

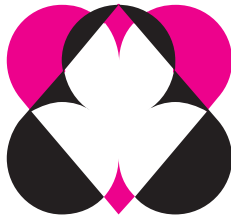
EUROPE & USA SHARE MEDALS IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Europe and the United States monopolized success at the 1994 World Bridge Championships, winning all medals in all tournaments.

Europe was more successful in pairs competitions, and won the Open, Women's and Mixed Pairs titles, as well as the Senior Teams. USA won the Open and Women's Teams, as well as the Senior Pairs.

The world's biggest Championship was held in Albuquerque, NM, USA, September 17 - October 1, and attracted a large entry from all geographical zones.



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DAMIANI ELECTED WBF PRESIDENT

José Damiani of France is the new President of the World Bridge Federation.

Damiani, whose term as EBL President expires in June, has succeeded Bobby Wolff of USA in the highest office of organized bridge.



PORTUGAL TO HOST GENERALI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 42nd GENERALI European Championships will be held in Algvare, Portugal, June 17 - July 1, 1995.

The Championships contain four series: National Open Teams, National Ladies Teams, Ladies Pairs and - for the first time - Senior Teams. The National Team Championships are Europe's qualifiers for the World events *Bermuda Bowl* and *Venice Cup*.



There are several changes in this issue, both in appearance and in content.

EBL Review has a new look, thanks to an improved design suggested by the professional staff of our sponsor, **PHILIP MORRIS**.

It is very positive indeed to have a close working relationship with our sponsor. Bridge players and administrators have been benefiting from this for many years now; the new look of our magazine is yet another step in the right direction.

The second change is that there is nothing about Junior Bridge in this issue. No, the EBL has not decided to drop young people from its agenda. On the contrary, Junior Bridge has become so important in recent years, that we are starting a separate newsletter dedicated exclusively to young people.

EBL Junior Review will also be published twice a year, at the same time as *EBL Review*. It will be distributed, together with *EBL Review*, free of charge, and through the same channels. If you get only one publication, please ask for the other.

The more casual character of *EBL Junior Review* will reflect better the world it pictures; and we hope that it will help us to keep closer to the young people.

Paulo Gerardo Poulos

JOSÉ DAMIANI, the EBL President, is the new leader of the World Bridge Federation. Damiani, who steps down from his EBL position at the end of his second 4-year term in June, was elected to the presidency of the WBF in

NEW LEADER IN WBF

September. The election was unanimous and took place in Al-

buquerque, at the end of President **Bobby Wolff's** term. Damiani, 55, is the 9th President in the 36-year old history of the organization - and the second from France, following Baron Robert de Nexon, the first WBF President (1958-1964). Wolff

was elected to the WBF Committee of Honour.



DAMIANI ELECTED PRESIDENT

The new President believes that the WBF should focus on two main areas: **tournament organization** and **bridge promotion**.

WBF Championships should be high quality events in order to satisfy the players and appeal to the media which are very important for the sponsors. There are plans for three new events.

Bridge promotion mainly depends on education. The stage has been set with the *WBF Educational Foundation* which will help NCBOs to expand their membership through various means and with emphasis on the young people.

Damiani's target is to reach 1.5 million registered players throughout the world in five years. Today, the WBF has 600,000 members.

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EUROPEAN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The 8th *PHILIP MORRIS* European Pairs Championships will be played under a new, fairly extended, format.

The **Open Pairs** will comprise a total of 9 sessions (3 qualifying, 3 semifinal and 3 final), while the **Senior Pairs** will be played in 6 sessions (3 qualifying and 3 final) - one every day. Players failing to qualify may enter the *Consolation* se-

ries, from which the top competitors will be allowed back into the main tournament!

12 pairs of Grand **Masters** will enter the Open series at the semifinals; during the qualifying stage, they will play a round robin of short matches between them.

In general, one third of the field will be advancing from one stage to the next. There

will be no carry over from the qualifying stage to the semifinals; and 50% of the score carry over from the semifinals to the finals.

There are no restrictive quotas, but no NCBO may enter more than one third of the field in any tournament. Entries should reach the EBL office in Paris no later than **10 February 1995**.

