

# Junior Review

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## EDITORIAL

Greetings to everybody, and particularly to our young players for whom this publication is especially designed.

The EBL is very pleased that the moment has come to have a separate newsletter for the most valuable part of our membership: the youth.

We have gone a long way with Junior bridge in Europe. Our most recent achievement was last summer's spectacular introduction of the **Schools Championship**, which gives the opportunity for international distinction to the younger ones.

This year has already brought us **EBL Junior Review**, and we are looking forward to the opening of our Junior Pairs and Camp to the other WBF zones. The **World Junior Pairs and Camp** will take place this summer in Belgium with many non-European participants, especially from North America. Let's welcome them and share with them our wonderful experience.

### EBL Junior Review

*EBL Junior Review*, published biannually, is the official medium of the European Bridge League for matters concerning young players.

## EUROPEAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP TAKES OFF!



*French Bridge Federation President Jean-Claude Beineix receives the José Damiani Trophy for his country's victory in the 1st European Schools Teams Championship*

The **European Schools Teams Championship**, the new official biennial competition for players up to 20 years old, was most successfully launched last July in Amhem, the Netherlands.

No less than thirteen countries took part in the inaugural event which was won by **FRANCE**. **NORWAY** and **ISRAEL** won the other medals.

The Schools Championship is played simultaneously with the established European Junior Teams.

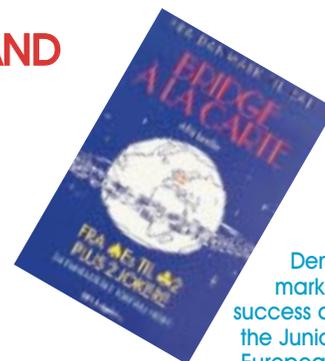
## GREAT BRITAIN - DENMARK - POLAND WIN JUNIOR EUROPEAN MEDALS AND HEAD FOR BALI

16 years after their first triumph, **GREAT BRITAIN** won again the European Junior title at the 14th competition of the series. It was a fierce battle which was not decided until the very last round. **DENMARK** came a close second and **POLAND** followed.

These three countries will now represent Europe in the **5th World Junior Teams Championship**, which is to be held in Bali, Indonesia, 8-17 July 1995.

All zones of the World Bridge Federation are invited to participate in the biennial World Junior Teams. The winner conquers the **Ortiz-Patiño Trophy**, symbol of world supremacy in Junior bridge.

Europe won the first World Juniors in 1987, thanks to the **Netherlands**, and **Great Britain** retained the title in 1989. In 1991 the trophy moved to the **USA**; it was brought back in 1993 by **Germany**, the reigning world junior champions.



Denmark's success at the Junior European

was welcome news for everybody at home, including the officials who had to find the funds for sending the team to Bali. Ib Lundby, the energetic secretary of the Danish Federation, wasted no time. He asked a number of top players to contribute a bridge article and **Bridge à la Carte** was ready at printing cost only. Sold at \$10 per copy, it is expected to raise at least \$20,000!



First Schools champions: L.Bouscarel, J.Geitner, D.Fonteneau, J.Rombaut, J.C.Quantin (npc),

## FRANCE WINS FIRST EUROPEAN SCHOOLS TEAMS

**T**HE NETHERLANDS and FRANCE, Europe's biggest Federations, have connected their names with a historic occasion: the inaugural *European Schools Teams Championship* - the former by staging it and the latter by winning it!

The Netherlands Bridge League produced an impeccable organization of the new event, last July, at *Papendal*, a magnificent sports center

near the city of Amhem.

The *Schools Championship* took the form of a separate series for players up to 20 years old, held in conjunction with the long-established *European Junior Championship*. The two series form the biennial *European Youth Teams Championships*.

It is fitting that **France**, a country with an extensive school bridge programme,

should win the first European event of this kind. They did so in great style, finishing well ahead of the field.

The other two medals went to **Norway** and **Israel** - two countries well known for the effort they are putting into young people's bridge. **Poland** who ended fourth, belongs to the same family; however, the pleasant surprise came from **Belarus**: in

their first appearance, they entered the Schools series only and finished a very creditable fifth!

With 13 countries taking part, the *1st European Schools Teams Championship* was a great success in every respect; undoubtedly, it went a long way into establishing the event as a permanent competition of the European Calendar.

# SCHOOLS

1	FRANCE	261
2	Norway	244
3	Israel	236
4	Poland	223
5	Belarus	211
6	Italy	207
7	Great Britain	206
8	Netherlands	197
9	Sweden	190½
10	Germany	190
11	Austria	164½
12	Belgium	104
13	Ireland	88



Runners-up **NORWAY**: V.Brekke, T.Charlsen, E.Halvorsen, S.Hogstad, S.Bjertnes (npc), H.Skjæran (coach)

Third-placed **ISRAEL**: A.Amit, G.Arie, N.Katz, R.Schneider, A.Varshavski, Y.Zak, I.Herbst (npc), D.Birman (coach)



## GREAT BRITAIN CAPTURES EUROPEAN JUNIOR TITLE

After a well fought tournament, full of excitement and breath-taking ups and downs, **Great Britain**, **Denmark** and **Poland** emerged as the medal winners of the *14th European Junior Teams Championship*, held in Amhem, the Netherlands, 15-24 July 1994. These countries will now try to retain the world title for Europe by representing Zone 1 in the *5th World Junior Teams Championship*, which is to take place in Bali, Indonesia, this summer.



