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Samba time on the second day



It is the second day of our round robin and the day shows samba time of the Bridge carnival. Seemingly, many teams are waking up after preparing in the first day's matches. Marvelously, the status has been changing on every possible second as wild hands are coming up and lots of big wins are being produced. 11 matches have come to the end, and members walking in the leading group teams are China A, Sweden, Norway and Poland B. Rank positions show us that there is a far distance between the leading group and other teams. Among those leading teams, the hose team ChinaA (Tianjin Normal University Team) has unexpectedly become the first place team. Sweden team is running after ChinaA within 11 VP. Although Norway and PolandB are sharing the same VP, they can hardly overstep the forward. Some other promising teams such as USA, Italy, PolandA and so on are trying catching up. After all, competing and struggling keeps going, it's too early to see the final result. So, let's see to it.

Workshop on University Bridge:

'What can we do for you?'

In the schedule, you have seen that we will hold a workshop on University Bridge!

The international University Sport Federation (FISU) and the World Bridge Federation (WBF) pay very much attention to the development of University Bridge in your country! It is very important that bridge is played in bridge club at universities and also that there

are a lot of university teams participating at international university events!

As Mister Damiani will arrive on Wednesday 25th, and he would love to discuss this matter with you, we have changed the initial schedule. As a result, the 18th match will be played on Monday evening and the workshop will be organized right after the last match on Wednesday at 18.45h in the auditorium on the ground floor. (view graph room)

We expect you all to be present, participants and captains, at the workshop!! FISU and WBF will appreciate this very much!

What can we do for you? We will speak about the following items:

- I What would you like to have developed?
- I How can we support you?
- I Are there many university bridge clubs in your country?
- I What is existing in your country on University Bridge and how can we expand and improve?
- I Are you in contact with the National University Sport Federation?
- I

At the workshop, it is up to you to talk! We will listen to you and try to realize a good future for you and the next students!

I thank you very much in advance for your attendance at the meeting, which is very important for FISU and WBF.

New schedule of play:

Workshop on Wednesday, extra match on Monday at 18.55h

♠♥♦♣ NOTICE ♠♥♦♣

The workshop of FISU scheduled for the evening of 23rd has been rescheduled for the evening of 25th. The first match scheduled for the morning of 25th will now take place on the evening of the 23rd, as the seventh match of the day. All succeeding matches will be advanced by one.

Today's Vu-Graph Matches

Rd.	Time	Vu-Graph Table 1 (VG1) (Open Room ONLY)	Vu-Graph Table 2 (VG2) (Open Room ONLY)
12	09:30-10:35	Poland A vs. Belgium A	USA vs. Sweden
13	10:55-12:00	China A vs. Netherlands	Turkey vs. Germany
14	12:20-13:25	Poland B vs. Czech Republic	Denmark vs. France B
15	14:40-15:45	France A vs. Thailand	Sweden vs. Norway
16	16:05-17:10	Netherlands vs. Italy	Chinese Taipei B vs. Great Britain
17	17:30-18:35	Belgium B vs. Poland B	Belgium A vs. Japan
18	18:55-20:00	Serbia vs. France A	Canada vs. Italy

Round 9 China A vs Germany

We picked up our match of the day on round 9, China A against Germany. Not because we only analyze the hands of the host team but we felt there were more interesting hands to talk about in this round. The Chinese youngsters have been doing unexpectedly well since the tournament started. Partly because other teams are suffering from Jet-lag in the first few days but I rather believe that the hard training before this tournament has paid back well.

On board 1 the Chinese girls in the closed room had a mixed up in defense to let through a 4♥ with 4 tricks on top their side. The Chinese boys in the open room managed to stop in 3♥ with 4♣ cold the other way had high hopes for a gain but was disappointed to lose 6 imps on the hand. Board 2 the German pair over bid to 4♥ and the Chinese girls stopped in 2. That almost leveled the match at 5:6. Then, after an overtrick imp, this hand came up:

Board 4

♠ 8 ♥ AKJT84 ♦ 762 ♣ J93	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E W	S	♠ KQ9 ♥ Q2 ♦ AQJ9 ♣ AQT2	♠ AJ32 ♥ 76 ♦ T54 ♣ 8754
N						
E W						
S						

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N(Li)	E(Felmy)	S(Liu)	W(Hevemeier)
			P
2♦*	X	2♥*	2♠
P	4♠	All pass	

Despite the combined 26 points in EW hands, they had no game their side. From my point of view, the “free” bid of W in the open room was slightly an overbid. E had his reasons to expect a better hand from his partner. Game was soon reached but there was no way to avoid 4 losers. In the closed room, the Chinese W, Jin Jing, passed then bid a quiet 2♠ on partner’s 2nd X and played there. +140 was worth 6 imps.

