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SCHOOLS BRIDGE WRITES HISTORY!

The WBF Youth Committee under the chairmanship of **Panos Gerontopoulos** lived to see a historical moment; the launching of the first world bridge competition reserved exclusively for teenage players.

With many bridge celebrities present, WBF President **José Damiani** welcomed yesterday the six participating teams to the *1st World Schools Team Championship* at the opening ceremony in the New York City Hilton Hotel.



WBF President **José Damiani**, Chief Organizer **Charlotte Blaiss**, WBF Vice President **Joan Gerard** and former WBF President **Ernesto d'Orsi** at the Opening Ceremony.

Poland takes an early lead

After the first two matches of the *1st World Schools Teams Championship* **Poland** is leading the 6-team field with 44 VPs going into day two. The European Schools Champions from **Israel** are a close second while **Canada** is lying in third position.

Poland had a good day starting with a maximum victory against Norway and then beating Canada 19-11. Israel had the better end of their encounters with USA Red (22-8) and Norway (18-12), though

they were trailing in both matches at halftime. Canada lost to Poland in their second match, but won against USA Blue in their first to arrive at average (30 VPs) at the end of the day.

The all American match between USA Red and USA Blue was a close encounter throughout the 24 boards with USA Red scoring a 16-14 victory. Both teams are separated by 1 VP now with USA Blue lying fourth (25 VPs) and USA Red fifth (24 VPs).

ROUND 1

Israel	USA Red	1st half	18	25	22	8	1 Poland	25		
		2nd half	52	7					2 Israel	22
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	70	32					3 Canada	19
Poland	Norway	1st half	32	5	25	5	4 USA Blue	11		
		2nd half	40	15					5 USA Red	8
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	72	20					6 Norway	5
USA Blue	Canada	1st half	29	54	11	19				
		2nd half	22	21						
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	51	75						

ROUND 2

USA Red	USA Blue	1st half	29	26	16	14	1 Poland	44		
		2nd half	26	21					2 Israel	40
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	55	47					3 Canada	30
Canada	Poland	1st half	18	31	11	19	4 USA Blue	25		
		2nd half	28	39					5 USA Red	24
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	46	70					6 Norway	17
Norway	Israel	1st half	8	43	12	18				
		2nd half	28	8						
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	36	51						

ROUND 3

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Canada USA Red

Norway USA Blue

Israel Poland

ROUND 4

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USA Red Poland

USA Blue Israel

Canada Norway

News from all over the world

WASHINGTON, USA - Poll finds 55% of Americans feel less safe from terror because of the war in Iraq. The fear factor is now 22 percentage points higher than it was six months ago.

PARIS, France - Police patrolled suburban trains on Monday, trying to track down six men who allegedly attacked a young mother and scrawled swastikas on her stomach.

KINSHASA, Congo - Part of an east Congo uranium mine has collapsed, killing at least eight miners digging there illicitly, authorities said Monday.

SYDNEY, Australia - Surfer mauled by a shark dies.

Weather - Rain, humidity 76%, temperature 69-77°F or 21-25°C

Curtains up for the 1st World Schools Team Championship!

The Opening Ceremony of the 1st World Schools Team Championship took place on the 42nd floor of the New York Hilton hotel. **Panos Gerontopoulos**, WBF vice president and chairman of the WBF Youth Committee, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers who expressed how thrilled they are to be present at the opening of a new event that writes history here in New York.

Jay Baum, CEO of the American Contract Bridge League and **Joan Gerard**, WBF vice president and chairman of the organizing committee welcomed the six participating teams from **Canada, Israel, Norway, Poland, USA Blue** and **USA Red**.

Panos Gerontopoulos then introduced the personnel of this championship and welcomed such distinguished guests as **Ernesto d' Orsi**, past WBF president; **Barbara Nudelman**, former ACBL president and WBF executive council member, **Chuck Wilkinson**, president elect of the ACBL and **Al Levy**, ACBL chairman of the board. He finally asked everybody to give a round of applause to **Charlotte Blaiss**, member of the WBF Youth Committee and member of the organizing and tournament committee, who worked extremely hard to make this event happen.

When the teams were called country by country, Israel made a special appearance with rather colourful - to say the least - funny shoes and a lot of soap bubbles surrounding them.



Finally José Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation - known as a big supporter of bridge in schools - addressed the players and by unfurling the WBF flag declared the Championship open.



