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TURKEY'S FIRST GOLD MEDAL



China (Go)



Bridge Junior Pairs' Winners

Last night, China added another gold medal to its tally, when their women's Go team beat the opponents from the Republic of Korea. The battle for the bronze was won by Japan who managed to beat the DPR Korea. Earlier, in one semifinal match the Chinese team downed the Japanese team 2-1: Zheng Yan and Wang Xiangyun defeated Aoki Kikuyo and Koyama Terumi on the first two boards, making Tang Yi's loss to Suzuki Ayumi on the last board immaterial. The other semifinal match had a similar outcome: Kim Hyemin and Kwon Hyojin won for the Republic of Korea, defeating Hwang Kyongju and Ro Jina on boards one and two, while Park Jiyun lost to DPR Korea's Kim Yumi on board three.

The Junior Bridge Pairs' event also came to a close. With what was clearly the highest score in any of the 3 sessions, just over 69%, Turkey's Melih Sen and Mehmet Sakirler won the first WMSG gold medal for their country. The leaders after session 2 were caught up by four more pairs, two of them also scoring over 60% which counts as a very good score in a bridge event at this level. These two pairs thus also ended up in the top three. See page 3



Today's Programs

Bridge

Open Teams, Women Teams, Senior Teams:

At CNCC:

11.00 hrs – 13.20 hrs.: Final, segment 1

14.20 hrs – 16.40 hrs.: Final, segment 2

17.10 hrs – 19.30 hrs.: Final, segment 3

Youth Pairs (-28), played at BICC

10.30 hrs. – 14.00 hrs.: Individual, session 1

15.30 hrs. – 19.00 hrs.: Individual, session 2

Chess

Rapid teams, Men:

10.00 hrs. -11.30 hrs: Round 7

15.00 hrs. -19.00 hrs: Rounds 8-9

Rapid teams, Women:

10.00 hrs. -13.30 hrs: Round 7

15.00 hrs. -19.00 hrs: Rounds 8-9

Draughts

64-square Individual Men

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Quarterfinals

16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Semifinals

64-square Individual Women

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Quarterfinals

16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Semifinals

Checkers:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 7

16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Round 8

Go

Teams, men:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 7

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Quarterfinals

Mixed Pairs:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Eighth finals

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Quarterfinals

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Teams, men:

09.00 hrs. – 12.00 hrs.: Round 7

15.00 hrs. – 18.00 hrs.: Round 8



Go Women's Teams

Semifinals

DPR Korea	bt	Korea
China	bt	Japan

Playoff 3rd place

Japan	bt	DPR Korea
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FINAL

China	bt	Korea
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Chess - Team Rapid

Men - After 6 Rounds

1	Philippines	4
2	Iceland	4
3	USA	4
4	Hungary	4
5	China	4
6	Brazil	3
7	Turkey	3
8	Vietnam	3
9	Iran	3
10	Austria	3
11	India	3
12	Singapore	2
13	Denmark	2
14	Ukraine	2
15	Mexico	2
16	Slovakia	2
17	Mongolia	2
18	Latvia	2
19	Estonia	2
20	Lithuania	2
21	Italy	2
22	England	2
23	Australia	2

Women - After 6 Rounds

1	China	12
2	Hungary	10
3	India	9
4	Ukraine	8
5	Philippines	8
6	USA	8
7	Iran	8
8	Vietnam	8
9	Iceland	7
10	Turkey	7
11	Turkmenistan	7
12	Mexico	7
13	Singapore	6
14	Italy	6
15	Estonia	6
16	Austria	6
17	Mongolia	6
18	England	6
19	Latvia	6
20	Slovakia	6
21	Brazil	5
22	Australia	5
23	Denmark	5
24	Pakistan	5
25	Lithuania	5
26	Tunisia	4
27	Israel	4
28	Iraq	4

