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.
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

The Smart Money
An unofficial poll of various officials at the Championship suggests that the final should feature USA1 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:
USA1 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.

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 USA1 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 PAKISTAN
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 PAKISTAN 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 PAKISTAN ISRAEL
5 AUSTRALIA NORWAY
6 ENGLAND CHILE
7 NEW ZEALAND USA2
8 EGYPT JAPAN
9 CHINESE TAIPEI HUNGARY

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 Ejegayehu 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)

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

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 Klinger
Daily Bulletin Layout Editor — George Georgopoulos
Daily Bulletin Internet Editor — Fotis Skoularikis
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.

**Best of the Europeans**

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.


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|   | J 10 9 2 |
| ♦ | 8 4      |
| ♠ | A K Q 9  |
| ♦ | Q 10 9 4 |
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|   | 5 4      |
|   | K 7 6 3 2|
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|   | ♠ A Q J 93|

**West**

Gaviard

**North**

Ginossar

**East**

Bessis

**South**

Reshef

Dble      Pass
3NT       All Pass

Pass      2 ♠
2NT       Pass

Ophir Reshef, having shown a limited two-suit 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         |
| ♠ | J 9 8 5 3 |
| ♠ | K Q 5 4   |
| ♦ | 8 4 3     |
| ♦ | K Q 5 3 2 |
| ♦ | J 4       |
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|   | A Q 10 6  |
|   | ♠ 9 3 2   |

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Reshef

Pass

Pass      1 ♠
Dble

Pass

Rdbl  INT  Dble
Pass

Rdbl  Pass
Pass

Dble  Rdbl
Pass
 2 ♠

Rdbl  Pass
Pass
2 ♠

Pass      2NT
Pass

2 ♠

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.

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
- A 4
- ♠ 7

- ♠ —
- ♥ 3
- ♠ K J 5

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

Almost everyone went 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.

Belgian Brilliance

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Tel contributing significantly to the margin of victory.


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**West**

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| ♠ Q 10 7 6 4 |
| ♠ A J 6 |
| ♠ K |

**North**

**East**

**South**

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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.

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.

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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