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Board 5 ♠ A97654 ♥ 2 ♦ A2 ♣ AT32	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">E W</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E W	S	♠ T ♥ JT83 ♦ QT94 ♣ QJ87
N					
E W					
S					
♠ J ♥ K764 ♦ KJ76 ♣ K964		♠ KQ832 ♥ AQ95 ♦ 853 ♣ 5			

N(Li)	E(Felmy)	S(Liu)	W(Hevemeier)
1♠	P	3NT*	P
4♣*	P	4♠	P
4NT	P	5♠	P
5NT	P	6♠	All Pass

In the open, the Chinese pair had a good auction to reach this lay-down 6♠ although the 1♠ opening was limited to 15

points. 3NT was a Spl. And 4♣ asked which one it was. After hearing shortness in ♣, N decided to push on with 4NT RKC. After that, the slam was unstoppable. For the Germans, they had a relay auction but failed to find out the singleton ♣ in S hand. Stopping in 4♠ cost them 13 imps.

Board 6 the German pairs two part scores in both rooms. Down two and down one was worth another 7 imps. But that wasn't the end yet! On board 7 they had a huge misunderstanding to end up in a 3-1 fit 4♠ instead of 53 fit in ♥. The 53 fit made 10 tricks for 620 and the 31 fit drifted 3 down. 14 imps went to the Chinese side again.

The last board of the match was 3NT in both rooms. +2 via a nice strip squeeze and +1 gave the Chinese side 1 imp, but 6♣ was cold.



Jin, China A

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Board 8

♠ KT84	♥ 872	♦ JT873	♣ 8	<table style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		E		W		S		♠ J932	♥ QJT9	♦ Q6	♣ J63
	N																
E		W															
	S																
				♠ AQ765													
				♥ 54													
				♦ A2													
				♣ 7542													

N(Li)	E(Felmy)	S(Liu)	W(Hevemeier)
			P
1♣	P	1♥*	P
1♠*	P	2♥*	P
2NT	P	3NT	All pass

I don't have the bidding record in the closed but for the open; the Chinese pair didn't even find their 54 fit in ♣. 1♣ was precision and 1♥ showed 8-11 any hand. 1♠ was relay, 2♥ showed ♠. Then, after 2NT waiting bid from N, S didn't dare to introduce his 4 card ♣ headed by the 7 into the picture, a raise to 3NT ended the bidding. I must admit that I disagree with N's choice. Personally I would have bid 2♣ after 1♥ instead of a 1♠ relay. Ignore a 100 honor suit is insane in a rubber bridge game and it could well be the same case here. After 2♣, 2♠ by S, life might become much easier for them to find out everything at a low level. Well, maybe I am not in the position to criticize their bidding; after all, they are the leaders after the first two days!

Schedule of Tennis for Athletes

Team leaders and athletes who have the intention to play tennis may enjoy it in the tennis playground near the gate of Tianjin Normal University. The ground would be open from 8:30p.m. to 11:00p.m. on 23rd, from 7:30p.m. to 11:00p.m. on 24th, from 8:30p.m. to 11:00p.m on 25th. Ten tennis bats and several tennis balls would be offered. Welcome!

Summary On Other Matches Of The Day

As we have 7 matches for the day, we will just pick up some hands from some of the matches and look at them roughly. Round 5 we have our world juniors champions on viewgraph again, they are playing against the France A team. On the very first hand, The USA team missed a chance for a big swing.

