

Łódź, Monday 8 September 2008

Bulletin 7



# Oranje Boven



**Tim, Kees, Merijn, Marion, Meike, Bob, Danny**

The Netherlands had built up such a lead over the past few days that the last day provided no more tension. On the winning team were Meike Wortel and Marion Michielsen, Bob Drijver and Merijn Groenenboom, while the third pair of Danny Molenaar and Tim Verbeek were underemployed because of the former's illness. All six have participated many times in University

Championships before, but they had yet to win medals at one of these events. The suspense was greater in the struggle for the other medals, with Norway A and Poland A starting the last round just 2 VP apart. The finish was thrilling. The Vu-graph audience thought Norway had won it, but the Austrians bid the slam that the Norwegians had missed, and Poland got the silver.

## Final Ranking

1	Netherlands A	406
2	Poland A	379
3	Norway A	376
4	Poland B	355
5	USA A	336
6	Germany B	335
	Austria	335
8	Chinese Taipei	334
9	China	331
10	Czech Republic	328
	Norway B	328
12	France A	321
	Indonesia	321
14	Germany A	303
15	Great Britain	301
16	Belgium	292
17	Netherlands B	284
18	USA B	273
19	Singapore	248
20	France B	229
21	Canada	221

## Thank You

In the name of FISU I would like to thank the local organisation team, headed by Lukasz Janczar, the hosting university and the city of Lodz for their wonderful reception.

This championship was played in a superbly good University Spirit also thanks to the excellent direction by 5 Polish TDs under the inspired leadership of Sławek Latała, and the sporting spirit of all the players, captains and coaches.

Thanks to the support of the Polski Związek Brydza Sportowego, we were able to enjoy technical services of the highest standard in the world.

Last but not least, I would like to thank everyone for coming to Poland and invite you to Croatia in 2009 and Taiwan in 2010.

Geert Magerman  
Chairman TD FISU

## B-Teams

Someone pointed out that it is possible to group the countries with just one team into nice local groups of 2. Seen that way, we could say that Singapore is Indonesia B and Chinese Taipei is China A (I told the PR Chinese they needed to up their game in order to win back that title, but to no avail).

The Czech Republic fell down the rankings somewhat and will now content themselves with the consolation that as Austria B, they are the best of the B teams.

And Belgium are very happy to be called Great Britain B.

If we add the VPs of all these countries, we see the following ranking:

Poland	369	355	724
Norway	376	328	704
Netherlands	406	284	690
Chinas	334	331	665
Austria/Czech	335	328	663
Germany	303	335	638
USA	336	273	609
Gr. Britain/Belg	301	292	593
Indonesia/Sing	321	248	569
France	321	229	550

Canada did not bring an A-team.

## Silver Medal



Poland A: Marek Markowski (2nd coach), Jacek Kalita, Jan Sikora, Stanislaw (Bobo) Golebiowski (1st coach), Piotr Wiankowski, Michal Nowosadzki, Piotr Nawrocki, Krzysztof Kotorowicz

For Jacek Kalita this is his fourth medal, after two silvers with Warsaw and a gold with Poland four years ago. Krzysztof Kotorowicz has “only” three medals, the others all have two now.

Norway A: Lars Kvarsvik (npc), Steffen Fredrik Simonsen, Lars Arthur Johansen, Erlend Skjente, Håkon Bogen, Daniel Ueland, ,

## Bronze Medal



## Nothing very Interesting

by Christer Andersson

I was invited to play in several of the football teams on Saturday, but wisely refused for historical reasons. Remembering the injuries others have had in previous University Championships, I was determined not to be involved myself. However, I went down to the football field for a short while in the afternoon to have a look at one of the last matches. Passing the track and field arena I noted some lonely hurdles and a steeple-chase on the tracks. When I was younger I competed for my home town in high jump and pole vault and I remembered the lovely feeling of smoothly running over the hurdles (we tried everything as youngsters). The hurdles were too attractive not to have a try. I ran up against the women-sized one and saw in my mind's eye how I efficiently scissored over it. The reality was different. It was like a horse that tried to jump a fence from standing position, and the landing was like diving into marble. I decided not to try the steeple-chase and skip the football. On the way back to my room I met Maciej Sikora to truly underline what a wise decision I had taken. Now, lets see if any wise decisions were taken at the bridge table.