Go Results

Men Teams - After 6 Rounds Group 1

1	Korea	12
2	Chinese Taipei	10
3	DPR Korea	8
4	Netherlands	8
5	Australia	8
6	Russia	8
7	Ukraine	8
8	Macau,China	6
9	France	6
10	Germany	6
11	Great Britain	6
12	Serbia	6
13	Denmark	6
14	Sweden	4
15	Mongolia	4
16	Argentina	4
17	Belgium	4
18	Israel	4
19	Portugal	2

Men Teams - After 6 Rounds Group 2

1	China	12
2	Hong Kong,China	10
3	Japan	10
4	Canada	8
5	Czech Republic	8
6	Romania	8
7	Spain	6
8	USA	6
9	Finland	6
10	Slovakia	6
11	New Zealand	6
12	Hungary	6
13	Poland	6
14	Italy	4
15	Mexico	4
16	Bosnia and Herzegovina	4
17	Chile	4
18	Malaysia	4
19	Azerbaijan	2
20	Costa Rica	0

Mixed Pairs - Final Group 1

1	China	14
2	Czech Republic	12
3	USA	10
4	New Zealand	8

Mixed Pairs - Final Group 2

1	Korea	14
2	DPR Korea	12
3	Russia	10
4	Great Britain	8

Mixed Pairs - Final Group 3

1	Japan	12
2	Hungary	10
3	France	8
4	Germany	6

Mixed Pairs - Final Group 4

1	Mongolia	10
2	Ukraine	10
3	Chinese Taipei	8
4	Thailand	6

Medal Standing for the 1st World Mind Sports Games

Country (Region)	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1 China	8	6	6
2 Russia	3	1	2
3 Norway	2	1	1
4 Korea	1	4	2
5 Ukraine	1	2	1
6 Bulgaria	1	1	0
France	1	1	0
8 Latvia	1	0	1
9 D.P.R Korea	1	0	0
Sweden	1	0	0
Denmark	1	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0
Ecuador	1	0	0
Hungary	1	0	0
15 Poland	0	2	1
16 Vietnam	0	1	3
17 India	0	1	1
18 Netherlands	0	1	0
England	0	1	0
Australia	0	1	0
Israel	0	1	0
22 Malaysia	0	0	1
Singapore	0	0	1
Greece	0	0	1
China HongKong	0	0	1
Iran	0	0	1

BRIDGE

OPEN TEAMS S-Final

Match	Total
1 Italy Norway	210 -111
2 England Germany	277 -143

WOMEN TEAMS S-Final

Match	Total
1 China USA	161 -154
2 England Turkey	304 -197

SENIOR TEAMS S-Final

Match	Total
1 USA Egypt	245 -132
2 Indonesia Japan	175 -196

TRANSNATIONAL

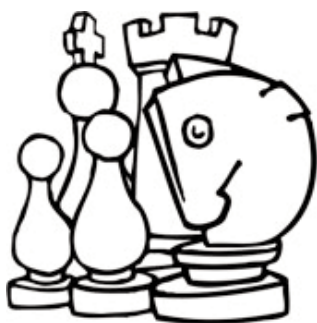
Round of 16

Match	1st	2nd	Total
1 Beijing Huayuan Russia	18 - 30	11 - 8	29 - 38
2 Herbst Chagas	42 - 30	15 - 16	57 - 46
3 Hanlon A - Evertrust	8 - 51	26 - 28	34 - 79
4 Tislevoll Zimmermann	2 - 57	13 - 31	15 - 88
5 Yeh Bros Zobu	42 - 24	8 - 1	50 - 25
6 Shenzhen Women's Zaleski	4 - 41	23 - 7	27 - 48
7 Latvia Hugon	18 - 29	14 - 14	32 - 43
8 Beijing Hengsha Auken	37 - 74	14 - 9	51 - 83

