

Civilizations varied, wisdom unbounded



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THE FIRST CHINESE GOLD MEDAL



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Born in Hanchuan, Hubei Province, 1984
The 4th prize of China National Xiangqi Championships in 2005
Champion of China National Xiangqi League Division A in 2005, Runner-up in 2007 and 2008
The 5th prize of China National Xiangqi Championships in 2006
Champion of Men's Xiangqi Rapid at the 2nd Asian Indoor Games in 2007
Champion of Men's Xiangqi Rapid at the 1st World Mind Sports Games in 2008

Today's Awards Presentations

Wednesday, October 8

4th Medal	Chess Indiv. Rapid Women	19.00-19.10 hrs.
5th Medal	Chess Indiv. Rapid Women	19.10-19.20 hrs.
6th Medal	Go Individual Men	19.20-19.30 hrs.

All awards will be presented in the Convention Hall No. 3, BICC, Ground Floor.



Today's Programs

Bridge

Open Teams, Women Teams, Senior Teams:

At CNCC:

11.00 hrs – 13.20 hrs.: Round Robin, round 13

14.20 hrs – 16.40 hrs.: Round Robin, round 14

Junior Teams, played at BICC:

Under 21, Under 26 and Under 28:

10.30 hrs – 12.50 hrs.: Round Robin, round 13

14.20 hrs – 16.40 hrs.: Round Robin, round 14

Chess

Rapid men, rapid women (individual):

10.00 hrs. -13.30 hrs: Final

Chess Pairs Blitz (mixed):

15.00 hrs. -19.00 hrs: Rounds 1 through 11

Draughts

100 square men and 100 square women:

09.00 hrs.: Round 7

15.00 hrs.: Round 8

Go

Individual, men:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Semifinals

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Final and playoff 3rd/4th place

Individual, women:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 7

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Quarterfinal

Individual, open:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 5

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Round 6

Xiangqi

Individual, men:

09.00 hrs. – 12.00 hrs.: Round 3

15.00 hrs. – 18.00 hrs.: Round 4

Individual, women:

09.00 hrs. – 12.00 hrs.: Round 5

15.00 hrs. – 18.00 hrs.: Round 6

Chess Results

Individual Rapid preliminary Final Ranking after 9 Rounds

WOMEN			MEN		
1	Stefanova A.	BUL 8,0	1	Fier Alexandr	BRA 6,5
2	Zhao Xue	CHN 7,0	2	Zhang Zhong	SIN 6,5
3	Huang Qian	CHN 6,5	3	Bu Xiangzhi	CHN 6,0
4	Houska Jovanka	ENG 6,5	4	Korobov Anton	UKR 6,0
5	Pogonina Natalija	RUS 6,0	5	Wang Hao	CHN 6,0
6	Dworakowska J.	POL 6,0	6	Bartel Mateusz	POL 5,5
7	Kosteniuk A.	RUS 5,5	7	Adianto Utut	INA 5,5
8	Hou Yifan	CHN 5,5	8	Kryvoruchko Yuriy	UKR 5,5
9	Li Ruofan	SIN 5,5	9	Drozdovskij Yuri	UKR 5,5
10	Zawadzka Jolanta	POL 5,5	10	Ni Hua	CHN 5,5
11	Xu Yuhua	CHN 5,0	11	Gurevich Mikhail	TUR 5,0
12	Hoang Thanh T.	HUN 5,0	12	Le Quang Liem	VIE 5,0
13	Harika Dronavalli	IND 5,0	13	Nguyen Ngoc	VIE 5,0
14	Paehzt Elisabeth	GER 5,0	14	Zhou Jianchao	CHN 5,0
15	Vasilevich Tatjana	UKR 5,0	15	AzmaiparShvili Z.	GEO 5,0
16	Gaponenko Inna	UKR 5,0	16	Kravtsiv Martyn	UKR 4,5
	Borosova Zuzana	SVK 5,0	17	Banikas Hristos	GRE 4,5
18	Kovanova Baira	RUS 5,0	18	Paragua Mark	PHI 4,5
19	Dembo Yelena	GRE 5,0	19	Ghaem Maghami E.	IRI 4,5
20	Shen Yang	CHN 5,0	20	Shabalov A.	USA 4,5

Life Condensed in a Small Board

by Wang Ruixue

The concept of the World Mind Sports Games (WMSG) has come from far away. She swept all corners of the world, unveiled the mystery of wisdom, and opened her arms to warmly welcome the participants.