### The fifteenth round

On Sunday morning, one of the contenders for medals, the Czech Republic, played Norway B, also fairly high in the total standings. On the penultimate board Milan Macura found a bewitching lead:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Reistad	Kopeky	Hansen	Macura
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

With 2♣ Tor Ove Reistad either showed a natural game force or a limit hand with three spades. Partner relayed and Reistad specified the invitational raise in spades. The continuation with 3♦ was natural and invitational and Reistad showed support by jumping to game. In the following round he confirmed he had the king of diamonds.

Milan Macura was on lead and put a devilish six of spades on the table. Jonny Hansen covered in dummy and Michal Kopecky played the queen. Hansen won the king and tried a heart. Macura wisely took the ace but then had to give declarer back the initiative. Trying to take advantage of the poor opening lead, Hansen entered the table in diamonds and unsuccessfully finessed in trumps. One down.

### The sixteenth round

As Norway had both their teams in the upper part of the standing, I decided to continue looking at Norway B. In this round they played Singapore. This was the first board:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
Chen	Hansen	Yang	Reistad
	1♣*	1♥	2♠*
All Pass			

Are these guys really neighbours to us in Sweden? Norwegians are known to bid naturally and play well. I would not consider the North hand worth an opening, but if North does, I would never miss to bid game with the South hand, but I would never have considered the bid 2♠. On three small cards. There must be something rotten in the state of Norway!

The contract went one down and I decided not to continue looking at Norway B. Later on I saw they lost the match 13-17.

### The seventeenth round

Poland had to meet several of the top teams during the day. In round seventeen they played Norway A. With

two boards to go Poland led 29-14 On the penultimate board the Polish West opened a pre-emptive weak two-suiter with 2♠. Partner held

♠ 6 ♥ J 10 8 7 5 3 ♦ 9 ♣ A 8 6 3 2

and intervened after the Norwegians protected. 3♥X went for 800, allowing the Norwegians to pick up 11 IMP.

On the last board, none vulnerable, you have in third hand:

♠ 6 5 2 ♥ J ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ A K Q 8 5 3

Its your turn after two passes. What would you bid?

I like the choice of the polish player – 3♣. Unfortunately, the board looked like this:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vuln.

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

South had a clear take-out double, converted to a penalty double by partner. Good defence kept declarer to five tricks. The 420 taken by the Polish team-mates in the closed room was not enough to cover for the 800 handed out in the open. Another 9 IMPs to Norway A that won the match 16-14.

### The eighteenth round

Competitive bidding at high levels is frustrating. The interference by the opponents leaves very little space for a more scientific approach to investigate the final contract. Frequently you have to rely on a gut feeling, and sometimes take out insurance that the opponents won't get an unreasonably good score. One such board appeared in the match between Chinese Taipei and Indonesia.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Mambu	Liu	Maramis	Lin
2♠	3♠*	4♠	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	6♥	All Pass	5♦

Although being vulnerable against not, West could have increased the pressure by bidding 3♠, reducing the space available for the Taiwanese to investigate slam. Now North were able to invite slam with trump support and shortness in spades. When Maramis showed spade support, Liu Jin-Shuen lost a lot of bidding space and used Blackwood on a far from perfect hand. Lin Yi-Li showed one ace and Liu was convinced it was not the ace of spades.

Lin ruffed the ♠K led on the table, played a trump to the eight and ace, and won the trump continuation with the ten. The fifth diamond was established for a club discard by taking the two top cards and then cross-ruffing diamonds and spades. The club king was an entrance for the fifth diamond. Making the slam was worth 980.