JUNIOR PAIRS - FINAL

1 SAKIRLER - SEN (TUR)	179,43	21 BELGU - YILMAZBAYHAN (TUR)	160,71
2 FISHER - SCHWARTZ (ISR)	178,94	22 PIOTROWSKI - WASIAK (POL)	160,27
3 KRAWCZYK - TUCZYNSKI (POL)	176,45	23 EDGTON - HUNG (AUS)	159,78
4 FRANCHI - MONTANARI (ITA)	174,07	24 BILDE - HOULBERG (DEN)	158,95
5 NOWOSADZKI - WIANKOWSKI (POL)	173,56	25 NAWROCKI - SIKORA (POL)	158,79
6 VOLCKER - DE TESSIERES (FRA)	173,01	26 SIDEROV - SPASOV (BUL)	158,62
7 BIRMAN - ARGELAZI (ISR)	171,84	27 SCHALTZ - GJALDBAEK (DEN)	158,53
8 IGLA - MACHNO (POL)	170,65	28 CHEN - JIANG (CHN)	158,35
9 LU - CHUNG (TPE)	169,17	29 LINDQVIST - BERG (NOR)	158,22
10 ARASZKIEWICZ - BURAS (POL)	168,78	30 KATERBAU - REHDER (GER)	157,16
11 LIU - ZHANG (CHN)	167,58	31 EIDE - SIMONSEN (NOR)	156,93
12 WANG - ZHANG (CHN)	166,49	32 KALITA - KOTOROWICZ (POL)	156,80
13 GREENBERG - FELDMAN (USA)	165,97	33 IGNATOV - SKORCHEV (BUL)	156,61
14 MOLENAAR - VERBEEK (NED)	164,61	34 BESSIS - GRENTHE (FRA)	156,51
15 NISTOR - VULCAN (ROM)	163,66	35 DE PAGTER - HOP (NED)	156,41
16 DRIJVER - MICHELSEN (NED)	163,29	36 MADALA - SMITH (CHI)	156,19
17 ANTER - KIZILOK (TUR)	162,32	37 AAL - RINGSETH (NOR)	155,96
18 STUURMAN - VISSER (NED)	162,26	38 KARHULAHTI - SAUVOLA (FIN)	155,66
19 WHIBLEY - MILNE (NZL)	161,63	39 JOHANSEN - BOGEN (NOR)	154,61
20 CHEN - HU (CHN)	161,59	40 FELLUS - FELLUS (ITA)	154,19

World Chess Championship, Bonn (Germany)



The match will consist of twelve games, played under classical time controls, in the period from October 14 to October 30, 2008. If there is a tie at the end of these games a tiebreak will be played on November 02, 2008. The prize fund, which will be split equally between the players, is 1,5 million

Euro (approximately 2,1 million US Dollars) including taxes and FIDE licensee fees.

Viswanathan Anand (38) and Vladimir Kramnik (33) are the two outstanding personalities in chess today. The world championship match between them is keenly anticipated by chess fans all over the world. It is part of a 120-year tradition of chess history, which includes matches like Capablanca-Alekhine, Fischer-Spassky, Kasparov-Karpov and Kramnik-Topalov.

The reigning and undisputed World Champion Anand won his title in September 2007 at the World Championship tournament in Mexico City. Kramnik, who was undefeated in his three world championship matches, became second in this double round robin event.

The World Chess Championship 2008 takes place under the patronage of the German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrück, who is himself an enthusiastic and ambitious chess player.

Chess World Champion Viswanathan Anand played out an easy draw with black against Vladimir Kramnik of Russia in the first game of the World Chess Championship in Bonn on Tuesday. It was a rather insipid approach by Kramnik, playing with white, that led to the dull draw. The Russian, well-known for his safety first approach, in fact did not trouble Anand at all.

However, this could also be termed as checking the scales. In the past many world championships, such approaches have been common to gauge what the opponent has prepared and in all probability, Kramnik will show his prepared ammunition against the Slav defence, the choice made by the Indian ace in this, the first game of the 12-games match.