It's quiet everywhere at the venue, with men players lost in thought and women players pondering like queens presiding over the globe. The team of bridle-wise volunteers is prepared anytime to show its devotion. The crisp ringing of Xiangqi pieces sounds like pleasant music to them even at dusk.

Everyone has his own story of success. I never realized that before I became a volunteer for these Games.

What a player is expecting is far more than the competition itself. It's obviously shown in each earnest face. After talking with a Honduras rapid game player, I was deeply impressed by his heartfelt love towards Xiangqi. He is the only player from Honduras. Youth has deserted him for long. It is the sincere love for Xiangqi that drove him to Beijing all alone for the WMSG. This spirit in itself is enough to fill me with admiration.

One may believe: where there is competition, there is a vanity fair. Here I'm talking about something different. When the players are seated in front of their boards, there is only one thing in their minds: Xiangqi. Whether the score is good or not, their attitude of natural ease is always the best policy.

Real beauty comes from the heart. Behind the small board lies too much philosophy of life. Having seen the players' love and dedication towards Chinese Xiangqi, I'd also like to show my love and dedication as a Chinese volunteer.

Life is like a game of Xiangqi, that shows you the way whenever you are lonely or hopeless. It's always there on the long, long journey of life.

Promoting Xiangqi Through Internet



Chinese Xiangqi Association (CXA) considers of great importance the international promotion of Xiangqi through internet. Each year, most of the major competitions held in China are transmitted "live" on a number of websites organized by CXA, which allows domestic and overseas players and fans to appreciate the skill of Chinese Grand Masters and Masters directly, so that they can stay in touch with the latest Xiangqi techniques in China. It can help raise the level of Xiangqi in various countries. The Internet has become an important means for strengthening the friendship between Xiangqi circles in China and those in foreign countries.

According to incomplete statistics, there are currently over 30 Xiangqi-related websites in China. More than one million fans play Xiangqi or watch the competitions on Internet every day.

Hu Rong Hua, “The Commander” of Xiangqi

Hu Rong Hua, head coach of the Chinese Xiangqi Delegation for the 1st World Mind Sports Games, is the most famous Xiangqi Grandmaster in the world. His honorary nickname in China is “The Commander.” He won the China National Xiangqi Championships on his first appearance at the age of 15. In the year 2000, at the age of 55, he magically won the China National Xiangqi Championships for the 14th time. He has set four records that are almost impossible to break in Xiangqi history: being the youngest and the oldest to win the Championship, winning more Championships than any other player in the world, and winning ten Championships consecutively. Since he rose to fame nearly half a century ago, he has brought forward comprehensive and strategic reforms for the theories and tactics of Xiangqi. Many high-level Xiangqi players have strove to learn from him time after time again. Hu’s reforms have greatly enriched the treasure-house of the art of contemporary Xiangqi. The “One Hundred Years’ King of Xiangqi” Xie Xia Xun spoke highly of the achievements of Hu: “There have been many Xiangqi masters in the past century, but Hu Rong Hua is the top of the bill.”

Hu Rong Hua is the Vice President of the Chinese Xiangqi Association, currently the First Deputy President of the Asian Xiangqi Federation and the Principal of Shanghai Hu Rong Hua Xiangqi School.

So your Editor, after reading this little story in praise of a highly respected man who holds a unique record, immediately set off to try and have a further word with him. With the help of an elegant interpreters, this was easily arranged and proved fully worthwhile when it turned out that Mr. Hu Rong Hua, at the age of 62, is still passionate about his favourite game but is a very nice and warm person as well. When I asked him how his talent for the game of xiangqi was discovered, he very modestly replied that for him, it had been a natural thing. “Already as a child, I loved playing games and especially playing xiangqi, the most beautiful game of them all (at the time), so this was the reason for me to really study this particular game into more depth, in an effort to understand it better and better.”