In the closed room, Lin Chih-Hung and Wang Po-Han wisely sacrificed in 5♠, a contract that should have been doubled and gone two down but only went one down undoubled after the lead of the ♦K. Chinese Taipei won the match 20-10 and the two countries are now very close in the standings with three matches to play.

### Congratulations Tim

Tim Verbeek came to Łódź as a member of the Netherlands A team, but his partner Danny Molenaar fell ill after two matches and has been unable to participate in the team's triumph. Tim decided to help the organisers by assisting in commentating in the Vu-graph. Tim showed remarkable University Spirit by cheering on the Czech team who needed all the support they could get after their wonderful start in these championships.





## **The Workshop**

On Sunday afternoon around seventy players, team captains and coaches participated and gave their view on the direction of International University Bridge in the future. Discussions focused on how the Internet can be used for competitions, which format future championships shall have, and presentation of coming championships.

### **University bridge and internet**

After an introductory welcome by Geert Magerman the possibility of organising competitions on the Internet for university students was discussed. This idea was found appropriate and supported by the coaches of the United States and United Kingdom, and several players. It was noted that it is possible to organise both pairs and teams competitions.

Geert informed that it would be feasible for FISU to support such tournaments but there are some practical issues regarding the organisation of such tournaments that have to be solved. Tim Verbeek of the Netherlands, raised the issue of cheating when playing over the Internet, and suggested that such tournaments should be used to strengthen relationships between students of various nationalities. Milan Macura of the Czech Republic took up the Dutch idea and said it is more appropriate that any funds available are used as prize money in central tournaments when students come together to play a championship, like for example, here in Lodz.

Geert promised to come back soon with more information on Internet play for university students.

### **Format of the competition**

Although many players supported the view of including a knock-out phase with semi-finals, match for third place and final, after a round robin, the view on how this could practically be organised diverged. It was mentioned that if a knock-out phase is introduced, it should not be too short. Sixty-four boards in the final was suggested, but thirty-two was thought to be a minimum. Thus the semi-finals and final would require 1-2 days play, leaving only 4-5 days for the round robin. Some were not happy with incomplete round robins and two short matches in the round robin. The necessity to organise some form of Swiss for those not qualifying for the knock-out was also discussed.

Geert was happy for the ideas presented and promised to consider all comments.

### **Other suggestions**

The Chinese delegation suggested that it might be timely to introduce two groups at the University level, as is the case in international bridge – an open student championship and a female student championship. FISU and the WBF want to support female bridge throughout, but they are not certain a separate competition is what is needed.

The North American delegation brought up another issue to consider at championships at the world level, and that is the timing of the Championship in relation to summer vacation from studies and national/international bridge schedule. Perhaps more weight should be given to the academic schedule when determining the time of University Bridge Championships than the schedule of international bridge championships.

### **The European University Bridge Championship (EUBC) 2009**

Over the last fifteen years, ten University Bridge Championships have been organised in Europe by the European Union Bridge League and European Bridge League. As EUSA (the European University Sports Association) has, in 2007, recognised bridge as an official sport, the first ever European Universities Bridge Championship will be organised next year in Croatia. Marko Prahovic, Professor in physical education and representing the on site organisers in Croatia, presented the Championship. It will be staged in the city of Opatija, early October 2009. Opatija is situated at the Northern part of the Croatian Adriatic coast. It is a picturesque touristy city, with several excellent hotels and restaurants. The competition and lodging will be in a four star hotel only a few meters from the beach and crawling distance from the bridge tables.

### **The World University Bridge Championship (WUBC) 2010**

Chen Chia-Ping welcomed all to the fifth World University Bridge Championship in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in 2010. Kaohsiung is the second largest city on Taiwan and is easily reached by speed train directly from the international airport. The city is well known for its harbour and connected entertainment region. Until a few years ago it was the fourth biggest harbour in the world. The dates for the championship are not yet decided but you will all be informed as quickly as the decisions has been taken and the Championship scheduled in the FISU program.