It was a well-rehearsed opening theory in the Exchange variation. Something that gives the white player a surely level position with some chances in case black makes a mistake.

Draughts

In the 64 tournaments the final 8 in both categories are now known. In the men's tie-breaks, in which players with the same amount of points in the swiss preliminaries played a round-robin tournament, Gabriel Kolesov showed his class and experience and joined the already qualified players for the quarter finals. Sandra Laurutiene was the unlucky loser in the women's tournament, all other five contestants in the barrage advanced to the last 8. The undoubtedly exciting quarter finals will start 10 am tomorrow (Beijing time).



Checkers

Just when it looked that Moseev was on his way towards gold in an easy seat, Mustafa Durdyev showed up. M. Durdyev came to Beijing to win the tournament, not to take the 2nd place. His draw against Ron King (one win, one loss) is a step in that direction. His brother Bagtiyah Durdyev managed to have two draws against Moseev. But like every checkers tournament the last round will be decisive.

Which Mind Sport Is The Most Difficult?

by Ton Kooijman

As the world's main Mind Sports are together here in Beijing, this seems the ideal moment to solve an old problem: "Which Mind Sport is the most difficult to play?"

There are a few days left and I have opened my e-mail address for your reactions:
ton.ko@hotmail.com

It would be appreciated if you add some comments to your choice but please, don't make it too complicated as I am looking forward to reading many e-mails.

A selection of the swiftest reactions is likely to appear in the bulletin.

Snow White and Her Xiangqi Dream

Nathalie Betts, the 31-year-old British lady, is always sitting quietly in the Study Room of the Xiangqi competition venue, waiting to exchange views with the international friends. One of her greatest pleasures these days is that she finally got the chance to play against the 18-year-old Chinese genius girl Tang Dan. What's more, the new world champion also explained the whole set to her after the match.

Nathalie Betts has got a beautiful Chinese name “白雪” (Snow White in English), which was given to her by a Chinese friend and relates to the fairy tale Snow White to some extent. Compared to her fluent Chinese Pinyin, Nathalie Betts' skills in Xiangqi is relatively inferior. Recalling her acquaintance with Xiangqi, Nathalie Betts said, “I learned Xiangqi by chance in 2002. Before that I played Chess but was not good at it. In Great Britain, you won't be qualified to participate in the Chess competition unless you have good skills. Well, I never got that kind of opportunity. That is why I feel so honoured to participate in the Xiangqi competition at the World Mind Sports Games (WMSG) and it maybe also explains why Xiangqi seems more intriguing than Chess to me.”

Nathalie Betts lives in London. She is an expert in languages. Besides English, Chinese and French, she also has rich knowledge in German; that explains how she earns her living as a German-language teacher. Most of the time Nathalie Betts leads a fast-tempo life. The WMSG provides her with a precious chance to get off work.

How has Xiangqi changed the young lady's life? Nathalie Betts told the reporter yesterday, “I have two dreams about Xiangqi. Firstly, I hope one day I can become a teacher of Xiangqi in Great Britain, assuming my skills can be improved to a certain level. It must be more interesting than being a teacher of German. Secondly, I also want to establish a Xiangqi club in my hometown, so more British people can get to know the game and fall in love with it. I regret to say that most of Xiangqi participants at the WMSG are Chinese or Chinese of foreign nationality. While in my mind it is a charming game that deserves the whole world's attention.”



Showdown

by Ingo Zachos (courtesy of FMDJ)

On Tuesday, the checkers tournament saw what maybe could turn out to have been the decisive moment for the WMSG gold medal.

At table 1, the two World Champions Alex Moiseyev and Ron King were paired against each other. Whereas King had already won all his games, including his third round encounter with Italian draughts World Champion Paolo Faleo, Alex had had to concede draws against both Amagul Durdyeva and Shane McCosker.