“There is a lot to be learned from the older, more experienced players but after all, the level you will be able to reach depends most on your own passion and creativity. When you are a young person, you would play for hours and hours but once you get older, you tend to lose part of your creative abilities, though the love for the game will always remain intact. As a consequence, I am playing less frequently myself than I used to do in my younger days. This also explains why I am acting as a coach at these WMSG.”

When I specifically enquired further about love and passion for any game, Mr Hu graciously agreed that there might be an element of addiction too in devoting so much time to a game. This is, however, a view that in my opinion will be

shared by the majority of the participants present here at these WMSG, in any discipline.

My next question was about the mental attitude that makes a winner. Mr Hu was very assured about this. “From time to time, when playing a tournament, I lost a game. Fortunately, this did not happen very often in my younger days, but I had a very simple recipe for that. I immediately realized that there would be a subsequent round shortly, and that I would again be favourite to win. This way, I could stay quiet and wait for my chances instead of having to force anything. Also: when you want to win a game, you have to be creative so my process of creativity was highly stimulated again and again.” “It should be added,” Mr Hu stated, “that every top performer needs to have this attitude.”

“I can see now, as an older man, that some parts of my memory and creative abilities are gradually decreasing. For example, I used to be able to play a blind simultaneous xiangqi game rather successfully against 15 opponents but nowadays, 7 would be the absolute maximum. But I will always go on loving this game.”

When our conversation started, I had explained to Mr Hu that my background in Mind Sports comes from bridge. So Mr Hu was kind enough to admit that he too, is playing bridge from time to time. He likes that game as well but has never given it the devotion like he did to his favourite game of xiangqi. Also, when he was young, there was not very much bridge being played in China, so few of the older xiangqi players possess any knowledge of bridge.

To end our nice little talk, Mr Hu made a very important point when he said that “no matter which Mind Sport you are playing, they all are a very good training in attitude and discipline. We should never forget that!”



The Men's Knockout Begins

by James Davies

In the knockout tournament that will decide the medals in the men's individual event, all four Chinese players won their initial games. Li Zhe, who had slipped in on just one SOS point, disposed of block B winner Mok Jinseuk of the Republic of Korea. In another China-Korea match, block E winner Wang Xi took out block C runner-up Baek Hong-suk. The other two Chinese victories came at the expense of opponents from Chinese Taipei, Gu Li beating Chang Li-yu and Liu Xing beating Lee Yi-hsui.

In the afternoon round, Wang and Liu will play each other, while Gu tackles Kang Dongyun of the Republic of Korea and Li takes on Japan's only remaining player, the unbeaten Yamada Kimio. The fourth match of the afternoon will be a pairing of Korean Parks: Park Junsang vs Park Younghun. The four losers in this round will be eliminated, while the four winners will go on to fight for the medals tomorrow.

In what might turn out to be a prelude to the gold-medal

match in the women's event, Park Jieun of the Republic of Korea overcame Rui Naiwei of China to remain undefeated in block B. The other blocks are also down to one undefeated player each: Lee Minjin (Republic of Korea) in block A, Cao Youyin (China) in block C, and Song Ronghui (China) in block D. Two more rounds will determine who proceeds into the eight-player knockout.

Chinese, Japanese, and Korean players are starting to migrate toward the top spots in the amateur open competition, but six American and European players still remain undefeated, including Ilya Shiksin of Russia and Jie Li of the USA, who are paired against each other in the next round, Alain Kerbrat of France and Ge Yongfe of Canada, likewise paired in the next round, Dmytro Bogatsky of the Ukraine, who is drawn down against a Spanish opponent in the next round, and Bernhard Scheid, Austria's sole WMSG contestant.