Board 1

	♠ AQT		
	♥ AJ84		
	♦ 95		
	♣ Q943		
♠ 64	N	♠ 98752	
♥ 7532	E	♥ 96	
♦ T82	W	♦ AKJ43	
♣ AK82	S	♣ 7	
	♠ KJ3		
	♥ KQT		
	♦ Q76		
	♣ JT65		

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N	E	S	W
Malarme	Wooldridge	Lhuissier	Barth
1♣	P	3NT	All pass

Both pairs are playing a straight forward bidding system. The French pair didn't want to spend too much time reaching this sharp game. W, Barth led ♥5, 2nd best from bad holding, to the 9 and K. With 7 tricks on top, declarer had to set up some ♣ tricks for his contract, and, some hopes that the defense might not find the killing ♦ switch. Barth rose in with the K and, after some thought, found the good ♦ switch. E, Wooldridge played a deceptive A and returned the 3. Alas, it was his partner who fell for the trick!

Declarer had no other option but going up the Q. when this held, he tried another wishful ♣. W, without knowing that the ♦ suit was running ducked this! So declarer ran away with 9 tricks. In the other room, the defense didn't find the killing ♦ switch, so it was a push at 400 but one might feel that an opportunity was missed. The match still ended up a good win for the USA, 23:7 VPs.



Barth, USA

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Board 1

	♠ K3		
	♥ KJT984		
	♦ Q862		
	♣ 4		
♠ Q984	N	♠ AT75	
♥ 752	E	♥ AQ6	
♦ 97	W	♦ K5	
♣ QJ85	S	♣ AKT9	
	♠ J62		
	♥ 3		
	♦ AJT43		
	♣ 7632		

N	E	S	W
Wu	Dobbels	Qin	Hertog
2♦	X	2♥	P
P	2NT	P	3♣
P	3NT	All pass	



Qin, China B

In round 8, we met the other host team, China B. 6 young boys from one of the most famous university in China, the Beijing university are playing on viewgraph against Belgium A. on the very first board, the Belgium EW cleverly avoided the doomed 44 fit ♠ game but, instead, they gave it a goal in 3NT. Although knowing his partner opened a weak 2♥, still, the Chinese South, Qin decided to lead his own suit ♦. That was the only lead to defeat the contract. The ♦10 lead (0/2) went to the 7, 2 and K. Declarer entered the dummy with a ♣ and played ♠Q up, covered with the K and A. now declarer played back one and S went into tank. Did N have 3 small ♦ and ♥A or ♦Q without ♥A? It was a tough guess. He finally decided to duck, trying to wait for more information from his partner's ♠ order. He is still waiting! Declarer quickly cashed out for 9 tricks. Could his problem be solved? I think N could have helped his partner by playing

the ♦Q on the first trick. Then, when in with the ♠J, S could do nothing but trying to cash out the ♦ suit. Of course, N must be careful to unblock his ♦86 to avoid the possible block of the suit. In the closed room, the Chinese pair found their ♠ fit but decided to stay out of game. 3♠ looked to be a make but the Chinese declarer mis-guessed the play and went down one. The Belgians picked up the first big swing of the match.

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Board 3

	♠ A9732	
	♥ T7	
	♦ Q54	
	♣ T95	
♠ Q5		♠ JT6
♥ Q6		♥ AJ4
♦ 7632		♦ JT9
♣ AQJ63		♣ 8742
	♠ K84	
	♥ K98532	
	♦ AK8	
	♣ K	

N	E	S	W
Wu	Dobbels	Qin	Hertog
			1♣
1♥*	X	P	2♥
P	2♠	P	3♠
			All pass.

Board3, the Chinese pair stopped in 3♠ after a strong 1♣ opening from S. it looked they had missed a game as the ♥A was onside and trumps behave. But it wasn't true. Defense had a way to beat the game. A ♣ lead would have done the job. Just tap the dummy with 2 rounds of ♣. Declarer couldn't afford to draw trumps now. So he had to come back with the ♦Q and play a ♥ up. E could take his A and force dummy with the 3rd ♣. After cashing ♠K, declarer had no way back. The best

he could do was to play ♥K and ♥, trying to ruff back. But W could ruff with the ♠Q and promote 2 tricks for his partner. The defense was not found in both rooms, so both declarers made 10 tricks. This room 170 and the other room N was in game. Another 6 imps for Belgium A. The Chinese boys picked a game swing later and 4 imps in a hand when the opponents went all the way to 6♠, the guy had ♠A987x didn't even dare to double. That went down 4, 200 for his side. The good news was that his team-mates managed to stop in game. The bad news was that that was also unmakeable. So it was only 4 imps for the home boys. At the end, they were still 2 imps too short, that meant 16:14VPs for Belgium A. Round 10, we picked up the match Norway against Italy on Viewgraph. Italy picked up some imps in the first 6 boards although it could easily be the other way round. Then came 2 pushes but missed chances for both sides.