### **Medal table after 15 championships:**

(European teams only, 1 per country)

	g-s-b (other placings)
Netherl.	5-0-3 (4,4,5,6,6,7,8)
Poland	3-3-0 (4,5,5,8)
Denmark	3-1-2 (5,6,7,7,8,9)
Italy	1-4-0 (4,5,5,6,8,7,8,10,11)
Germany	1-2-2 (3x4,5,7,9,9,10)
France	1-1-1 (4,5,6,6,6,7,8,9,10)
Austria	1-0-0 (5,11)
Norway	0-1-4 (7,8,9)
England	0-1-1 (4,5,5,6,7,8,8,9,2x10,2x11)
Belgium	0-1-1 (2x6,3x7,2x8,2x9,3x10,11)
Sweden	0-1-0 (4,5,6,7)
Turkey	0-0-1 (11,12,13,14)
Israel	0-0-1 (8)
Czech R.	(4,5,5,6,7,9,12)
Portugal	(4,5,8,8)
Estonia	(4,6)
Romania	(4,11)
Latvia	(6,9,14)
Greece	(6)
Spain	(10,11,12,12)
Serbia	(10,12,13,15)
Hungary	(12)
Ireland	(13,13,14)

### **The non-Europeans (5 championships)**

(place within non Europeans only)

USA	2-3-0 ()
Chin'e T	1-2-1 (6)
Indonesia	1-0-1 (4,7)
China	1-0-1 (4)
H'g Kong	0-0-1 (7)
Canada	(4,6)
Japan	(5,8)
Singapore	(5,6)
Botswana	(8,10)
Thailand	(9)



## The Paul Magerman Award

There were six nominations for the Paul Magerman Award:

- 1) Meike Wortel and Marion Michielsen bidding to 6♠, nominated by Kees Tammens. (Bulletin 3) – the same slam was bid by Maria Würmseer and Cristina Giampetro.
- 2) Milan Macura playing 4♠, nominated by Bert Toar Polii. (Bulletin 3)
- 3) Arie Maramis underleading the ♣A, nominated by Bert Toar Polii. (Bull. 4)
- 4) Jacek Kalita bidding and making 4NT, nominated by Christer Andersson (Bulletin 5)
- 5) Dom Maloney's lead against 2♠, nominated by John Probst (Bulletin 6)
- 6) A Nice bidding sequence by Lin Yi-Li and Liu Jin-Shuen to 6♥ in a 6-1 fit, played by the singleton, nominated by Chen Chia-Ping

The panel headed by Kees Tammens decided the prize went to **Jacek Kalita**:

Jacek Kalita and Krzysztof Kotorowicz showed they had discussed and agreed more odd bidding situations and polished declarer play:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Maloney	Kotor'z	Dessain
Pass	Pass	1♣	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

Thomas Dessain pre-empted strongly on the Polish Club opening (not the same person who opened 1 NT). When the pre-empt was passed back to East, he showed a strong hand with good diamonds by introducing the suit at the four level. Is everyone clear on the meaning of the bids from here? The Polish pair had studied this type of bidding sequence and agreed that the bids 4♠ and 4NT should be reversed. 4NT was natural, whereas 4♠ was an ace-asking bid.

Domenic Maloney led a heart to the ace in dummy. Do you see the winning continuation? Jacek Kalita did. He continued with the ten of diamonds, a Morton fork play. If Maloney takes the king, Kalita can enter his hand to cash the heart winners. If he ducks the diamond, Kalita will end-play North at least one time by continuing ace and a small diamond. In both cases he makes his contract. Excellent.



**Jacek Kalita makes 4NT**

## A Captain's Nightmare

By the Captains

Every once in a while a board turns up that will put grey hairs on the captain's heads (Canada included).

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vuln.