Ranking Go

Group 1 - Open		
Name	NOC	CP.
JIE LI	USA	6
YUQING HU	CHN	6
ILYA SHIKSHIN	RUS	6
A. KACHANOVSKYY	UKR	4
MARTIN LI	SWE	4
HAO SONG SUN	AUS	4
YUNRUO FAN	CHN	4
Y. K. JORGE NORIYUKI	PER	4
MARTIN KUZELA	CZE	4
M. WILLIAM COCKE	GBR	4
CHENG CHENG FEND	SIN	4
CHAO HUANG	HKG	4
PEI ZHAO	GER	4

Group 2 - Open		
Name	NOC	CP.
SEIZOH NAKAZONO	JPN	6
YONG HEE LEE	KOR	6
CHEN WANG	CHN	6
M. YASUKI RONALDO	BRA	4
C. RATTANASWTYUT	THA	4
HUNG JOEY	USA	4
MILOS BOJANIC	SRB	4
NAI SAN CHAN	HKG	4
TING YU YEN	SIN	4
SAE BYOL JO	PRK	4
G. CORNEL BURZO	ROM	4
LESZEK SOIDAN	POL	4
D.R. AGUILAR	COL	2

Group 1 - Women		
Name	NOC	CP.
MIN JIN LEE	KOR	10
XUE HUI ZHANG	AUS	8
M. ZAKHARCHENKO	UKR	8
JIN A RO	PRK	8
AKIKO INA	JPN	8
BARBARA KNAUF	GER	6
YING KAN	HKG	6
TINA ZHANG	USA	6
XIAOREN HE	CAN	6
ALEXANDRA URBAN	HUN	6

Group 2 - Women		
Name	NOC	CP.
JI EUN PARK	KOR	10
JING-YI WANG	TPE	8
NAIWEI RUI	CHN	8
KYONG JU HWANG	PRK	8
JANA HRICOVA	CZE	8
MANUELA MARZ	GER	6
CHERRY SHEN	USA	6
ELVINA KALSBERG	RUS	6
TUNGALAG RAVJIR	MGL	6
YUKARI YOSHIHARA	JPN	6

Group 3 - Open		
Name	NOC	CP.
D. BOGATSKYY	UKR	6
ALAIN KERBRAT	FRA	6
YONGFEI GE	CAN	6
KEVIN CHEN	AUS	4
F. BLOMBACK	SWE	4
CHOW GUANG	RSA	4
B. RADMACHER	GER	4
M. E. AZUAJE ALAMO	VEN	4
A. M. GODDARD	GBR	4
JIE LIN XIA	NOR	4
J. F. G. DE LA BANDA	ESP	4
MERLIJN KUIN	NED	4

Group 4 - Open		
Name	NOC	CP.
YOUNGWOON HAM	KOR	6
TAE WON JO	PRK	6
BERNHARD SCHEID	AUT	6
BOON PING TENG	MAS	4
GYORGY CSIZMADIA	HUN	4
PAL SANNES	NOR	4
DMITRIY SURIN	RUS	4
ZORAN MUTABZIJJA	CRO	4
C. CHAIRASMISAK	THA	4
NAI-FU KUO	TPE	4
HIRONOBU MORI	JPN	4
G. ROBERT VAN ZEIJST	NED	4

Group 3 - Women		
Name	NOC	CP.
YOUYIN CAO	CHN	10
JOANNE MISSINGHAM	AUS	8
RITA POCSAI	HUN	8
YU MI KIM	PRK	8
MONIKA REIMPELL	GER	6
A. C. LEEUWEN	NED	6
JIE LI XIA	NOR	6
LOK YI LEE	HKG	6
SVETLANA SHIKSHINA	RUS	6
KUN-YU PAN	TPE	6
KRISTEN BURRALL	USA	6

Group 4 - Women		
Name	NOC	CP.
RONGHUI SONG	CHN	10
KANA MANNAMI	JPN	8
HSIAO-TUNG LIN	TPE	8
DIANA KOSZEGI	HUN	8
NATALIA KOVALEVA	RUS	6
ALEKSANDRA LUBOS	POL	6
L. AUGUSTINA AVRAM	ROM	6
SEUL A LEE	KOR	6
KLARA ZALOUDKOVA	CZE	6
S. YING TUNG LAU	HKG	6
NGOC-TRANG CAO	FRA	6