The Canadian team



The USA Blue team



Three Tickets to New York

How the Europeans qualified for the 1st World Schools Team Championship

The schools series of the 2002 Youth Championships in Torquay, England, proved to be a two horse race between Poland and Israel with both teams meeting on the penultimate round of the event. Poland had what one would call a perfect start:

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

<p>♠ K Q 9 8 6 4 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ J 10 8 4 ♣ -</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ - ♥ A K 8 5 4 3 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ K J 9 6</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 3 2 ♥ J ♦ A 7 6 2 ♣ A 7 5</p>
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	<p>♠ 10 5 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ Q 10 8 4 3 2</p>					

West <i>Kalita</i> <i>(Poland)</i>	North <i>Ofir</i> <i>(Israel)</i>	East <i>Sikora</i> <i>(Poland)</i>	South <i>O.Assaraf</i> <i>(Israel)</i>
	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Jan Sikora did well not to double 5♥, as that would have discouraged his partner from competing to 5♠. Sikora won the second heart, drew trumps, stripped out the clubs and hearts, and played ace and another diamond; 450 to Poland.

West <i>E.Assaraf</i> <i>(Israel)</i>	North <i>Niziok</i> <i>(Poland)</i>	East <i>Grunbaum</i> <i>(Israel)</i>	South <i>Nawrocki</i> <i>(Poland)</i>
	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	Dbl	All Pass

Grunbaum was tempted by his three aces as indeed many others were. Double game swings abounded on a lot of teams in the championships. 650 plus 450 was 15 IMPs to Poland.

Israel struck back a couple of boards later:

Board 7. Dealer South. All vul.

<p>♠ Q 10 6 4 ♥ J 10 9 ♦ A 9 6 5 ♣ A J</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K J 9 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ 8 7 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 5 3 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K Q 10 7 2 ♣ 6 5 2</p>
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S						
		<p>♠ A 8 7 ♥ K Q 8 3 2 ♦ 3 ♣ K Q 10 9</p>				

West <i>Kalita</i>	North <i>Ofir</i>	East <i>Sikora</i>	South <i>O.Assaraf</i>
			1♥
Dbl	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	


North's 2♦ showed a good raise to 2♥, which helped Israel to reach the best contract; 620 to Israel. Had Sikora doubled 2♦, it probably would not have affected the outcome.

West <i>E.Assaraf</i>	North <i>Niziok</i>	East <i>Grunbaum</i>	South <i>Nawrocki</i>
			1♥
Dbl	INT	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

The Poles never got close to game. It seems that their methods after the double were inferior to the Israeli bidding. 10 IMPs to Israel meant that the Polish lead was cut down to 23-18.


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Board 10. Dealer East. All vul.

♠ J 10 2 ♥ Q 10 7 5 3 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ 7 4		♠ K 9 5 3 ♥ A ♦ 10 6 5 2 ♣ J 9 6 5	♠ A 7 ♥ 9 6 4 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ K 10 8 3 2
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West <i>Kalita</i>	North <i>Ofir</i>	East <i>Sikora</i>	South <i>O.Assaraf</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♠ ⁽³⁾
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

♠ 8 ♥ K 7 5 4 2 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ J 10 9 2		♠ Q 10 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 10 3 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ 3	♠ A 9 7 6 ♥ A 9 ♦ A K 10 9 3 ♣ Q 7
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West <i>Kalita</i>	North <i>Ofir</i>	East <i>Sikora</i>	South <i>O.Assaraf</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- (1) Puppet Stayman
- (2) at least one four-card major
- (3) four card heart suit

A Puppet Stayman sequence led to 3NT. The ♦6 was led to the ♦Q and ♦K. Gilad Ofir cashed the ♣A and ♣Q, crossed to ♠A, cashed the ♣K and finessed the ♥J, losing to the ace. East cashed the ♣J on which declarer discarded ♥8, but East was hopelessly endplayed afterwards. When he finally tried spades, that was 600 to Israel. Well played.

At the other table, the apparently inferior spade lead went to the ♠Q. Declarer won the ♣A, ♣Q, ♠A and ♣K, finessed ♦J, cashed ♦A, exited in spades to West's 10, misguessed hearts and had a diamond loser at the end. 100 was 12 IMPs to Israel, leading 30-26 now.

The Israeli lead increased when a slammish hand produced a swing:

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People need to know you,
so help them out!

Gilad Ofir correctly evaluated that his three aces, suitable side suit and ♣Q were golden, and simply bid to the best spot without giving West any clues about what to lead. The spotlight shone now on Jacek Kalita who finally selected ♦6 as his opening lead, but a heart would have defeated the contract.