After 2 passed, the Norwegian N, who has the same family name with the famous Swedish international opened a "super heavy" multi 2♦ in 3rd hand. Would anybody bid 4♦ with the E hand? I think although we are university championship, there must be a lot of players knowing this convention: Leaping Michaels. Showing a strong hand with at least 55 in the bidding minor and one major, GF. Yes I do agree that this is a borderline choice but one would expect the juniors to be more aggressive. The actual choice of 2♥ overcall did not look bad to me either. However, it seemed that they did not have clear agreement in this situation. Would 2♠ show a limit raise in ♥? I think so, how can a passed hand believe that his ♠ suit is better than partner's ♥? Still, after the simple raise, E didn't even consider the possibility of a slam but just accept the invitation happily. Both rooms missed this 75% slam, so it was a push at 680.

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Board 7

	♠ KQT642		
	♥ K		
	♦ QT7		
	♣ QJ7		
♠ A73	N	♠ 8	
♥ AJ53	E	♥ QT9842	W
♦ 862	S	♦ AKJ53	
♣ 932		♣ A	
	♠ J95		
	♥ 76		
	♦ 94		
	♣ KT8654		

N	E	S	W
Lindqvist	Ferrari	Lunna	Sangiorgio
		P	P
2♦*	2♥	P	3♥
P	4♥	All pass	

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Board 8

	♠ JT84		
	♥ 963		
	♦ 9842		
	♣ 76		
♠ AK732	N	♠ Q65	W
♥ Q8	E	♥ AJT2	
♦ AK6	S	♦ Q75	
♣ J54		♣ Q83	
	♠ 9		
	♥ K754		
	♦ JT3		
	♣ AKT92		

N	E	S	W
Lindqvist	Ferrari	Lunna	Sangiorgio
			1♠
P	2♣*	P	2NT
P	4♠	All pass	

On the last board of the match, both rooms also reached the doomed game in 4♠ but 3NT was unbeatable. If S leads a small ♣ to keep the communication, declarer can cash 3 rounds of ♠ and ♦ then throw S in with a ♣ to get 2 more ♥ tricks. If S cashes 2♣ instead to avoid this, the communication is broken, then

declarer can set up his 5th ♠ as his 9th trick. Was that difficult to play in 3NT with 5332 against 4333? I think EW should be able to give each other a choice for game. How? Well, I was going to ask the same question... the match ended up in a 19:11 VP win for Italy but it could easily be one way traffic the other direction.

Well Eating Half Done

An athlete from Botswana team just tells us that he prefers some called 'red fruit' very much, which is provided in the hotel dining hall. It seems that eating of the tournament also becomes a nice topic.

Undoubtedly, These days, the host of the 3rd WUBC Tianjin Normal University is trying to make all the officials and athletes satisfied, especially in eating and living.

It's about 9 o'clock am on 22nd. Some players are still having their buffet breakfast. Except the traditional Chinese style breakfast, foreign friends may also enjoy different kinds of tasted western food.

According to what the manager of hotel dining hall said to us, western style meals play important role in the 3rd WUBC, as most athletes come from the west. In order to make our foreign friends keep fit and comfortable while eating in the tournament, the dining hall tries to provide various tasted western cuisine. We do think that our friends will be happy to taste pure French food, Russian food and many others kinds here.

One interesting thing is that traditional Chinese food has become the most popular one among foreign players according to the related investigation in the tournament.

Just as people often say 'Well beginning half done', the whole staffs of the university hotel dining hall wish all the players 'Well eating half done'.

Fantastic Volunteers

The 3rd WUBC has opened for two days and the organizers are so delighted to learn that most officials and athletes speak highly of the young volunteers of the tournament.

Recently, volunteer GeYudi often goes home very late as she has to finish her voluntary work for the 3rd WUBC. She applied to become a volunteer months ago and was eventually selected by the organizers. Ge takes her responsibility mainly in team register. Because of teams' different time arrival, she has to run around helping the foreigners make familiar with the campus and translate for different people.