Go individual Men - Eighth-Final

DONG YOON KANG	KOR	bt	HIROSHI YAMASHIRO	JPN
LI GU	CHN	bt	LI-YU CHANG	TPE
ZHE LI	CHN	bt	JIN SEUK MOK	KOR
KIMIO YAMADA	JPN	bt	XIANYU LI	CAN
XI WANG	CHN	bt	HONG SUK BAEK	KOR
XING LIU	CHN	bt	YI-HSIU LEE	TPE
JUNG SANG PARK	KOR	bt	LIH-CHEN WANG	TPE
YOUNG HUN PARK	KOR	bt	TOMOYASU MIMURA	JPN



World champions and their influence on draughts

by Paul Oudshoorn

As one would expect, each world champion in international draughts left his mark on the evolution of the game. The French started pioneering with the young game. At the beginning of the 20th century, it was Isidore Weiss showing the quality of his talent for the game. His specialty: Combinations! He was very creative in finding all kinds of tricks to drive his opponents to the edge of despair. Analyses sometimes showed that his positional play was quite questionable. It is even said that the formidable later world champion Iser Kuperman, who had the idea to make a book about this player, refrained from it after studying the games. He was left with a sour grin on his face...

Next, the Dutch began to compete successfully with the French. Between the two World Wars, Springer stated that the game was fundamentally an attacking game. By that, he meant that it would be sensible to win terrain, so, eventually, one would be able to promote a piece to a king. Next, Ghestem, maybe the greatest French player ever, developed a theoretical approach. It was on the contrary based on loss of tempi, in an effort to suffocate the opponent in his lack of expansion possibilities, when being far ahead in development.

(Note from the Editor: Pierre Ghestem (1922-2000), of Lille, France, stopped playing draughts after losing the draughts world title he won in 1945 and 1947. He turned his attention to bridge instead and, as a member of the French team, became a world champion in bridge as well, in 1956. As far as I know, there is no other instance of one person winning world championships in more than one WMSG discipline during a lifetime. Ghestem also was a good chess player in his earlier days).

After WW2 the FMJD was founded and with that a really official World Championship cycle was born. In 1948 The Netherlands got a World Champion in one of the greatest players ever: Piet Roozenburg. His contributions to the game have been enormous. He showed countless new strategies and refined existing systems with new views on the game. Without any doubt one could say that he laid down the fundamentals of the game as it is played nowadays. With four world titles he was absolutely dominating in his days. After winning the fourth title in 1954 he stopped playing for a long time.

In 1956 the Canadian player Deslauriers became world champion out of the blue. Together with his compatriot Dagenais he was a sensation at that time. Canadians usually play at 144 squares and they brought their vision over to 100 squares. Especially their attacking game was overwhelming and left the others a lot to contemplate upon. The answer came from the East: the USSR.

Iser Kuperman is the father of draughts development in Russia. His technical superiority in his best days was obvious. His way of playing was very efficient. He was very dis-

ciplined and did not burn his hands too often by being on the experimental road, unlike Roozenburg, who loved to walk the most adventurous path to victory. Kuperman almost always played a solid game and was mentally very strong. Especially in matches (1vs1) he was almost unbeatable, because of his unmatched ability to know his opponent. In his life he wrote many books and studies that threw new lights on existing opinions about the game.

In 1960 Shchegolev took over the title from Kuperman. He turned out to be a formidable player, who showed positional merits and tactical as well. But in the following revenge match, Kuperman regained the title. In the meantime, however, a star was rising in the African continent: Baba Sy. You might even say he is an icon for all players in Africa. The Senegalese was around 1962 the strongest player in results and crowned as world champion in 1963. Baba Sy combined patience and great combination abilities to become a killing player for his opponents.

