personalities of all sports.

The link is: <http://www.bridgetopics.com/2012-2nd-world-mind-sports-games>



The Daily Little Interview - 2

A new feature designed to tell you more about some of the participants here in Lille.

Name

Natalia Kovaleva



Date of Birth

20 September 1987.

Place of Birth

Chelyabinsk, Russia.

Place of Residence

Moscow, Russia.

Chelyabinsk is a city in the South Ural region of Russia, on the border between Europe and Asia.

In Chelyabinsk, Natalia went to the same secondary school as Anatoly Karpov, the former chess world champion. After that, she graduated in business management at Chelyabinsk University before moving to Moscow and becoming a professional Go player and Go teacher.

What kind of food makes you happy?

Russian and Chinese.

And what drink?

Fresh juices, preferably made by myself.

Who is your favourite author?

Lermontov and, of course, Pushkin.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Brad Pitt.

Actress?

Angelina Jolie - but not quite convincingly.

Who is your favourite painter?

Salvador Dali.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Russian pop music but there is nothing wrong with Tchaikovsky.

I also like the Russian National Anthem, even more so when I have won...

What do you see as your best ever result?

Winning the European Mixed Pairs Go championship five years in a row.

Do you have a favourite Go game?

Yes: the one in which I beat a Japanese pro during the 1st WMSG in Beijing.

What is the best Go country in the world?

China.

What are Go players particularly good at (except for Go)?

Mathematics and informatics.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Dishonesty, insincerity.

Do you have any superstitions concerning Go?

No.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Yelena Isinbayeva, Lidiya Skoblikova (a speed skating Olympic and World champion from Chelyabinsk) and my great-grandmother who, according to our family traditions, was a very interesting person whom I never have had (or will have) the privilege to know.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Better English, and also Chinese.

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Euromath Final Lille 2012

Mathematical Games were invited to the WMSG for the final of Euromath Cup which took place on Saturday, August 18th. The event was organised by the FFJM (French Federation of Mathematical Games), with the support of the mathematical culture magazine *Tangente* and the calculators Casio.

The two teams (Belgium and France) each consisted of 6 players and a non-playing captain. The players had to be under 10 years old (for number 1), 12 years old (number 2), 15 years old (number 3), 18 years old (number 4), 21 years old (number 5), no condition was required for player number 6.

The first round was a written individual contest. 6 questions were asked to every player; questions 1 to 6 asked to player number 1, questions 4 to 9 to player number 2, and so on, questions 16 to 21 being asked to player number 6.

The second and the third round (5 tests each) were collective spectacular questions (at least two players in each team) asked in Eurotop Auditorium in front of an audience of about 150 spectators. The principle of the questions was:

- No specific knowledge was required
- The tests had to be spectacular
- Every spectator could understand and try to answer
- The questions were difficult enough to solve to have a good discriminating effect.

The players were very talented, the score was very close all the time and finally France won by a small margin. (France 70 – Belgium 66)

Let's show you a couple of the easiest tests:

The apples (players number 1 and 2)



Three bags contain two apples each. One bag contains a red apple and a green apple, another two green apples, the last one two red apples. On the bags, appear three labels : GG (green-green), GR, RR. No label corresponds to the actual contents.

The players could ask the referee to pick out apples from the bag of their choice. Each apple costs one point. The aim is to guess the content of the three bags.

How to play ?

The right place (players 1 to 6)



The six players stand on the stage in an order given by the referee (see the line up).

Number 1 plays first. He asks two of his partners to change their places. Then player number 2 asks two of his partners to change their places. And so on, players number 3, 4,....

The aim is to build up the natural order in a minimum of movements.

Live Go Broadcasts from Lille

The two top games of each round are being broadcast live:

Diagrams only on Pandanet IGS

Live video on EuroGoTV.

<http://www.pandanet-igs.com/communities/pandanet>
<http://eurogotv.com/>

To get access to either website, you have to create a (free) account first. Just follow the instructions.

Starting times of the rounds are 10.00 a.m. and 14.30 p.m. every day.

Important notice!

The Grand Palais is a non smoking area
It is thus forbidden to smoke inside the Grand Palais



The Daily Little Interview - I

A new feature designed to tell you more about some of the participants here in Lille.

Name

Roel Boomstra

Date of Birth

March 9, 1993.

Place of Birth

Utrecht, Netherlands.

Place of Residence

Emmen, Netherlands.



Roel is studying physics at Groningen University.

What kind of food makes you happy?

Italian.

And what drink?

Black Tea.

Do you have a favourite actor?

Simon Baker.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Coldplay.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Winning the Junior World Championship in 2010 and the Dutch National Championship in 2012.

Is there a draughts book that had a profound influence on you?

Yes: any book by Ton Sijbrands.

What is the best draughts country in the world?

1. Russia 2. Netherlands.

What are draughts players particularly good at (except for draughts)?

Mathematics.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Being untrustworthy .

Do you have any superstitions concerning draughts?