When being asked about the feeling of voluntary work, GeYudi says: 'Frankly speaking, that's really a hard working job. We especially feel tired on the first day of receiving the foreign teams. Lots of people need our help so we have to get into our duties quickly and carefully. But also telling the truth, I really love my voluntary work because it makes me take advantage of the tournament to make friends and communicate with more people. Helping others truly makes me feel so happy and I am honored to be a host.'

As a matter of fact, Ge is only one member of the large team of volunteers. Even some of these young university students don't know too much about the Bridge, they have large enthusiasm in doing something for the tournament. Most of them have to ask leave for classes and dropping off much personal time.

These days, 'fantastic' is quite often used by foreign friends to commend volunteers that these young voluntary guys have become a special beautiful view sight of the tournament. As the 3rd WUBC is a Bridge carnival for young people, volunteers are making it much more wonderful through their fantastic work..

UPS AND DOWNS ON THE SECOND DAY FOR THE NETHERLANDS

The first day of the championship gave the Dutch team mixed feelings. The reception and the opening ceremony were beautiful but in the first four matches the team did not really find their way to profitable victories and they got with 67 vips only a little over average.

After a nice being together in the evening and a good night rest in the stomach of Bob was a little disturbed so the girls, Marion and Meike, who would sleep late should play the first session against Hongkong. As captain, supporter and former player I sat down behind them. Opponents gave nothing away, played perfectly, and the Dutch pairs were not awake by a long shot. The terrible developments: 0-30. Then you really get nervous. We were lucky in the second four boards when Hongkong overbid for our +5imps and then mishandled two games: in the end it was 14-16 but not the start we wanted.

On vugraph against Germany was the second test. It was not sure that Bob recovered completely when the bidding went:

Jeroen		Bob	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1 SA	Pass
2♦	Pass	??	

At this point Bob realized he made a bidding error. 1NT showed 5♣ + a unidentified major and west probably was

looking for the major. In order to not create a misunderstanding Bob passed 2♦ with ♠ A 7 ♥ K 8 ♦ A K J 5 2 ♣ 8 5 4 3 which had to be a reasonable partscore. That was true (+150)but it was also a vulnerable 3NT. After the match the captain went to Jeroen who got the blame in the vugraph theatre because he was on the screen sitting east. The names were switched so the guilty one stayed unpunished. And Bob was even more lucky.

Board 3/match 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			pass
pass	1♦	pass	pass
dbl	pass	pass	redbl
pass	1♠	pass	pass
dbl	pass	1 NT	pass
pass	pass		

Also the German east-west got no further than 1 NT and scored one imp for +180. The match kept scoring low and it was 3-2 with one board to go. In footballmatches there is this saying: 22 players, one referee and one ball and 90 minutes to play: in the last minute Germany wins. However this time it was the Dutch who got the best of their opponents with a non vulnerable game missed by the other table for a 17-13 win.

Japan started very well in this championship and was the next opponent. The half of all points were created on this part score battle:

Board2 /match 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1 NT	2 ♦(♥+♠)	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

East very cautious did not open the bidding but came in after 1NT. South had a difficult task to pass 2 ♠ so bid 3♦. Now east fell from grace with 3♠ which went four down and +200 for the Netherlands.

The events at the other table

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Also here no doubles but a second +200 for the Dutch who went on to win the match 20-2 =21-9

At Saturday the Netherlands had a heavy fight with Taipei B so they were warned when the Taipei A team came at the table. Again three good results for the Taiwanese but then the Netherlands recovered with a well played 3NT, making for +12 imps when the Taiwanese declarer took a less well view. And a little luck helped the Dutch

Board 5/match 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♣	dbl	1 ♦
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Just bid what you think you can make

and especially when that game is 3NT' , a very usefull rule in the bidding. Richt south was whit his bid but after a small spade for ♠J, ducked by south, came ♠Q and now south erred by taking ♠A. This inevitably lead to one down when east after taking ♦A the first time played back a spade. This was especially fortunate because the Dutch pair at the other table only played 4♣ for +150.

Poland is a big name in junior and student bridge. Also the B-team is very strong. The match in the ninth round versus the Netherlands was decided in two boards.