For the rest of the sixties the USSR dominated and the new star emerging was Andreiko, who took over from Kuperman eventually. Meanwhile, in the Netherlands, two exceptional talents rose on the horizon: Ton Sijbrands and Harm Wiersma. The first to come was Sijbrands. He really has absorbed all the history of the game and in combination with his exceptional memory and his immense creativity brought a totally new dimension to the game. He gained the title in 1972 and was, at that point, by far the best player in the world. In the subsequent match against Andreiko he was clearly superior. Unfortunately, he withdrew from competition at top level shortly after that, to come back in 1988, against Chizhov. After this, there was a period of tournaments with as main competitors Harm Wiersma and Anatoli Gantwarg, another fabulous player from the USSR. The way both players were playing, once again raised draughts to another level. Sijbrands' and Wiersma's calculating skills were unbelievable. When their games were finished, they showed the almost inhuman deep thinking they did during their games. Gantwarg was not up to their calculations, but he amply compensated this with his practical approach and his never-ending creativity. He proved a superb sportsman and gathered four World titles!

All these players have influenced the game and led it to what it is at present. I think the new era started with the greatest player, from a sporting point of view: Alexei Chizhov. He has been world champion 10 times, which is almost unbelievable. There is no doubt he is the greatest player of recent years. Together with Georgiev, Valneris and reigning world champion Shvarzman, Chizhov is dominating the world of draughts today, and all of these players come from the former USSR. These four players are therefore the biggest favourites in this event. Who is going to stop them?

The Chinese Xiangqi Association

Founded in 1962, The Chinese Xiangqi Association (CXA) is a national organization for Xiangqi sports in China under the leadership of All-China Sports Federation (ACSF). The current president is Mr. Liu Si Ming. It has the following tasks: to assist national sports administrative bodies in the development and management of Xiangqi sport (and also chess, until 1986) in China; to unite Xiangqi workers and fans all over the country; to implement the "Sports for All" Program by promoting Xiangqi sport and raise its level; to hold Xiangqi competitions at national level; to enforce national grading systems for players and referees; and to promote Xiangqi internationally. The Working Committees under CXA include: Technical Committee, Referees Committee, Coaches Committee, Committee for Youth, etc.

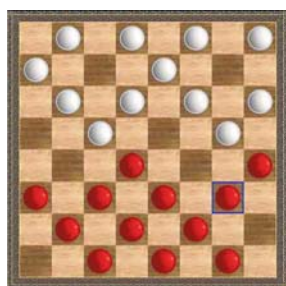
The Chinese Xiangqi Association stages various Xiangqi Tournaments each year, including National Xiangqi Team Championships (Men and Women), National Xiangqi Individual Championships (Men and Women), National Junior Xiangqi Championships (Boys and Girls), as well as National Xiangqi League (First Division) and various major Champions Cup Tournaments. There are currently 25 men Grand Masters, 18 women Grand Masters, 118 men Masters and 66 women Masters registered in CXA.

The Chinese Xiangqi Association is the only legal body representing China to be affiliated to international Xiangqi organizations and to send teams to participate in international Xiangqi events. Being one of the founding members, CXA was affiliated to the Asian Xiangqi Federation (AXF) in 1978 and to the World Xiangqi Federation (WXF) in 1993.

XIANGQI STANDINGS WOMEN INDIVIDUAL AFTER ROUND 4 - STARTING POSITIONS ROUND 5

Desk NO	Red					Black				
	NO.	NOC	Name	Sum	Pt	Pt	NO.	NOC	Name	Sum
1	1	CHN	Zhao Guanfang	8	—	16	CHN	Wang Linna	8	
2	7	VIE	Cao Fhuong Thanh	6	—	12	TPE	Lee Meng Ju	6	
3	17	GBR	Guo Shulong	6	—	13	VIE	Ngo Lan Huong	6	
4	9	AUS	He Qi	4	—	2	INA	Eunike Regina Febby	4	
5	15	USA	Koong Joanne Ling	4	—	3	NED	Yu Xiaolan	4	
6	10	SIN	Tan Min Fang Fiona	4	—	6	INA	Apriyanti	4	
7	18	CAN	LI Jennifer Yo	4	—	19	SIN	Soh Ying Ying	4	
8	4	JPN	Aitoku Chieko	2	—	5	GBR	Nathalie Betts	2	
9	14	MGL	Oyunchimeg Genden	2	—	8	UKR	Larysa Malymon	2	
10	11	MGL	Nandintsetseg Batdelger	0	—	20		Bye	0	