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

Let's see the different contracts in reverse score order

NS	EW	contr	lead	score
POLA	NEDA	6♥xW	♦6	-1210
AUT	FRAA	6♥xW	♣9	-1210
USAA	BEL	6♥xW	♦7	-1210
NORAGERA		6♥xW	♦6	-1210

Actually, when there is a Lightner double by South, North should run to 6♠, as his ♦K is worthless.

FRAB	CHN	6♥W	♠3	-980
CAN	GERB	6♥W	♣9	-980
CHN	FRAB	5♥xW	♣9	-650
NEDB	CZE	4♥W	♠2	-450
SIN	NORB	5♥W	♠2	-450
NEDA	POLA	6♠xS	♥Q	-300
BEL	USAA	6♠xS	♦A	-300

Only two tables reach the Par score

NORB	SIN	5♠xS	♦A	-100
GERA	NORA	5♠xS	♥K	-100

FRAA	AUT	6♥xW	♦6	100
CZE	NEDB	5♥W	♣9	100

Declarer played ♦ and ran into a cross-ruff.

GERB	CAN	6♥xxW	♣9	200
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Declarer ruffed a spade in trick two and then spent 10 minutes trying to figure out why that was wrong.

POLB	GBR	4♠xS	♥K	590
GBR	POLB	4♠xS	♥K	590

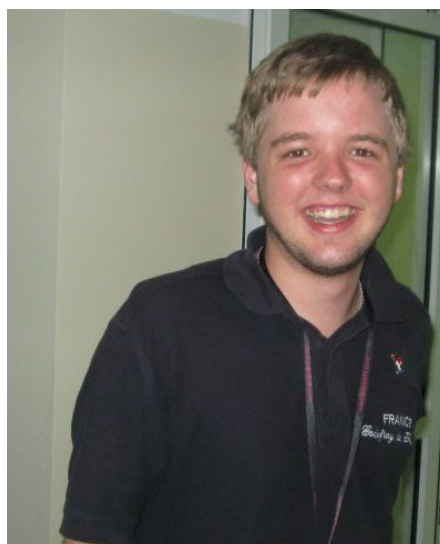
The players, scoring up, said "push". John has no idea about what happened.

INA	USAB	5♠xS	♦A	650
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East went in with the ♣A and then had no trump to play.

USAB	INA	6♦xE	♥J	1100
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Owen Lien made just about the worst call in the championships (doubling 6♦), and was allowed to get away with it..



