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Junior Review

TURKEY TO WELCOME EUROPEAN YOUTH



Antalya's TALYA Hotel & Convention Centre, a 5-star facility which will host the 2000 European Youth Championships

ANTALYA, a primary tourist resort destination on Turkey's south coast will be the host of the **17th European Youth Championships**, which will take place 6-16 July 2000.

The tournament will be staged in **TALYA Hotel and Convention Centre**, a 5-star facility right on the coast of Antalya's outskirts.

The natural beauty and great historic interest of the area, together with the excellent conditions offered by the venue at moderate cost, make participation in the tournament an opportunity not to be missed.

The European Youth Championships comprises two series: the **Juniors** (for players born in 1975 or later) and the **Schools** (for players born in 1980 or later). Each member country of the **European Bridge League** may enter one team in each series.

The format of the Championships is a simple round robin of 20-board

matches in each series. The European title and prestigious trophy is at stake: the **David Pigot Cup** in the Juniors, and the **José Domíngui Trophy** in the Schools. In addition, the Junior series acts as the European qualifier to next year's **World Junior Teams Championship**, the top inter-zonal event where Europe enters four teams.

Despite its distance from Central Europe, Antalya is easily reached by air either directly from major European cities or through Istanbul. The cost is more than offset by the conditions offered and the unique attractions of Antalya.

Detailed information, entry forms, etc. will be sent to the NCBOs in February.





ITALIAN JUNIORS WIN ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY



As WBFF President, JAIME ORTIZ-PATIÑO founded the World Junior Teams Championship and donated the symbol of Junior bridge supremacy which bears his name. Mr Patiño has never lost interest in Junior bridge and regularly attends the Championship to present personally his Trophy to the winners.

ITALY, the reigning European youth champions (both in the Junior and Schools series), had no difficulty in capturing the world Junior Teams title the first time they ever took part in the competition. Being the **UNITED STATES** in the final, they kept the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy in Europe and added yet another title to the impressive collection they have built recently. At the same time, **DENMARK**, winners of the previous competition, managed to prevail over **ISRAEL** after dramatic match and finish in third place.

The 7th World Junior Teams Championship was held at the Ritz-Carlton Marriott Hotel, a wonderful facility in Fort Lauderdale, Florida USA, 9-18 August 1999.

All WBFF geographic zones were represented in the qualifying stage, and 16 teams from 14 countries lined up to compete in a round robin of 20-board matches. At stake was one of the top four positions which would exchange with a ticket to the semifinals.

From the very beginning the **ITALIAN** team showed that they were strong contenders of the title. Winning their first matches, they took an early lead and never looked back. Eventually they qualified to the semifinals with a healthy 40 VP lead over **USA 2** and **DENMARK** who tied in second place.

Several teams struggled for the last qualifying position. Finally, it was captured by **ISRAEL** who outscored **NORWAY** a short time before the end.

FIN	ITALY - USA 2
3rd PLACE	ISRAEL - DENMARK
SEMIFINALS	ISRAEL - ITALY
	USA 2 - DENMARK
ROUND	
1	ITALY
2	USA 2
3	DENMARK
4	ISRAEL
5	NORWAY
6	ARGENTINA
7	AUSTRALIA
8	CHINA
9	CENTRAL AMERICA
10	HONG KONG
11	CANADA 2
12	CANADA 1
13	BRAZIL
14	EGYPT
15	USA 1
16	CHINESE TAIPEI



9-18 August 1999
Ft. Lauderdale
Florida
USA

ITAL	261 - 186
PLAYOFF	
ISRAEL	162 - 163.5
FINALS	
USA	86 - 161.5
USA	236 - 102.3
ROBIN	
USA	304
USA	260
USA	260
USA	243
USA	231
USA	225
USA	218.5
USA	216.5
USA	211.5
USA	198.5
USA	197.5
USA	196
USA	194
USA	177
USA	176.5
USA	(disqualified)



USA ENDS UP SECOND AS DENMARK PIPS ISRAEL AT THE POST TO FINISH THIRD

Winning the round robin gave **ITALY** the right to choose their semifinal opponent; they picked **ISRAEL**, probably because of the 13.5 IMPs carryover they had from the round robin. After 64 boards, the lead had gone up to over 75 IMPs - enough for a comfortable advance to the final.