No.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Pim van Meurs, Rob Clerc and Mei-jhi Wu.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Playing draughts well enough to become world champion and at the same time successfully finishing my study.

GO RESULTS

MEN		WOMEN	
Semifinals			
Chinese Taipei 1	3 - 0	Singapore	
Chinese Taipei 2	2 - 1	Russia	
Finals			
Chinese Taipei 1	2 - 1	Chinese Taipei 2	
3th and 4th place			
Singapore	2 - 1	Russia	

GROUP A after 5 Rounds

PI	Team name	TP	BDW	SOST	B2U
1	Chinese Taipei 2	8	12	34	7 3
2	Singapore	8	10	32	7 3
3	Austria	8	10	24	6 3
4	Czech Republic	8	9	28	8 4
5	Japan 2	6	10	28	6 4
6	Macau	6	10	22	7 3
7	France 2	6	9	26	4 2
8	Mixed Team	6	8	30	6 4
9	Canada	4	8	30	5 3
10	USA 1	4	8	24	5 1
11	Hong Kong 2	4	6	26	5 3
12	UK 2	4	6	16	4 2
13	Belgium	4	5	18	3 1
14	Netherlands 2	2	6	20	5 3
15	Romania 2	2	3	22	2 1
16	Italy 2	0	0	20	0 0

GROUP B after 5 Rounds

PI	Team name	TP	BDW	SOST	B2U
1	Chinese Taipei 1	10	15	26	10 5
2	Russia	8	10	26	7 5
3	Hong Kong 1	6	10	22	6 3
4	France 1	6	9	30	5 3
5	Japan 1	6	8	34	6 2
6	UK 1	6	8	30	4 1
7	Netherlands 1	6	8	22	5 3
8	Thailand	4	7	30	5 1
9	Romania 1	4	7	20	5 1
10	Ireland	4	7	16	5 4
11	Australia	4	6	30	5 3
12	USA 2	4	6	24	4 3
13	Brazil	2	4	20	3 1
14	Italy 1	0	0	20	0 0

Chess Legends



Baruch Harold Wood MSc OBE (more commonly known as B. H. Wood) (1909-1989) was an English chess player, editor and author, best known as the founder of the magazine Chess (1935) which has become one of the best known in the world. In 1939 he represented Great Britain in the Olympiad in Buenos Aires.

Mark Horton, working here in Lille as part of the WBF staff at the World Bridge Games was himself a strong player. Amongst his many activities he acts as a consultant to the company that now produces both *Chess Magazine* and *Bridge Magazine*.

Here is a game he played against BH in Nottingham in 1966. Mark went on to qualify for the final of the British Championship making him the youngest ever participant until the advent of Nigel Short in 1977.

Baruch H Wood - Mark Horton BCF Qualifying 1966

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.Bf4 Nd7 13.e6 fxe6 14.dxe6 Rxf4 15.Qd5 Kh8 16.Qxa8 Nb6 17.Qxa7 Bxe6.18.0-0 All these moves had appeared a few days earlier in the vital 10th and last game of the 1966 Keres-Spassky Candidates Match. After 18...Ne3 19 Rf2 Black went on to win, but I had seen 18.Rad1 suggested as an improvement. I thought I saw something stronger **18...Rxf3?! 19.Bxf3?** Best is 19Rxf4 Bd4+ 20Kh1 Nxf2 21Rf4! when White is well on top. John Littlewood found this move when I showed him the game at the British Championships later that year. **19...Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Nxf2 21.g3 Qf8 22.Bg2 22.Kg2.Nc4 23.Qa8 Qxa8 24.Bxa8 Nxf1 25.Kxf1 b4 26.Nb5 Bxb2 27.Re1 Bd7 28.Nc7 Be5 29.Bd5 Bxc7 30.Bxc4 Bxg3 31.Re3 Bf4 32.Rf3 Bh6 22...Nxf1 23.Bxf1 Qh6+ 24.Kg2 Bh3+ 25.Kf3 Qe3# 0-1**

BRIDGE RESULTS

OPEN - Semifinals after 3 sets

Poland	124 - 100	Ireland
Monaco	95 - 97	Sweden

WOMEN - Semifinals after 3 sets

Poland	88 - 132	Russia
France	77 - 84	England

SENIORS - Semifinals after 3 sets

USA	84 - 67	France
Hungary	113 - 92	Sweden

Transnational Mixed: Teams qualifying for QF

	Team	VP
1	CANADA	282
2	MILNER	273
3	VENTIN	262
4	ROSSARD	258
5	SAIC RED	257
6	SHAPOUR	256
	SPRUNG	256
	YEH BROS	256

all results are subject to official confirmation

Time table - Prizegiving Ceremonies

All these ceremonies will take place in the Eurotop Auditorium, level 5.

Monday 20.08	Draughts	6:45 pm
Tuesday 21.08	Draughts	6:45 pm
Wednesday 22.08	Bridge	6:45 pm
	Draughts	6:45 pm
Thursday 23.08	Go	4:30 pm
	Bridge	5:00 pm
	Draughts	5:30 pm