Solid draws in 6th round - Draughts



In the men's tournament, it seemed to be a consolidation round today: a lot of games ended in a draw. In the Forbidden City group, the players made no exception, although some games did give the crowd a good view. Anatoli Gantwarg and his pupil Kees Thijssen won the two longest games of the day. The Belarussian joined the leaders Georgiev and Ndjofang, whose direct confrontation was exciting: the player from Cameroon was

able to force Georgiev into a draw, before he was able to strengthen his attack.

After two long games on his birthday yesterday Getmanski is the only leader in the Great Wall group. He is followed by Tokusarov and Anikeev.

The women's tournament is bringing decisions and excitement. Dutch Tanja Chub defeated the talented Nogovitsyna, while Golubeva agreed a draw with Tkachenko. Standing for now: Chub, Golubeva, Tkachenko, Balthazi, Danilova at the first position, all with 9 points.

BRIDGE OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Italy	247.00	1 Israel	249.00	1 Poland	247.00	1 Germany	249.00
2 Estonia	220.00	2 Netherlands	224.00	2 Norway	238.50	2 USA	243.00
3 Denmark	215.50	3 India	222.00	3 Guadeloupe	205.00	3 Indonesia	228.00
4 South Africa	204.00	4 China	219.00	4 Spain	203.00	4 England	225.00
5 Romania	202.50	5 Hungary	212.00	5 Bulgaria	198.00	5 Turkey	222.00
6 Ireland	197.00	6 Portugal	203.00	6 Chinese Taipei	193.00	6 Lebanon	198.00
7 Canada	195.50	7 Austria	199.00	7 New Zealand	192.00	7 Belarus	190.00
8 Brazil	192.00	8 Sweden	192.00	8 Ukraine	186.75	8 Thailand	187.00
9 France	191.50	9 Russia	190.00	9 Belgium	186.00	9 Greece	177.00
10 Finland	188.00	10 Argentina	187.00	10 Egypt	180.00	10 Jordan	174.00

BRIDGE WOMEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 England	254.00	1 China	243.50	1 Germany	262.00
2 USA	236.00	2 Finland	221.00	2 Netherlands	223.00
3 Italy	209.00	3 Spain	220.00	3 Sweden	205.00
4 Poland	207.00	4 Denmark	219.00	4 Hungary	203.50
5 Japan	205.00	5 France	215.00	5 Morocco	201.00
6 Brazil	196.00	6 Russia	208.00	6 Singapore	198.00
7 Norway	191.00	7 Scotland	197.00	7 Turkey	195.00
8 Belarus	184.25	8 Australia	192.00	8 South Africa	189.00
9 China Hong Kong	180.00	9 Indonesia	191.50	9 Mexico	173.00
10 India	170.50	10 Philippines	187.00	Ireland	173.00

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 11 ROUNDS

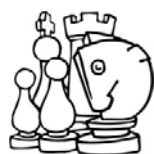
GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 USA	224.00	1 Indonesia	223.00
2 Japan	210.00	2 Australia	221.00
3 England	182.00	3 Canada	204.00
4 France	177.00	4 Poland	189.50
5 Hungary	172.00	5 Egypt	184.00
6 Chinese Taipei	171.50	6 Germany	175.00
7 China Hong Kong	161.00	7 India	169.00
8 Pakistan	160.50	8 Italy	155.00
9 Estonia	160.00	9 China	154.50
10 New Zealand	157.00	10 Netherlands	151.00

JUNIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

UNDER - 26		UNDER - 21	
1 Poland	258.00	1 France	252.00
2 Netherlands	228.00	2 England	243.00
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Men:

Bu Xiangzhi (CHN) beat Zhang Zhong (SIN) 2-1
Anton Korobov (UKR) beat Alexandr Fier (BRA) 2-1

Women:

Antoaneta Stefanova (BUL) beat Jovanka Houska (ENG) 1.5-0.5
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