PROGRAMME

		<i>Masters</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Consolation</i>
Tue March 21	19:00 hrs	Matches 1-4	Qualifier 1	Qualifier 1	
Wed March 22	14:00 hrs	Matches 5-8	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 2	
	20:30 hrs	Matches 9-11		Qualifier 3	
Thu March 23	20:00 hrs		Qualifier 3	Semifinal 1	Semifinal 1
Fri March 24	14:00 hrs		Final 1	Semifinal 2	Semifinal 2
	20:30 hrs			Semifinal 3	Semifinal 3
Sat March 25	14:00 hrs			Final 1	Final 1
	20:00 hrs			Final 2	
	20:30 hrs				Final 2
Sun March 26	10:30 hrs		Final 3	Final 3	Final 3

Ernesto d' Orsi



Ernesto d' Orsi of Brazil was named Bridge Personality of 1994 by the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA).

Ernesto d' Orsi is a monumental figure in world bridge. He makes major contributions at all levels - world, continental, national and local.

D' Orsi has been a major power in world bridge for almost 15 years. He became a member of the WBF Executive Council in 1980. He



PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

was Vice President from 1986 to 1990 and served as President from 1991 to 1992. He is a member of the *WBF Management Committee*, the group that meets once a year to formulate policy for world bridge. He is a member of the *WBF Committee of Honour*, the highest tribute given to world officials.

The new task assigned to him by incoming WBF President *José Damiani* will be a major challenge: to supervise and manage

all future WBF championship events.

But managing major tournaments is old hat for d' Orsi. He was tournament manager for all three world championships staged in Brazil: 1973, 1979 and 1985. D' Orsi also was the prime manager for the world championship in Santiago, Chile, last year. Currently, he is working hard making preparations for next year's *Bermuda Bowl* and *Venice Cup* championships in Beijing, China.



This is my last letter as President of the European Bridge League. Indeed, a new President will be elected in June in Portugal, and will sign this letter in the next issue.

We have spent eight years together, trying to improve the quality of our events and

rubber bridge at home and are not interested in joining us. I have explained many times various ways I see to attract at least some of them. We just have to think more about it in order to serve bridge with increasing efficiency.

However, thanks to our

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

help the NCBOs to promote our game throughout Europe.

We have achieved some of our goals, if not all of them.

When I took office, 26 countries belonged to the League with 220,000 registered players. More than 42 are members today, with a total close to 400,000 ranked players in the NCBOs.

My own belief is that we have certainly more than 600,000 people playing duplicate bridge in our clubs and festivals. This discrepancy gives me some sadness for not having been able to convince the NCBOs' administrators to register them.

Moreover, I am convinced that 12 million people play

Officers' ability and capability of our staff, our championships are dedicated to the pleasure of the players and are the best in the World.

This has been possible through our partners, *PHILIP MORRIS* and *GENERALI*, whom I would like to thank most warmly.

Thanks to our champions, the European Bridge League has won all the World events at least once in the past eight years, with the exception of the *Venice Cup*, although we retained this in 1985.

I am very pleased to thank all of you who participated in our events, as well as my friends and colleagues who helped me so much during



my term as President; especially, our best friend and Treasurer **Karl Rohan** for his remarkable contribution.

Bridge is a partnership game, a game of communications, we prove that again all together.

I think that I leave the League in good health and I wish to all of you and my successor

all the best for the future that I hope to share with you in a different capacity.

And even before that, very happy new year and best wishes for 1995.


José Damiani

Dutch and French win 20th PHILIP MORRIS Simultaneous

NEW FORMAT

For its 20th anniversary, the *PHILIP MORRIS* Simultaneous Pairs inaugurated a new formula: players were supposed to be teammates of a pair of international experts who had already played the same boards at the other table. As soon as play ended, comparison was instantly available, and the results could be calculated immediately.

The new format proved very popular, and the event attracted some 20,000 participants who played in nearly 600 clubs spread in more than 30 European countries, November 18. Attendance in Israel, Iceland and Italy was particularly impressive.

As always, there were two win-

ners and they came from Europe's largest Federations.

Corry v. Huffel and **André Lindeman** of the Netherlands topped the North-South classification scoring 110.3 IMPs at Bergen op Zoom. Second, with 97.2 IMPs, came Cances-Lafon of France, and third, with 96.8 IMPs, Graham-

Spencer of Great Britain.

The winners in the East-West direction were **Barbier-Halaska** of Chambéry, France, who gathered 101.5 IMPs and finished ahead of Breslin-Mc Guckin of Ireland (99.9) and Pengelly-Reardon of Great Britain (86.5).