Bruggeman, The Netherlands

Board 5/match 9

	Drijver	Bruggeman	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

A nice controlled bidding sequence: 4: splinter(11-14) some cuebids, RKC and

all the aces plus trump queen were there. With 5NT north for something extra but south saw no reason to evaluate his heart queen so he signed off in small slam. The Polish pair at the other table reached the 50% grand but after a losing finesse in hearts they were one of.

The next board was difficult in the bidding and proved nasty in the play as well.



Drijver, The Netherlands

Board 7/match 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1 ♥
pass	2 ♦	pass	3 ♣
pass	3 ♦	pass	3 NT
pass	4 ♥	pass	??

Sitting behind south I wandered about the meaning of the sequence by north. He had to have five or six good diamonds plus a three card support in hearts. And he obviously had ambitions for slam. I must admit that I would have taken action with the south hand. Jeroen Bruggenan thought the opposite and passed 4♥.

When west lead was a spade for jack, king and ace, declarer simply played ♥A, ♥K and ♥J for the queen in west. The diamond return cutted the communications but declarer was safe, discarded two diamonds on ♦K and ♦Q ruffed by west. The club loser was the only other trick for east-west.

At the other table Marion Michielsen found the excellent lead of a small club against 4♥. Declarer still could have won the contract by ruffing two spades in dummy but he alkso played ♥A and ♥K followed by top clubs. West ruffed could play ♥Q and the defense got ♠K for one down. After the matches 7/8/9 the Netherlands climbed to place four in the rankings, still a lot of vips behind Sweden and Norway but the hopes relived. The captain went to the pressroom to write this story and was confident the encounter against Serbia would bring some vips; indeed some, the Netherlands lost 7-23 and have to start at Monday all over again.

Lost & Found

A lost bag was now in the office on the 2nd floor, waiting for its owner.

Found: The GB team manager was very sad this morning as he'd lost his lucky red hat. To the rescue came the restaurant staff, and the missing item was restored to its owner. Result. A very happy Brit.

Reflections on Chinese Hospitality---through Western Eyes

John Probst (GBR)

China? It is still a popular misconception in the West that China is a country where everyone dresses in green and has a red star in their hat. Indeed, some Westerners might even expect that the living accommodation is shared with the chickens, ducks and pigs. How different, so totally different is the reality.

Mostly I came to China for a holiday and managing the British team is an interlude in the holiday. So not only have I been to Tianjin but also I have seen Shanghai, Beijing and many other great cities.

I arrived at Beijing airport to meet the British team, expecting to see at most a couple of people in total waiting to greet us. Nope. It does not work like that in China. The students of Tianjin Normal University had volunteered by the dozen to be guides, translators and a welcoming party. The group waiting at the airport were waving enough European flags that I thought they were waiting to welcome the President of the European Union. Not so. They were waiting for the European teams. We were warmly greeted by our volunteers, allocated to us for the whole week, escorted to our bus, given

biscuits and bottles of water and transferred to Tianjin. To be honest, although the writing looks a bit funny, I could easily have been traveling through any western landscape. The whole of the Eastern seaboard is pretty much fully developed. As team leader, I was now faced with the task of accrediting and registering our team, and all the while willing helpers were smoothing the path. One got the impression that the volunteers were proud of their university, proud of their heritage and wanted us to see everything in the best of light..

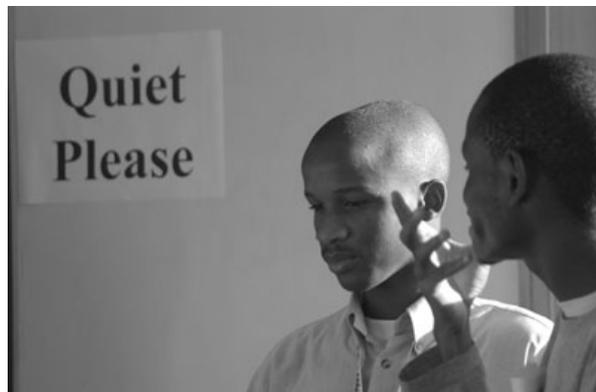
How well they have succeeded. I have spoken to most of the Western team leaders over the last couple of days and we are agreed on many things but one thing stands above all others. No Western country could host a University Championship as effectively. Maybe western students are too cynical but I can not imagine any of us being able to produce the number and quality of volunteers that Tianjin Normal University has. So, I speak for GB and the members of my team, but I am sure I also speak for all of the Europeans. We are overwhelmed by your kindness and hospitality.