It's one way of getting your picture in the bulletin

# The Butler Standings

1	Krzysztof Kotorowicz	Jacek Kalita	POLAND A	0.95	240
3	Meike Wortel	Marion Michielsens	NETHERLANDS A	0.94	228
5	Lars Arthur Johansen		NORWAY A	0.88	204
6	Merijn Groenenboom	Bob Drijver	NETHERLANDS A	0.78	216
8	Håkon Bogen		NORWAY A	0.76	204
9	Renal Kandijo	Daan Elia Mogot	INDONESIA	0.76	132
11	Kai Timofejew	Paul Orth	GERMANY B	0.69	240
13	Tim Heeres		NETHERLANDS B	0.61	36
14	Jun Zhang	Yan Liu	CHINA	0.58	240
16	Wojciech Gawel	Piotr Zatorski	POLAND B	0.54	204
18	Lin Yi-Li	Liu Jin-Shuen	CHINESE TAIPEI	0.46	168
20	Erlend Skjetne		NORWAY A	0.43	180
21	Joanna Krawczyk	Artur Wasiak	POLAND B	0.42	156
23	Felix Zimmermann	Thomas Gotard	GERMANY A	0.39	240
25	Michał Nowosadzki	Piotr Wankowski	POLAND A	0.39	180
27	Victor Chubukov	Eric Mayefsky	USA A	0.38	180
29	Daniel Ueland		NORWAY A	0.37	180
30	Jeremy Fournier	Jared Fournier	USA A	0.34	156
32	Tor Ove Reistad	Jonny Hansen	NORWAY B	0.25	240
34	Steffen Simonsen		NORWAY A	0.23	192
35	Landry Andrea	Thibault Coudert	FRANCE A	0.15	240
37	Jana Jankova	Pavla Hoderova	CZECH REPUBLIC	0.14	240
39	Lin Chih-Hung	Wang Po-Han	CHINESE TAIPEI	0.13	216
41	Jefri Islam	Dieter Schulz	AUSTRIA	0.11	240
43	Piotr Nawrocki	Jan Sikora	POLAND A	0.08	60
45	Paul Kautny	Werner Eglseer	AUSTRIA	0.07	240
47	Even Morken	Marius Bartnes	NORWAY B	0.06	240
	Simon Poulat	Christophe Grosset	FRANCE A	0.06	240
	Dominic Maloney	Thomas Dessain	GREAT BRITAIN	0.06	240
53	Rutger Van Mechelen	Joram Van Mechelen	BELGIUM	0.03	240
55	Mario Mambu	Arie Maramis	INDONESIA	0.02	216
57	Milan Macura	Michal Kopecky	CZECH REPUBLIC	-0.05	240
59	Natalia Sakowska	Piotr Butryn	POLAND B	-0.07	120
61	Ou Yang Yi	Shin Jie-Ren	CHINESE TAIPEI	-0.13	96
63	Danny Molenaar	Tim Verbeek	NETHERLANDS A	-0.14	36
65	Kevin Dwyer		USA B	-0.15	216
66	Owen Lien		USA B	-0.15	228
67	Eugene Yang		SINGAPORE	-0.18	240
68	Qiang Chen	Qiang Wu	CHINA	-0.2	240
70	Judith Nab		NETHERLANDS B	-0.25	240
71	Laura Dekkens		NETHERLANDS B	-0.25	216
72	Raffael Braun	Martin Rehder	GERMANY B	-0.31	240
	Aarnout Helmich		NETHERLANDS B	-0.31	240
75	Lee Roger	Mark Dean	USA A	-0.36	144
77	Robin Zigmund	James Ewington	GREAT BRITAIN	-0.37	240
79	Will Engel		USA B	-0.42	228
80	Gebrand Hop		NETHERLANDS B	-0.44	228
81	Andre Asbury		USA B	-0.45	132
82	Enyi Chen		SINGAPORE	-0.48	240
83	Damien Bondat		FRANCE B	-0.48	192
84	Guozhen Xu		SINGAPORE	-0.51	240
85	Timothée Boekhorst		FRANCE B	-0.51	168
86	Bryan Delfs		USA B	-0.53	156
87	Rury Andhani	Franciska Ariyani	INDONESIA	-0.56	132
89	Willem De Visschere	Ulysse Depret	BELGIUM	-0.6	240
91	Maria Würmseer	Cristina Giampietro	GERMANY A	-0.62	240
93	Gordi Zind	Aled laboni	CANADA	-0.63	180
95	Dave Sabourin	Anton Blagov	CANADA	-0.82	180
97	Yannick Valo		FRANCE B	-1.01	168
98	Robin Pendrigh		FRANCE B	-1.06	204
99	Guang Xiang Wan		SINGAPORE	-1.15	240
100	Oscar Cohen		FRANCE B	-1.16	228
101	Hershel Macaulay	Ethan Macaulay	CANADA	-1.39	120

## The Grinding Machine Van Mechelen

One of the Belgian Bridge-specialties is the combination of aggressive preempts followed by effective doubles. The Van Mechelen brothers terrorized the field with their 'grinding machine'.

Board 10. Dealer East N/S Vulnerable.

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

The first time in the tournament was in the match against Germany B. Rutger held the East hand. He opened three hearts with his 6-5. This was followed by a take out-double, pass, three spades. This contract was doubled by Joram and went for 800.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vulnerable.

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

Also France B became a victim of the 'Grinding Machine'. Joram in West opened 1♥. The auction continued with pass, two hearts and a double for take out. Joram pre-empted with three hearts. North had a normal four clubs bid, which was doubled by Rutger. The Van Mechelen brothers had another 500 in their pocket.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vulnerable.