The new format will be applied again in 1995 when the 21st *PHILIP MORRIS* Simultaneous Pairs is scheduled for Friday, November 17.

What is the current structure of the Federation?

We have 320 clubs which are affiliated, and a delegate from each club elects a Council of 14 members, and the President for a four year term. Below the national level there are 17 regions with their own President and Council, and the major cities also have a local structure.

How many members do you have?

27,000. All members of the affiliated clubs must join, but we have different levels and prices for various categories of members. The cheapest category (20,000 lire) does not receive the magazine, and cannot play in national tournaments. The tournament players pay 150,000 lire, but there are reduced rates for seniors and juniors.

Tell us about your employed staff.

We have an office in Milan with 10 fulltime staff and 10 part-timers. The Secretary is **Niki di Fabio**, the Technical Director is **Federigo Ferrari**, and the new Editor of our

ITALIAN BRIDGE ON THE RISE

magazine, *Bridge d'Italia*, is **Bruno Sacerdotti-Coen**. The magazine, a smart colour production, comes out 10 times a year, with 80 A4 pages.

We also have structures outside the office for Laws & Ethics, Technical, and Teaching.

What is the history of the Federation?

In 1937 an Italian Bridge Association was formed in Milan with about 1,000 members, mostly in that region. The war restricted development, and they even had to change the name temporarily to 'Ponte' the Italian word for a bridge, to please the authorities.

In 1951 when it had 3,000 members and a proper national structure, the name was changed to *Federazione Italiana Bridge* (FIB).

Did the success of Italian Blue Team at world level help the Federation?

Not really. Growth was steady. When I first became President in 1986, there were 11,000 members. In 1989 we introduced the new structure for teachers, with a Standard Italian system. That had a dramatic effect. The membership rose to 18,000 in three years, and has leapt to 27,000 in the last two years.

How is your relation with government?

The key change came in January 1993 when we were accepted by the Italian Olympic Committee, making bridge an official sport. We changed our name again and became **FIGB: Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge**.

The Olympic Committee gives us a small grant, but more important is the fact that we can use the Olympic facilities in Rome for meetings and competitions. Also it had a big effect on our relationship with the government. In November 1993, the government approved bridge as a subject to be taught in schools in the free period which each school has. We have set up a structure to teach the teachers to teach bridge, and already have a hundred schools in the scheme, with more joining all the time.

What about your competitions?

We have divisions very much like football: there are 12 teams in the Premier League, 36 in the next one down, and so on, with leagues at regional and local level; and promotion/demotion between seasons.

All national events are played at Salsomaggiore with screens, bidding boxes and Vugraph. At the bottom level, in the Novice events, the Standard system is compulsory. We have the usual events for Open, Women, Mixed, Junior and Senior categories.

How are you treated by the media?

Not very well. There is one TV programme weekly. We have a small bridge section on teletext, and a free-phone service which provides tournament results. Most of the better newspapers have a bridge column.

The Federation has been very successful in recent years. What are the key reasons?

Without a doubt it is the new teachers' structure, the introduction of the standard system, and having paid personnel to do the work.

GIANARRIGO ROMA



Interview with the President of the Italian Bridge Federation by Patrick Jourdain



OPEN TEAMS

1	DEUTSCH S.	USA
2	OTVOSI E.	POL
3	AUBY D.	SWE
	LEVITT Y.	ISR
5	DAMIANI J.	FRA
	BURATTI A.	ITA
	ROTMAN D.	USA
	BINSKY B.	USA



ALBUQUERQUE '94

USA PREVAILS IN TEAMS



WOMEN'S TEAMS

1	LETIZIA M.	USA
2	WOOLSEY S.	USA
3	TORNAY C.	USA
	MORSE J.	USA
5	CASEY J.	GBR
	ALBU-ZUR M.	ISR
	CHAMBERS J.	USA
	PASMAN J.	NTH

The **9th World Bridge Championships**, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, September 17 - October 1, 1994, gave the opportunity to thousands of players from all over the globe to get together and compete in a series of top class tournaments.

Organized every four years, the World Championships is the largest WBF event. Traditionally, it comprises the open knockout teams event, as well as three pairs tournaments: open, mixed and for women. In *Geneva '90*, the programme was amended to

include a senior pairs competition; *Albuquerque '94* saw the introduction of the women's teams and the senior teams. In addition, there were numerous side tournaments including an American regional and the World Continuous Pairs, which made the spacious Albuquerque Convention Center look like a universal bridge city.