At the same time, **DENMARK**, the title holders, started positively against **USA**. However, afterwards the Americans showed great strength and scored heavily. The final margin was no less than 130 IMPs!

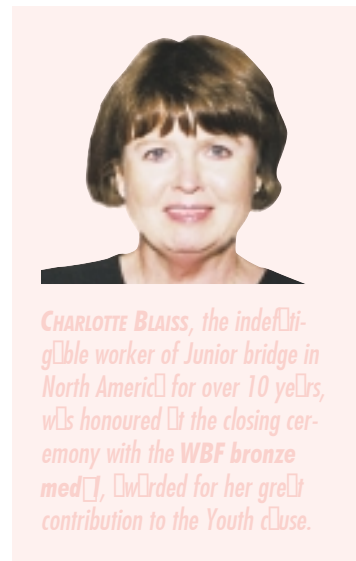
ITALY started the final with a carryover of 24 IMPs and a very high morale. Segment after segment, the Italians increased their lead which at the end of the first day stood at 59 IMPs. Another 26 IMPs were added on the second day, to make it 261-186 for the new world champions at the end of the match.

The playoff for third place proved the most dramatic encounter. What it appeared to be **DENMARK's** negligible initial advantage of 2.5 IMPs vanished in the first segment, after which **ISRAEL** led with nearly 50 IMPs! **DENMARK** struck

back in systematic way, regaining 14 IMPs in the second segment and another 9 in the third. With one segment to go, **ISRAEL** was still leading by 26.5 IMPs. However, **DENMARK** had the better run and scored 28 IMPs. When the smoke cleared, the defending champions had secured the third place on the very last board when they scored 8 IMPs. It was the first moment - but also the most important one - they had led the match! The final margin of 1.5 IMPs was well within the 'negligible' carryover...

The 7th World Junior Teams Championship was a joint organization effort of the WBF and the American Contract Bridge League. It benefitted from the magnificent setting of the Radisson Biltmore Hotel, and gave the participants the opportunity to visit Florida's interesting sites - including the Everglades - in their free time.

Once begun, the tournament personnel was top level, while the world of the game demonstrated its active interest in Junior bridge with the presence of many international officials in Fort Lauderdale.



CHARLOTTE BLAISS, the indefatigable worker of Junior bridge in North America for over 10 years, was honoured at the closing ceremony with the WBF bronze medal, awarded for her great contribution to the Youth cause.



7th World Junior Teams Championship



THE NETHERLANDS WIN 6th EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

After an exciting finish, The Netherlands were once again crowned European University Champions at the end of the sixth event of the series, held in Weimar, Germany, 9-14 August 1999.

The championship attracted an entry of 12 teams from 11 European countries who played a round robin to determine the final classification.

With two rounds to go, France was the clear leader. However, in the penultimate match, France lost to Germany who took the lead with a difference of 3 VPs. One point behind France was another threatening contender, The Netherlands. The last round was exciting. Germany lost to Poland, but when Great Britain blitzed France, it was **The Netherlands** (Simon de Wijs, Bas Drijver, Niek Brink, Frank Burghout, npc Schelte Wijm) who had won the title.

The final ranking: Netherlands (203), Germany I (196), France (188), Romania (183), Poland (178), Sweden (174), Norway (159), Denmark (157), Great Britain (154), Belgium (128), Italy (125), Germany II (109).

THE CHANNEL TROPHY

The annual competition for the Channel Trophy (involving the English Channel countries) was held in Cottbus, Villave in the southwest part of The Netherlands.

The event was very successful with four eligible countries competing in both the Juniors and the Schools series. The host country topped the Juniors classification, while Great Britain prevailed in the Schools.

JUNIORS		SCHOOLS	
1 The Netherlands	114	1 Great Britain	115
2 France	98	2 France	112
3 Belgium	76	3 Belgium	89
4 Great Britain	72	4 The Netherlands	34

WORLD UNIVERSITY TEAMS BRIDGE CUP TO BE LAUNCHED IN MAASTRICHT

The **1st World University Teams Bridge Cup** competition will be held in conjunction with the 2000 World Bridge Team Olympiad in Maastricht, The Netherlands, 26 August - 2 September 2000.