<p>♠ 7 6 2 ♥ 8 7 6 2 ♦ A Q ♣ J 9 5 2</p>	
<p>♠ 8 4 3 ♥ A K 10 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K 10 7 6 4</p>	<p>♠ A J 9 ♥ Q J 9 5 4 3 ♦ 9 7 3 2 ♣ -</p>
<p>♠ K Q 10 5 ♥ - ♦ K J 10 6 5 ♣ A Q 8 3</p>	

In the spectacular match between Belgium and Poland A the grinding machine scored again important points. Rutger opened 3♥ in East, which Joram raised to 4♥, after a take out- double by South. It went pass, pass and South doubled again. His partner bid 5♣, and this was doubled by Joram. This went for 500 and a useful 11 IMPs for Belgium.

## Who's afraid of the seven of diamonds?

By Rutger Van Mechelen

As the perfect playing captain, I promised my teammates a beer for every just made contract with the seven of diamonds as last trick. My brother, Joram, deserved a drink after the fourteenth match against Singapore.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vulnerable.

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

His right-hand opponent opened INT, he passed, pass and I left open the bidding with a double (meaning clubs, or hearts and diamonds). Joram bid 3♥ (not 2♥, because the contract had to be JUST made). With the diamonds 3-3, the seven of diamonds was high on the last trick. Only a shame that Joram doesn't like beer, and took a water instead. (it was probably a vodka-grapefruit, but their mother mustn't hear about that - editor)

## University Bridge in France

Under impulse of the French captain Alain Dumesnil, the French bridge Federation is pushing the development of university bridge in the country. They established strong relations with the French University Sports Federation whose logos were on the players' shirts here. Their project is to go back to the tradition of bridge clubs at different universities. Under that project they are a candidate to organize a future European or World Championship.

## German Humour?

Overheard at the bar:

Hartmut: "hahahahaha" (you know what he sounds like)

John: "I never knew the Germans had a sense of humour"

Hartmut: "of course we do, it's just like an English book on cooking!"

John has meanwhile forgiven every single nation present in Lodz



**Hartmut Kondocho**

## Words of Thanks

At the end of a championship, and of a series of Bulletins, it is important to thank the people who have made this possible. Most important among these are Michal Stefanek and Bobo Golebiowski, who allowed me to use their computers after mine gave up. I hope the few small things I added to their computers will help rather than hinder them.

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And last but not least the organisers, specifically Lukasz and Piotr, who were never there when you needed them, but still did what you needed when you needed it.



**Lukasz Janczar**

## **Erors in the Buletin**

Despite our best efforts, it is not always possible to produce a Bulletin without some errors.

Apologies to Harry Van de Peppel. I missed out on the fact that he was present at Weimar and is thus up to his seventh University Championship.

Also to Jacek Kalita, who saw his prize-winning effort in making 4NT being credited to his partner. Sorry Jacek, I hope I made good by seeing to it your play got nominated.

I need to apologize to Piotr. It was not his fault there was no page two in the first bulletin. I was so happy to see page six on the last one, that I failed to check if my program had correctly numbered all pages. No such luck.

Better was to come on Bulletin three – when my program insisted on starting

anew at page number three on three different pages, it took me so long to correct that I failed to see that in the end all but the first two pages stated they belonged to bulletin 2.

Then my computer broke down and I have worked on two different Polish computers since. Great was my amazement to learn that I now had two choices: either have all my Y's turn into Z's, or be unable to use all the polish letters. Since then, we've lost two more accents in Lodz, I'm afraid, but I'll make up for it one last time: Łódź

Some errors are hard to spot: the figure of speech at the very end of Bulletin 6 was the wrong way round by accident and not an allusion to someone's undergarments.

And finally, one error has been reported, but I maintain that it is not an error. In the first bulletin, we did NOT state that there were no beautiful girls, only that there were not enough of them to carry all the nations' flags.



**Dominika and Marta**