After a colourful opening ceremony, the championships started with the **Mixed Pairs** which was played over four sessions by 480 pairs. During the final it seemed that Ewa Harasimowicz and Mar-

cin Lesniewski of Poland - Europe's reigning Mixed Pairs champions - were going to catch the world title. At the end, however, Poland won the honour but thanks to a first-time combination of **Danuta Hocheker** and **Apolinare Kowalski**. Sabine Zenkel and Bob Hamman won the silver medal.

Next came the main knockout team events: the established Open series for the **Rosenblum Cup**, and the new Women's series for the **McConnell Cup**.

Four countries - USA, Israel, Sweden, Poland - reached

SENIOR TEAMS

1	ROHAN K.	AUT - ISR - NTH
2	LEVINE M.	USA
3	RYDER R.	USA
4	COHEN R.	USA
5	FRENDO P.	ITA
6	RIMON R.	FIN
7	HUMBURG H.	GER
8	POCHRON J.	POL



EUROPE TRIUMPHS IN PAIRS



OPEN PAIRS

1	Lesniewski M. - Szymanowski M.	POL
2	Hamman B. - Rosenberg M.	USA
3	Kirchhoff E. - Maas A.	NTH
4	Kowalski A. - Romanski J.	POL
5	Levy A. - Mouiel H.	FRA
6	Herbst I. - Herbst O.	ISR
7	Boyd P. - Robinson S.	USA
8	Katz R. - Weinstein H.	USA
9	Berkowitz D. - Cohen L.	USA
10	Murthy K. - Roy K.	IND
11	Ellia A. - Hertz A.	FRA
12	Burgay L. - Falco D. de	ITA

the semifinal stage of the *Rosenblum*; on the contrary, the *McConnell* became an all-American affair, eventually won by the team of **Marinesa Letizia** (J.Blanchard, S. Picus, R.Pollack, J.Radin).

In the Poland-Sweden semifinal, Poland built up a huge lead which was reduced by the Appeals Committee due to unauthorized use of system. In the final quarter, Sweden fought back, but could not cover the difference. In the other semifinal, USA had an easy run against Israel who actually withdrew after three quarters.

The final between USA and Poland was very close. Poland took an early lead, but the Americans levelled the score at half way. The third quarter went slightly in favour of Poland, but USA won the last segment decisively to win the *Rosenblum Cup* by 31 IMPs. It is remarkable that the American team (S. Deutsch, R.Bates, G.Kasle, C.Martel, M.Rosenberg, L. Stansby) almost failed to qualify at the round robin;

once they managed to get through, however, they scored nothing but victories until the end!

Poland was the protagonist also in the **Open Pairs** championship. Reversing their Mixed Pairs role, Kowalski-Romanski went ahead but were overtaken by compatriots **Marcin Lesniewski** and **Marek Szymanowski**, the eventual winners. Hamman-Rosenberg of USA came second, followed by Dutch Kirchhoff-Maas.

The Dutch scored a major victory in the **Women's Pairs** where **Carla Arnolds** and **Bep Vriend** took the gold medal, finishing ahead of Bessis-Saul of France and Deas-Palmer of USA.

International cooperation worked well for the 3-nation team (Baratta-Rohan, *Austri-*

a; Kaiser-Kaiser, *The Netherlands*; Katz-Rand, *Israel*) which won the **Senior Teams Pairs** title moved to USA, thanks to veteran **Fred Hamilton** and **Hamish Bennett**.

SENIOR PAIRS



1	Bennett H. - Hamilton F.	USA
2	Kantor S. - Melton M.	USA
3	Phillips D. - Solomon B.	USA
4	Pesonen J. - Stubb S.	FIN
5	Barbour K. - Truscott A.	USA
6	Elston R. - Garyn S.	USA
7	Dombu S. - Leary J.	USA
8	Baratta F. - Rohan K.	AUT

WOMEN'S PAIRS

1	Arnolds C. - Vriend B.	NTH
2	Bessis V. - Saul C.	FRA
3	Deas L. - Palmer B.	USA
4	Pas M. v.d. - Schippers E.	NTH
5	Breed M. - Deutsch T.	USA
6	Albu-Zur M. - Levitt R.	ISR
7	Ling Gu - Yalan Zhang	CHN
8	Allouche D. - Willard S.	FRA
9	Levitina I. - Truscott D.	USA
10	Mansell P. - Modlin M.	RSA
11	Bjerkan C. - Seamon J.	USA
12	Gordon D. - Reus S.	CND