So it was up to Alex to close the gap and he had to win at least one game to catch up on Ron. A loss for Alex probably would have immediately decided the race for the gold medal. In their first game, in a difficult opening, Alex got what is called the “weaker” side of a 3-mover. They had to play 1.9-13 24-19, 3. 11-16. In this opening, the past has shown that white would clinch victory more often than black, and that black would have to go through difficult times to secure a draw.

Both players took their time, and to the amazement of the crowd gathering around the table, they ran into time-trouble around move 12, having only minutes for the remaining 18 or so moves. Ron pressed hard for a win, and when Alex offered him a draw, Ron declined...but soon after, overstepped his time!

When the game was reconstructed by both players at a separate table, crowded by even more players and spectators, it turned out that Ron had failed to make the required 30 moves and thus even lost in what he thought to be a better position if not a win. His decision to turn down the draw had been costly indeed.

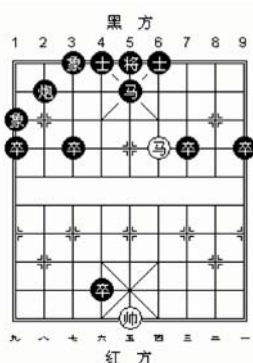
In their second game, Ron tried something new and after a few moves both players were not on common theory ground any more. This time, Alex got the superior position, and maybe a winning one, when again Ron overstepped his time. It was a disastrous day for him, as he rarely loses two games in a row. It seems as if his unfamiliarity with electronic clocks also caused him to overstep the time in the first game, though the practice he got in the Draughts 10x10 tournament a week earlier did not produce any game in which he was short of time.

After these two wins, Alex went into the lead, holding a two point advantage over Papulovas, Mustafa Durdyev, Baghtiyar Durdyev and Ron King.

Ron has lost ground today, but his abilities as fighter are well-known and as he proved against Faleo he can even take two games from world class players.

So though Alex is clearly ahead, nothing is decided yet as we have not even reached the half-way stage of this contest.

A legendary Xiangqi story



A fine legendary tale about a wager between an emperor and a Taoist priest spreads far and wide among the people concerning this particular arrangement of xiangqi pieces. It was said that the first emperor of Song Dynasty, Zhao Kuangyi (927-976 AD), once passed by the Huashan Mountain with a number of attendants in his youth before he became the emperor. There he met an old Taoist priest, Chen Tuan, who played a match of xiangqi with him. As the two sides came to the situation as indicated by the drawing, when Zhao (the black side) believed with confidence that the victory was assured in his pocket, the old Taoist Chen Tuan (the red side), who was left with only one offensive piece of Ma, raised the suggestion that a wager be made between the two with the stake being the Huashan Mountain. Zhao consented to the offer and made a contract for the wager to the eyes of all. Contrary to Zhao's anticipation, however, Chen made five successive moves of Ma (H4+6—H6-8---H8+7---H7-6---H6+4) and won the match quite ingeniously. After he became the emperor, Zhao remained true to his words and issued an imperial order to grant the Huashan Mountain to Chen, the Taoist, with the additional favor of relieving all the nearby residents of their taxes. Even in Huashan Mountain today, there still stands the ancient relic of the pavilion where Zhao and Chen were said to have had the match.

Draughts

Draughts Brazilian, Men Final

1	Ion Dosca	11
2	Sergey Belosheev	10
3	Oleg Dashkov	10
4	Nikolay Struchkov	10
5	Alexander Schwarzman	10
6	Valeriy Grebyonkin	10
7	Andrius Kybartas	10
8	Gennadi Shapiro	9
9	Yury Korolev	9
10	Marcelo Ciro Martins	9
11	Gawril Kolesov	9
12	Markiel Fazilov	9
13	Vladislav Mazur	9