Runners up **DENMARK**: M.Bruun, J.Dall, N.Kampmann, L.L.Madsen, M.Madsen, J.Føn, L.Høffner (npc), L.W.Petersen (coach)



1	GREAT BRITAIN	404
2	Denmark	399
3	Poland	389
4	Norway	366½
5	Italy	365
6	Russia	364
7	Iceland	362
8	Israel	357
9	Sweden	355
10	France	352
11	Netherlands	347
12	Ireland	324
13	Germany	315
14	Turkey	309
15	Hungary	282
16	Greece	279½
17	Belgium	276
18	Finland	274
19	Croatia	213½
20	Switzerland	190
21	Czech Republic	154½
22	Austria	130

# JUNIORS

The road to the top and the effort to stay there were not easy, since many of the 22 participating countries had prepared well for a European medal.

Almost all of the usual favourites negotiated a good ranking at one moment or another, but when the smoke cleared it appeared that **Denmark** and **Great Britain** were particularly strong this year. **Norway**, a traditionally dangerous team, played a leading role, together with **Israel**; **Poland**, **Sweden**, **Italy** and **France** stayed in the medal whereabouts.

A few rounds before the end, Norway suffered an unexpected blitz from Austria, while France and

Italy faded away. Poland and Denmark, on the other hand, made strong advances towards the top.

The situation cleared soon. When **Poland** lost to France and Great Britain, **Denmark** remained alone at the top and appeared to be the certain winner, leading by 11 VPs with one round to go.

However, it was not over yet. In the last round, the unlikely happened: Denmark was slaughtered by Norway *and* the British scored heavily against France. So, **Denmark** ended up second, while **Great Britain** won the title for the first time since 1978.

Champions **GREAT BRITAIN**: J.Allerton, D.Davies, J.Hackett, J.Hackett, P.Souter, T.Townsend, R.Brock (npc), P.King (coach)

Third-placed **POLAND**: B.Chmurski, R.Jagniewski, K.Michalik, P.Miechowicz, M.Puczynski, B.Pazur, M.Rusteki (npc)



11-13 August 1995

# PAIRS

The 1st World Junior Pairs Championship is open to all member countries of the World Bridge Federation. Each country may be represented by an *unlimited* number of pairs; *transnational* pairs are also acceptable. *All players must have been born in 1970 or later.* Entries must be made through the NCBOs only.

The Championship will be played in *four sessions* - without qualifiers and final - over the weekend 11-13 August 1995. After a short opening ceremony, the first session will be played Friday, 8 pm. Two sessions will follow Saturday, 2 pm and 8 pm, and one Sunday, 2 pm. The Victory dinner and prize giving ceremony will take place Sunday, 8 pm. Departure is on Monday 14 August, after breakfast.

*Scoring* is by match points across the field, according to the *barometer* system. Computer dealt hands and bid boxes, but no screens, will be used. Systems need to comply with the WBF Systems policy.

*Silver Cups* will be awarded to the first three pairs, as well as to the best pair of players born in 1975 or later. *Gifts* will be given to the first ten pairs.



1st WORLD JUNIOR  
University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium

Ghent University offers single room full-board accommodation to all participants. Each room has cold and warm running water; there are shared shower/baths and toilets on every floor. The University campus provides some *sports* and recreational facilities, on site or nearby. There is ample space for *bridge* play, which will be exclusively available, 24 hours.

*Ghent* is a very beautiful city. It lies some 60km north-west of Brussels, on the main highway to the coast. It is easily accessible by car or train; by direct coach line, Brussels airport is less than an hour away.

During two decades, European Junior Camps - and, more recently, the European Junior Pairs Championships - have helped thousands of young players to integrate into the game and discover its fascination in their own environment.

Now, Europe is actively supporting the development of Junior Bridge worldwide by opening its events to young people from all over the world.

As from 1995, the European Junior Pairs and Camp will be incorporated into the *World Junior Pairs Championship* and *World Junior Camp*.

Thus expanded, these popular events will provide more opportunities to more young people - and to bridge!



The 1st World Junior Bridge Camp will start with the opening ceremony, Monday 14 August, and end with special festivities Tuesday 22 August. Participants will depart Wednesday morning.

The Camp's daily *program* includes *lectures* on various bridge subjects. Certain hours are devoted to physical *sports*. In the numerous *bridge* tournaments, the mixing-up of nationalities is systematically encouraged. It is intended to organize an *outing* to nearby places of interest. Naturally, participants will have plenty of *free time* to spend as they wish within the framework of the Camp.

All WBF member countries are *welcome* to the Camp, but the number of participants will not exceed 250. There is a temporary limit of 20 participants per European NCBO which may be increased if there are still free places after the deadline of 30 April 1995.

Camp participants should, in general, be *17-23 old*, but, due to the nature of the Camps, their level of play should not be a consideration.

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# CAMP