The event is open to all member countries of the *World Bridge Federation*, and is organized with the cooperation of the *Nederlandse Bridge Bond* (NBB), under the auspices of the *Fédération Internationale des Sports Universitaires* (FISU). In accordance with FISU regulations, each country may enter one team consisting of full-time students of a recognized academic institution or

former students who have graduated since 1999. Players must be members and need to have been 17-28 years old on 1 July 2000.

The tournament will be played in the *Maastricht Congress Centre* (MECC) starting with the opening ceremony on Saturday 26 August, 5 pm. The format is a round robin of 16- or 12-board matches, depending on the number of entries. The prize giving will take place in the evening of Saturday 2 September.

Entries should be made to the WBF through the National Federations. Accommodation requests for specific rates to be addressed to NBB.

TOP JUNIORS EUROPEAN MASTER POINTS HOLDERS

1 Gábor WINKLER	116	HUN	34 Gregers BJARNARSON	18	DEN
2 Thomàs CHARLSEN	108	NOR	35 Félicien DAUX	17	FRA
3 Sigurbjörn HARALDSSON	89	ICE	Grigori GOGOBERIDZE	17	GEO
4 Asif AMIT	84	ISR	Shiri FAUR	17	ISR
5 Asif LEVINGER	62	ISR	Piotr LUTOSTANSKI	17	POL
Bernardo BIONDO	62	ITA	39 Andrej GLOYER	16	AUT
7 Véronique DRIESSENS	51	BEL	Ruggiero GUARIGLIA	16	ITA
Julien GEITNER	51	FRA	Andrej MEDUSEI	16	ITA
Abbey WALKER	51	GBR	Frank BURGHOUT	16	NTH
10 Yehiv WAX	46	ISR	Ann SZCZEPANSKA	16	POL
11 Inon LIRAN	41	ISR	45 Julius LINDE	15	GER
12 Gudmundur HALLDÓRSSON	38	ICE	46 Vladimir BASALYGA	14	BLA
13 Rik SchNEIDER	32	ISR	47 Dániel DE ROOS	13	BEL
Stelio DI BELLO	32	ITA	Steve DE ROOS	13	BEL
15 Mikhail KRASNOSELSKIJ	31	RUS	Piotr KUCHARSKI	13	POL
16 Archil GARISHVILI	29	GEO	50 Martin PILIPOVIC	12	CRO
Irakli GARISHVILI	29	GEO	Andrej MARQUARDSEN	12	DEN
Furio DI BELLO	29	ITA	Rahul BALSCHUN	12	GER
19 Peter STRÖMBERG	28	SWE	Niek BRINK	12	NTH
20 Fredrik NYSTRÖM	27	SWE	Michel LAGÂS	12	NTH
21 Gunnar HARR	26	NOR	Krzysztof BURAS	12	POL
22 Ivica JURIĆ	24	CRO	Szymon KAPALA	12	POL
Birkir JÓNSSON	24	ICE	Jessica LARSSON	12	SWE
Francesco MAZZADI	24	ITA	58 Lev SEVIAN	11	ARM
Daniel SIVELIND	24	SWE	59 Kåre GJALDBÆK	10	DEN
26 Bas DRIJVER	23	NTH	Thomàs SIVHOLM	10	DEN
Arsen KARAPETIAN	21	ARM	Troels Buus THOMSEN	10	DEN
Arif VARSHAVSKI	21	ISR	Ari Már ARASON	10	ICE
29 Daniel TAL	20	ISR	Ingvald JÓNSSON	10	ICE
Nog TAL	20	ISR	Francesco NICOLODI	10	ITA
31 Joseph ROLL	19	ISR	Erik HALVORSEN	10	NOR
Nils Kåre KVANGRAVEN	19	NOR	Stefan SUNDKLAKK	10	NOR
Nicholas ELIAZOHN	19	SWE	Magnus MELANDER	10	SWE