Draughts 10x10 Rapid After 10 Rounds

1	Alexander Georgiev	17
2	Guntis Valneris	15
3	Bassirou Ba	15
4	Alexei Chizhov	15
5	Roberts Misans	15
6	Jean-Marc Ndjofang	14
7	Alexander Getmanski	14
8	Dul Erdenebileg	14
9	Valery Kudriavcev	14
10	Ainur Shaybakov	14
11	Alix Louis	13
12	Leopold Kouogueu	13
13	Nikolai Gulyaev	13
14	Roel Boomstra	13
15	Ron Heusdens	13
16	Adama Kone	13
17	Kees Thijssen	13
18	Viacheslav Shchegolev	13
19	Arnaud Cordier	13
20	Artem Ivanov	13

Draughts Russian, Women Final

1	Elena Miskova	11
2	Viktoriya Motrichko	11
3	Julia Romanskaia	10
4	Julia Makarenkova	9
5	Ekaterina Bushueva	9
6	Zhanna Sarshoeva	9
7	Darja Fedorovich	9
8	Sandra Laurutiene	9
9	Ganina Lubov	9



Checkers After 5 Rounds

1	Alexander Moiseev	17
2	Bagtiyah Durdyev	15
3	Mustafa Durdyev	14
4	Ronald Suky King	14
5	Aleksejus Papulovas	13
6	James Morrison	12
7	Shane McCosker	12
8	Mirko De Grandis	12
9	Richard Beckwith	12
10	Amangul Durdyeva	11
11	Oleksandr Kalin	11
12	Paolo Faleo	11
13	William Docherty	11
14	Rawle Allicock	11
15	Igor Martynov	11
16	Garret Owens	11
17	Filip Kareta	11
18	Alexei Shonin	11
19	Raivis Paegle	11

Apologies to Dominique

In yesterday's Bulletin, an error occurred which might as well be called a mystification. We published a story about Go, in which it seemed a person called Ranka was asking questions to a person named Dominique. We should have attached a picture of Dominique's to this but because of unforeseen circumstances, this picture did not make it to yesterday's Bulletin.

Ranka is of course the name of the Int. Go Federation's website. So far, so good. But who is Dominique?



Dominique Cornuejols

In France, Dominique is a first name given to both boys and girls. This clarifies the use of the word "mystification." For those who went on to read the story nevertheless, it must soon have become clear we were talking to a woman. For them, and also for all others, here she is:



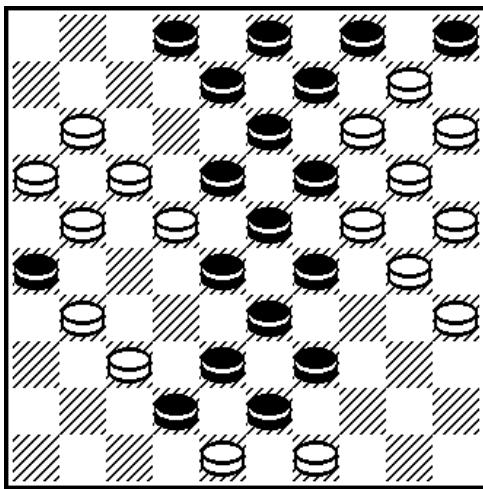
男子团体象棋比赛 (Men Team Xiangqi)

第7轮对阵表 (7th round pairing) Date: 2008-10-16

台次 Desk No.	红方 (Red)			结果 Result		黑方 (Black)		
	代号 No.	代表队 Team	积分 Pts	红方 Red	黑方 Black	代号 No.	代表队 Team	积分 Pts
1	12	中国 (CHN)	11			16	法国 (FRA)	7
2	8	越南 (VIE)	10			4	美国 (USA)	9
3	7	中国香港 (HKG)	7			5	新加坡 (SIN)	7
4	13	加拿大 (CAN)	6			17	印尼 (INA)	7
5	11	英国 (GBR)	6			14	德国 (GER)	6
6	1	中华台北 (TPE)	5			15	中国澳门 (MAC)	6
7	9	荷兰 (NED)	5			3	芬兰 (FIN)	5
8	18	俄罗斯 (RUS)	3			6	澳大利亚 (AUS)	4
9	2	乌克兰 (UKR)	0			10	日本 (JPN)	4