The 3rd WUBC 'Dow Jones Industrial Average'

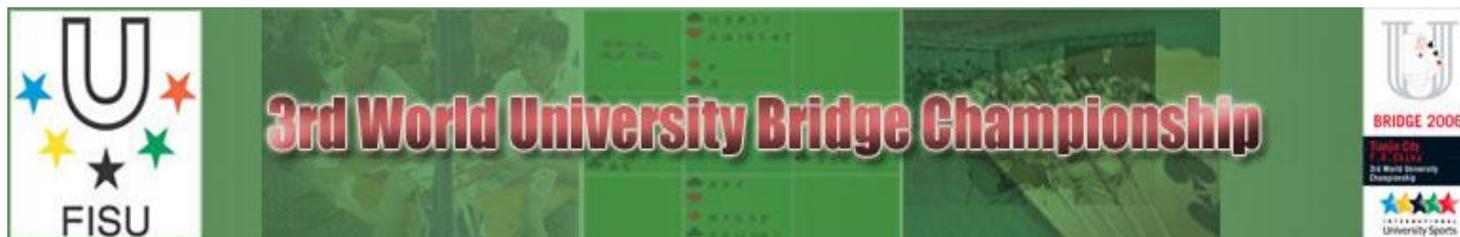
A: Rising or falling?

B: I'm searching.



A: Hey, What's the pet phrase of our chief director these days!

B: 'Quiet please!'



Official Score - VP (After Round 11)

VP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	BYE	Pen.	Total VP	Ave. VP	Rank
1 Germany			16		7		14		13		22		21		3		11		15							14	23			159	14.45	12
2 Belgium A				4		25		8		16		16		15		22		1								19	23	18		167	14.90	18
3 Japan	14				20		9		9		16		12		0		14								2	25	25			146	13.27	19
4 Sweden		25				25		17		22		24		17		16								18	25		16	18		223	20.50	2
5 Chinese Taipei A	23		10				2		5		20		18		2								18		7	3	15			123	11.18	24
6 Botswana		1		5				14		14		7		7							8		6		18		8	18		106	8.80	27
7 Poland B	16		21		25				9		25		16							6		24		14		18	25			199	18.09	4
8 Great Britain		22		13		16				7		14							19		11		14		16		20	18		170	15.20	17
9 Netherlands	17		21		25		21				25							18		20		19		10		14	7			197	17.91	5
10 France B		14		8		16		23									10		9		11		25		25		13	18		172	15.40	15
11 Thailand	8		14		10		0		0							9		7		15		8		7		11				89	8.09	26
12 China B		14		6		23		16							11		8		11		16		16		14			18		153	13.50	21
13 Canada	9		18		12		14							21		12		7		7		19		11		24				154	14.00	14
14 Indonesia		15		13		23							9		0		12		21		9		20		14			18		154	13.60	20
15 China A	25		25		25							19		25		16		25		17		21		20		16				234	21.27	1
16 Denmark		8		14							21		18		14		10		20		24		21		16			18		184	16.60	10
17 France A	19		16							20		22		18		20		7		17		15		12		20				186	16.91	7
18 USA		25							12		23		23		5		23		20		19		17		25			18	-1	209	19.10	6
19 Czech Republic	15							11		21		19		9		10		10		11		21		21		7				155	14.09	13
20 Poland A							24		10		15		23		13		13		19		20		15		20			18		190	17.20	9
21 Italy						22		19		19		14		21		6		11		10		19		19		15				175	15.91	8
22 Chinese Taipei B					12		6		11		22		11		9		15		9		11		23		25					154	14.00	16
23 Turkey				12		24		16		5		14		10		9		13		15		7		1						126	11.45	22
24 Norway			25		23		16		20		23		19		10		18		9		11		25							199	18.09	3
25 Belgium B		11		5		12		14		3		16		16		14		3		10		5								109	9.91	25
26 China Hong Kong	16		5		25		12		16		19		6		14		10		23		15									161	14.64	11
28 Serbia	7	7	5	14	15	22	3	10	23	17																		18		141	12.30	23