Ory Assaraf won the diamond, drew three rounds of trumps pitching a spade, lead another diamond on which West played the four, rose with ♦A and claimed soon afterwards. 940 less 460 (3NT+2 after 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♣ - 3NT) gave another 10 IMPs to Israel, leading 50-30.

Poland regained some ground before the end of the match, the final result being 51-39. This converted to 17-13 VPs to Israel, who found out later on that those 4 VPs difference were extremely valuable. In their last match Israel scored 25 VPs against Scotland, whereas Poland only collected 17 against the Dutch Schools team, the final result therefore being: 1st Israel 311 VPs, 2nd Poland 308 VPs.

On the other hand, 13 VPs to the Netherlands against Poland also meant that Norway (289 VPs) who also scored 24 VPs against Germany, were able to overtake the Netherlands at the very last gasp to take the bronze medal as well as the third available ticket to New York.

A lively start

Round 1: NORWAY - POLAND

The encounter of two of the European contenders saw Poland having an excellent start, not giving away anything.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

<p>♠ A J 5 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ - ♣ A K Q J 10 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K 10 9 ♥ K Q J ♦ J 9 8 7 ♣ 8 6 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 2 ♥ A 8 7 5 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ 9 4</p>
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	S											
<p>♠ 6 4 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A K Q 10 6 4 ♣ 7 5</p>												

West	North	East	South
Eide	Nawrocki	Livgard	Sikora
(Norway)	(Poland)	(Norway)	(Poland)
	Pass	Pass	3♦
5♣	All Pass		

Despite having a four-card support for his partner's suit Piotr Nawrocki wasn't tempted to bid 5♦, as his partner had opened in third seat. How right he was! In the process of play he collected two heart tricks and the ♠K to put 5♣ down one; 50 to Poland.

At the other table East/West managed to find a better spot:

West	North	East	South
Piotrowski	Simonsen	Nonosadzki	Lindqvist
(Poland)	(Norway)	(Poland)	(Norway)
	Pass	Pass	3♦
DbI	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When South led a diamond, declarer ducked one round of hearts, ruffed a second diamond, cashed ♥A and played on clubs; 450 to Poland and 11 IMPs.

The very next board Norway missed a chance:

Board 2. Dealer East. North/South vul.

<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ K 7 6 4 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ A Q 9 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A Q 8 7 4 ♥ A 5 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 ♥ Q J 10 9 2 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ J 10 6</p>
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	S											
<p>♠ K 6 3 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A K 7 2 ♣ K 8 5</p>												

West	North	East	South
Eide	Nawrocki	Livgard	Sikora
		2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	DbI
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

When East opened a very light weak-two in hearts, the Norwegians did well to push Poland overboard as North could lose three clubs, a heart and a diamond. But it turned out to be one of those 'could have beens'. East started with the ♥Q, competently ducked by North. Now East was at a crossroads. When he continued with another heart, P. Nawrocki took the chance given by the defence. He won the ♥A, played ♠A, spade to the king, another spade to the queen followed by ♦10, which he let run, when East wasn't able to cover. What else could West have done but return another diamond, which Nawrocki took with the ace to cash ♦K and the 13th diamond to discard one of his club losers; 140 to Poland.

West	North	East	South
Piotrowski	Simonsen	Nonosadzki	Lindqvist
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

The Polish East player did not open the bidding, so South got a chance to start with 1♦. When N/S set-

tled quietly in 2 ♠, there was nothing the defence could do. Declarer did make life easier for East/West as he took ♥A in the first round which gave the defenders the communication to negotiate their club tricks; 110 to Norway, but 1 IMP to Poland.

The third board saw a 'no swing', when both teams reached an excellent grand slam, that had just one flaw: it didn't make!

Board 3. Dealer South. East/West vul.

♠ K 10 5 ♥ A K 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ A K Q 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 3 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ K 10 9 8 4 2 ♣ 8 7	♠ A Q J 7 2 ♥ J 10 8 5 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 10 5
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W		E										
	S											

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>Nawrocki</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Sikora</i>
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Dbl	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

West found out that his partner had five spades, no cue bid, one keycard, the ♠Q but no kings. If East holds three (or more) clubs declarer can easily count to thirteen tricks if the clubs behave. If East does have only a doubleton club, the suit has to split 3-3 and if it doesn't declarer still has a heart finesse that might have worked. Well, not today!