Torch On Fire

In the Netherlands, as well as in France and Eastern Europe, a long tradition of draughts composing developed parallel to the draughts sport. Many players at some point got hooked by the game because of the amazing feeling a composition offered them. Some of the draughtslovers pointed their attention mainly to composing, an art form that has had its own grandmasters ever since. Especially in Holland, draughts composing, "problemism", was very popular in the first half of the 20th century. Nowadays only a few young new composers arise every decade. One of them is Arne van Mourik, who participated in the WMSG international draughts tournament and is writing a weblog (in Dutch) on the tournament website. Exclusively for the First World Mind Sports Games in China he composed a fantasy construction named "Torch On Fire", a blink to the Olympic ambiance in Beijing during the Mind Sports Games.



The solution, putting the black 'torch' on fire, starts with five subtle moves: 1.11-7! 18x36 2.16-11 42x31 3.17-12 26x6 ♠8x6 makes no difference ♡ 4.7-1 8x17 5.48-42! 38x47 and now white goes for five captures: 6.49x38 33x42 7.24x11 6x17 8.1x8! 3x12 9.14x3 5x14 10.20x7 2x11 Finally a position at rest has been reached in which both black and white have the same number of pieces left. Initiative is still to white though and the next move will come as a surprise: 11.3-14!! ♠Z*♡ 19x10 12.30-24 47x20 13.25x5 4-10 (or else?) 14.5x6 36-41 15.6-28 41-47 ♠41-46, 28-5 W+♡ 16.35-30! 47-36 17.28-41 36x47 18.30-24 47x20 19.15x24 W+. From 35 pieces, down to only one.

* Z (at move no.11) There is no alternative solution in 11.15-10 ? 4x15 12.3-14 19x10 13.30-24 47x20 14.25x5 because black finds an escape in 14.... 15-20 15.5-10 ♠35-30 ? 20-24, 36-41 =♡ 20-24 16.10-15 and both 24-29 and 11-17 make the draw.

This mechanism to reach square number 5 with a white piece by means of capture was first presented by Van Mourik in 2006 (in the well known Dutch composers' magazine 'De Problemist', first edited in 1941!). Then 'only' 30 pieces were at work and no torch was yet to be seen.... Both constructions give an answer to a task proposed by a fellow composer. How to reach square 5 if it is controlled by black? If you like tasks like this one or if you would like to know more about draughts problemism in general don't hesitate to contact Arne van Mourik. He likes to see more composing friends, wherever on the planet. (For contact email arne.sksq@gmail.com.)

Mongolia strikes against the host country

By James Davies (courtesy of RankAllIntern. Go Federation)

Tungalag Ravjir and Sansar Tsolmon, who have represented Mongolia separately in several World Go Amateur Championships, teamed up this morning to provide one of the biggest surprises yet in the go competition at the World Mind Sports Games: they defeated Wang Yuchi and Lin Ching-chia of Chinese Taipei in the third preliminary round of the pair go event. On paper, the duo from Chinese Taipei should have had an easy win. They are both ranked at 6 dan, while the Mongolian pair is ranked at 3 dan (Ravjir) and 4 dan (Tsolmon). On the board, however, it was the Mongolians who prevailed, by seven and a half points. "I think we won in the endgame," said Tsolmon. They now take an unbeaten record into the fourth round, in which they face the Canadian pair (Minggao Liang and Chuyang Liu). Once again the Mongolians were outranked but victorious, which makes it four in a row for them.



Press Conference

A Press Conference will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10.30 hrs. in the Beijing International Convention Center (BICC), second floor, room 201.

It is organised by the Chinese Organizing Committee and the IMSA.

All journalists present are kindly invited to attend this meeting.

The Organizing Committee



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