1	Hochecker D. - Kowalski A.	POL
2	Zenkel S. - Hamman B.	USA
3	Harasimowicz E. - Lesniewski M.	POL
4	Letizia M. - Clerkin D.	USA
5	Hong Li Wang - Xiao Jing Wang	CHN
6	Larsen K. - Larsen C.	USA
7	Breed M. - Griffin J.	USA
8	Meyers J. - Davis E.	USA



MEET



ENRI LEUFKENS

- 1982: Junior Europeans 8th
- 1983: EC Juniors winners
- 1984: Junior Europeans 8th
- 1986: Junior European Winners
- 1987: First World Junior Champions
- 1988: *Staten Bank Invitation* 2nd
- 1989: EC Open winners, 7th in Europeans
- 1990: Won *EOE Optibeurs* big cash prize
- 1991: Europeans 6th
- 1992: World Olympiad 3rd
- 1993: Europeans 4th, World Champions



BERRY WESTRA

Can you tell us first about your family situation?

BW I was born near Amsterdam in 1961. My father was a government officer in the Housing Department, and I have one elder brother, Pier. I am still single.

EL I was born in 1963 in the south of Holland, in Maastricht, better known now for its Treaty. I come from a big family, the youngest of 5 brothers and sisters. My father was a civil engineer. I married Oda in 1991 and we have a baby daughter Lotte, aged just two and a half.

How did you each start bridge?

BW I learned from my parents at the age of 10, and first went to the local youth bridge club partnering my brother when I was 14. In 1978 we won the Dutch Schools Championship but the following year the selectors put me in the 1980 Junior European. The Dutch team was bottom!

EL I was 11 and taught by my mother. My partner was the son of a brewer. I didn't go to a club until I was 17 and soon after went to my first big tournament, the Junior Pairs at the 1980 European Community Championships. At Utrecht University I read geography, then psychology, but mostly played bridge.

When did you first meet, and how did the partnership start?

BW In 1980 Enri moved from the South to the West of Holland and we began playing together, though we knew each other earlier. Our partnership was formed in 1981, and is still going strong.

What was your record together in junior bridge?

EL & BW In 1982 we were 8th in the Salsomaggiore Junior Europeans. The next year Holland won the EC Juniors. In 1984 we were 8th again in Hasselt. The breakthrough came in 1986 when we were in the Dutch team which won the Junior Europeans in Budapest. This was the first team title the Netherlands had ever won in a Zonal bridge championship. This qualified us for the first World Junior Team Championship which was held in Amsterdam in 1987. We beat France in the final.

After that first world title in Junior bridge how did you make the transition to Open bridge?

EL & BW We played in the Dutch Open team that same year in Brighton, and came 6th in the world-class *Staten Bank Invitation* (now known as the *Cap Volmac*). In 1988 we tied for second in *Staten Bank*, but were not selected for the Dutch team because Enri went on a three month vacation. We have played in every team since.

In 1990 we won the biggest cash prize in Dutch bridge history at the Invitation event *EOE Optibeurs*. In the 1992 Olympiad we had the bronze medal, losing to France in the semifinal, but beating Sweden in the play-off.

How about the road to the world title?

EL & BW Four pairs were selected for training in 1993. A friend of Dutch bridge, Hans Melchers, who owns a castle, allowed us to train there, and covered the cost of our coach, Henk Schippers, bringing Eric Kokish over, and teams from France and the US.

In the Europeans in Menton we finished 4th, which, fortunately, qualified us for the *Bermuda Bowl*. The previous 4th, Iceland, had won the 1991 *Bermuda Bowl* so the precedent was good.

In Santiago we were second in the Round Robin. In the next two knockouts we eliminated the two American teams by very narrow margins. In the final against Norway the margin was only 15 IMPs with six boards to go, but we held on to win.

I remember Enri's first words when he heard he was world champion: "Thank God its over!"

EL & BW Yes, we were very tired, having sat out only one session in the semis, and one in the final, but the pleasure grew. When we arrived back at Schiphol Airport there were 400 waiting to greet us, with big interviews on TV sports programmes.