West <i>Piotrowski</i>	North <i>Simonsen</i>	East <i>Nonosadzki</i>	South <i>Lindqvist</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

At the other table the Polish club system located the spade fit as well. Keycard Blackwood found out about one keycard and the queen of trumps and Piotrowski - Nonosadzki bid the grand as well. No point lost, but none won either.

The Polish lead increased two boards later:

Board 5. Dealer North. North/South vul.

♠ A Q J 7 ♥ 4 ♦ A J 10 6 3 2 ♣ 9 8	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 8 4 3 ♥ K Q 7 6 ♦ - ♣ A 7 6 3 2	♠ 10 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ K Q 9 7 5 ♣ J 10 5 4
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West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>Nawrocki</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Sikora</i>
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Dbl	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

The Precision-style 2♣ opening of the Polish pair made life difficult for East/West. South showed his long hearts and North was able to jump to 4♥ immediately. It took West a long time before he doubled for the second time, and East, without a clearcut bid decided to pass this out. Nawrocki ruffed the ♦A lead, played ♥K, club to the king, ♣Q and ruffed a diamond. Then he cashed ♥Q, ♣A and ruffed a club. When the ♠A proved to be onside, declarer had twelve tricks in the bag; 1190 to Poland.

West <i>Piotrowski</i>	North <i>Simonsen</i>	East <i>Nonosadzki</i>	South <i>Lindqvist</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dbl	2♥	Pass	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

In the closed room, it took North/South a little longer to get to 4♥. Here West almost knew that his partner wouldn't have a four-card spade suit, as he could have bid it cheaply on the two-level. So he

decided to introduce his longest suit on the 5-level, then proceeded to get doubled and lose the obvious four tricks; +300 to Norway, but 13 IMPs to Poland, who now led 25-0.

The next board saw Norway finally entering the scoreboard - despite a result, that didn't really make them happy:

Board 6. Dealer East. East/West vuln.

<p>♠ 10 5 ♥ A Q 7 6 5 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A K 8 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ Q 7 6 3 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 7 6 4 3 ♣ 9 3</p>	<p>♠ A J ♥ J 8 ♦ A K J 10 9 2 ♣ 10 6 5</p>
N									
W	E								
	S								

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>Nawrocki</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Sikora</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East/West did not get to the cold 4♥, when West found no way to show his 6-card suit on a convenient level. Declarer won the ♠4 lead to the queen with his ace and cross to the table with a club, just to take a losing diamond finesse. After South had cashed ♠K98 the good news for East was, that the spades were blocked, but the bad news was that his hand was completely dead too. South continued with ♣Q, won in dummy. Next came ♥A and a heart to the jack and king. South now cashed ♣J to put the contract two down; 200 to Poland.

West <i>Piotrowski</i>	North <i>Simonsen</i>	East <i>Nonosadzki</i>	South <i>Lindqvist</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

If the Polish supporter had hoped that the approach of their players would work out better, they must have been disappointed to find out that their

bidding got them to right level, but in the wrong denomination. 4NT went down four; 400 to Norway and 5 IMPs, trailing by 5-25 at this point.

Apart from one board the rest of the set was rather flat, but the last swing went to Poland again:

Board 10. Dealer East. All vul.

<p>♠ Q J 10 8 3 ♥ 3 ♦ K Q 7 2 ♣ K 9 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ A 6 4 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ J 10 9 5 ♣ 10 7 3</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ J 9 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A Q</p>
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W	E								
	S								

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>Nawrocki</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Sikora</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♠	INT	All Pass	

A quiet auction led to North declaring INT. East tried a surprise heart lead, but that didn't impress declarer much. North took ♥A and played a club to the queen. East insisted on a heart to North's king, who played another club. In with ♣A East switched to a small spade but it was too late. Declarer won with the ace, cleared the clubs and had seven tricks. This gave 90 to Poland, when a spade lead would have set the contract.

West <i>Piotrowski</i>	North <i>Simonsen</i>	East <i>Nonosadzki</i>	South <i>Lindqvist</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♠	INT	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

In the closed room East preferred to bid his heart suit, which led to 2♠ played by West. With trumps being 3-3 this contract was not in danger and declarer collected eight tricks, 110 to Poland and 5 IMPs to lead 32-5 at halftime. When the Polish players continued going strong in the second half to outscore Norway 40-15, the final result was 72-20, 25-5 in VPs respectively to give Poland the lead after round 1.