Interview by Patrick Jourdain

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EUROPEAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**ALGAVRE, PORTUGAL
17 JUNE - 1 JULY 1995**

The 42nd **GENERALI** European Championships will be held in a magnificent venue and will contain a new event. Besides the established Open and Ladies Teams and the Ladies Pairs competitions, a new series for Senior Teams will be introduced. While each country is allowed one entry in the Open and Ladies Teams, there is no limit in the Ladies Pairs and Senior Teams; in the latter, transnational entries are permitted.

PROGRAMME

June 17	Opening Ceremony
June 18-20	Ladies Pairs
June 18-July 1	Open Teams
June 21-July 1	Ladies Teams
June 23-30	Senior Teams
July 1	Victory Banquet

The province of **Algarve**, at the southernmost edge of Portugal, is known to be a tourist resort area of exceptional characteristics.

Its history, culture, people and wonderful climate, together with its location on the ancient route linking the Mediterranean with the Atlantic, give Algarve a privileged position as an international tourist destination.

Vilamoura is a large estate of 3,800 acres located in one of the most beautiful areas of Algarve.

Its careful planning as a self-contained holiday resort has resulted in a development which provides a well-balanced compromise between man and the environment. With 3 km of fine sandy beaches, 4 golf courses, a beautiful marina and extensive green areas, Vilamoura offers a superior quality of life.

A multitude of outdoor activities, such as golf, tennis, watersports, riding, cycling and jogging, are available to the visitors. Other attractions include shopping in the boulevards around the marina, and dining at many restaurants and cozy bars to suit every pocket and taste.

There are delightful esplanades, lively disco clubs and a Casino with international shows and gambling room.

How to reach Vilamoura

• by air

Faro International Airport is a mere 20km away; free shuttle will be provided.

• by car

from Spain, across the border, using the IP-1 highway.

Located in Algarve, the recently built 5-star **Vilamoura Marinel** is an exquisite venue for the 1995 European Bridge Championships.

A total of 385 guest rooms overlooking either the sea or the marina, all with air conditioning, terrace, direct dial phones, satellite TV, mini bar and piped music, are available.

There are open air and indoor restaurants, bars and swimming

pools. With direct access to the beach, the hotel also offers a wide range of water sports, health club, sauna and flood lit tennis courts. There are two 18-hole and one 27-hole golf courses at Vilamoura.

The modern **Congress Center** offers a magnificent air conditioned playing area of 1,000 m² in a single space, the **Fenix** room. Other beautiful areas are the **Gemini** and **Vega** rooms, as well as the **Aquarius** room where the vugraph will be staged.

The **Vilamoura Marinel** will be remembered as an ideal combination of comfort, beauty and efficiency - a perfect headquarters hotel for the European Bridge Championships.

Alternatively, participants may stay at **Ampalius**, a 4-star hotel belonging to the same chain as **Marinel**, just 200 meters away.

Hotel Reservations

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c/o Mrs Ana do Vale
Av. República 124-A
P-8000 Faro
Portugal

☎ 351-89-818 132
☎ 351-89-818 144



MASTER POINTS

JUNIORS		
1 HELGEMO G.	NOR	350
2 VERSACE A.	ITA	267
3 HERBST O.	ISR	161
4 BRUUN M.	DEN	129
5 REPS K.	GER	82
6 FREDIN P.	SWE	76
7 FOHRER D.	ISR	70
8 PUCZYNSKI M.	POL	61
9 SZALAY G.	HUN	58
GROMOV A.	RUS	58
11 KNIJFF M. de	SWE	53
12 BALDURSDOTTIR L.	ICE	45
PRIMAVERA F.	ITA	45
14 CHMURSKI B.	POL	43
15 DALL J.	DEN	38
16 RØN J.	DEN	35
17 JEUNEN F.	BEL	34
JONSSON O.	ICE	34
JONSSON S.	ICE	34
JUSKA E.	LTH	34
RAMONDT V.	NTH	34

• Lists correct on 30 June 1994

WOMEN		
1 VRIEND B.	NTH	677
2 PAS M. v.d.	NTH	598
3 LANDY S.	GBR	543
4 SCHIPPERS E.	NTH	538
5 SMITH N.	GBR	497
6 BROCK S.	GBR	474
7 ERHART M.	AUT	434
8 WILLARD S.	FRA	409
ANDREA M. d'	ITA	409
10 CHEVALLEY G.	FRA	401
11 BAMBERGER G.	AUT	380
12 DAVIES P.	GBR	370
13 GAVIARD D.	FRA	369
14 CAPODANNO L.	ITA	365
15 ZENKEL S.	GER	360
16 VOGT W.	GER	344
17 BESSIS V.	FRA	343
18 DELOR E.	FRA	331
19 CAESAR K.	GER	330
20 NORRIS J.	DEN	322
MÖGEL M.	GER	322
22 ARNIM D. v.	GER	319

MEN		
1 CHEMLA P.	FRA	899
2 PERRON M.	FRA	822
3 GAWRYS P.	POL	814
4 MARTENS K.	POL	775
5 SUNDELIN P.O.	SWE	701
6 LEBEL M.	FRA	686
7 BALICKI C.	POL	677
8 AUKEN J.	DEN	656
9 MAAS A.	NTH	650
10 ZMUDZINSKI A.	POL	644
11 FUCIK J.	AUT	641
12 MOUÏEL H.	FRA	636
13 GÖTHE H.	SWE	612
14 GULLBERG T.	SWE	594
15 TERRANEO F.	AUT	588
16 MEINL W.	AUT	578
LESNIEWSKI M.	POL	578
18 LÉVY A.	FRA	569
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Jean Besse
(1914-1994)

Jean Besse of Switzerland, champion player, leading theoretician and distinguished journalist, died on September 3, 1994.

Besse represented Switzerland in three Olympiads and a dozen European Championships, usually playing with Pietro Bernasconi and Jaime Ortiz-Patiño.

He was IBPA's longest serving member, and his column in *Journal de Genève* was a frequent source of superb material.

Besse developed *Swiss Acol* and did important work in the early European computer industry.

MEET

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Well done. Now let's hear something about your individual interests.

BW I am Chief Editor of the bridge magazine, *Bridge Beter*. It is aimed at the less experienced player. It has 13,000 subscribers and sells 5,000 in the shops. I do a little teaching and am author of the books: *Bidding with Berry*. I have never had a fulltime job outside bridge. I jog to keep fit, but prefer to watch sports on TV than take part!

EL I work for *Cap Volmac*, the bridge sponsors, in systems design. At the age of 15 I played tennis at regional level, but gave it up for bridge. I now play badminton, squash, and indoor soc-

cer and am able to play the piano and flute. Lotte, our daughter, has arrived to take up more time for Oda and me.

If you had a magic wand how would you change bridge?

BW I would like to improve the handling of appeals and slow play penalties.

EL I wish the financial rewards of being world champions were as good as in some other sports!

Have you any message for bridge players in general?

BW Keep bridge fun!

EL Finishing bottom is not the end of the world.



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15-21 18th International Budapest Bridge Festival / Budapest, Hungary

26-Feb. 6 15th Marbella Bridge Festival / Marbella, Spain

14-17 The Easter Festival of Bridge / London, Great Britain

24-29 3rd International Bridge Festival 'Turkish Bridge World Magazine' / Istanbul, Turkey



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COMPETITION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

9-18 29th Israel International Bridge Festival / Tel Aviv, Israel

10-13 14th Icelandair Open / Reykjavik, Iceland

22-26 Galzignano 1995 / Terme di Galzignano, Italy

25-26 3rd Forbo International Team Tournament / Scheveningen, The Netherlands

6-14 Ceahlau Trophy / Piatra Neamt, Romania

12-14 International Festival Carta Mundi-Corsendonk Bier / Ostend, Belgium

18-21 4th International Bridge Festival 'Birstonas '95' / Birstonas, Lithuania

19-June 1 46th International Festival / Juan-les-Pins, France

23-29 EBU Spring Bank Holiday Congress / Bournemouth, Great Britain

25-28 22nd Bridge Festival 'Portoroz '95' / Portoroz, Slovenia

MARCH

10-12 Sopron Pairs Tournament / Sopron, Hungary

16 Charity Challenge Cup / Clubs worldwide

21-26 8th PHILIP MORRIS European Pairs Championships / Rome, Italy

28-Apr. 2 Kitzbühel Bridge Week / Kitzbühel, Austria

JUNE

2-3 10th Worldwide Bridge Contest / Clubs worldwide

10-11 Gold Cup Cino del Duca / Paris, France

10-15 1st Swedish Open Teams Cup / Skövde, Sweden

17-July 1 42nd GENERALI European Championships / Algvare, Portugal

29-July 2 3rd Kronborg Bridge Festival / Helsingør, Denmark

30-July 12 The International Festival of Biarritz / Biarritz, France



APRIL

4-9 10th International Bridge Festival / Estoril, Portugal



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