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# FULL MARKS TO CHINA AGAIN



China, Men's Teams, Xiangqi



Korea, Men's Teams, Go



China, Rapid Women's, Chess



China, Rapid Men, Chess





China, Mixed Teams, Go



Alexander Moiseev, USA, Checkers



Dashkov, Russia, Brazilian Draughts



Salih Murat Anter, Junior Individual, Bridge



England, Women's Teams, Bridge



Viktoriya Motrichko, Russia, Russian Draughts



Italy, Open Teams, Bridge

| Go Mixed Teams Results       |    |                |
|------------------------------|----|----------------|
| <b>Semifinals</b>            |    |                |
| Chinese Taipei               | bt | China          |
| China                        | bt | Korea          |
| <b>Playoff for 3rd place</b> |    |                |
| Korea                        | bt | China          |
| <b>Final</b>                 |    |                |
| China                        | bt | Chinese Taipei |

**Russian 8x8 Draughts Women Results****Semifinals**

Miskova bt Makarenkova

Motrichko bt Romanskaia

**Playoff for 3rd place**

Romanskaia bt Makarenkova

**Final**

Motrichko bt Miskova

**Brazilian 8x8 Draughts Men Results****Semifinal**

Dosca bt Belosheev

Dashkov bt Struchkov

**Playoff for 3rd place**

Belosheev bt Struchkov

**Final**

Dashkov bt Dosca

**Rapid 10x10 Draughts Men Results****Semifinals**

Georgiev bt Bassirou Ba

Valneris bt Chizhov

**Playoff for 3rd place**

Chizhov bt Bassirou Ba

**Final**

Georgiev bt Valneris

**Go Teams Men Results****Semifinals**

Korea bt Japan

China bt Chinese Taipei

**Playoff for 3rd place**

Japan bt Chinese Taipei

**Final**

Korea bt China

**A Happy Winner!**

At the start of the final of the 64 Russian tournament Viktoriya Motrichko could not believe that she would win. Her opponent and friend Elena Miskova had to play a beginning position that was giving a clear advantage to one of the colours.

Motrichko decided to play a tactic micro-match. 'I had to play the weakest colour in the 1st game of the micro-match. From the start I played for a

draw and succeeded in that. The 2nd game was then more comfortable for me and I won!', she says with a big smile on her face.

While Miskova and Motrichko are both playing on the same top level in this draughts game, they meet each other often in tournaments. 'Sometimes I win, sometimes I lose, but both of us always fight for it. Games are games and being friends is something different.'

**Medal Standing for the 1st World Mind Sports Games**

| Country (Region)  | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|-------------------|------|--------|--------|
| 1 China           | 12   | 8      | 6      |
| 2 Russia          | 4    | 1      | 3      |
| 3 Korea           | 2    | 4      | 3      |
| 4 Ukraine         | 2    | 4      | 2      |
| 5 Norway          | 2    | 1      | 3      |
| 6 Turkey          | 2    | 0      | 0      |
| 7 England         | 1    | 2      | 0      |
| 8 Bulgaria        | 1    | 1      | 0      |
| France            | 1    | 1      | 0      |
| 10 Latvia         | 1    | 0      | 2      |
| 11 USA            | 1    | 0      | 1      |
| 12 D.P.R Korea    | 1    | 0      | 0      |
| Sweden            | 1    | 0      | 0      |
| Denmark           | 1    | 0      | 0      |
| Ecuador           | 1    | 0      | 0      |
| Hungary           | 1    | 0      | 0      |
| Italy             | 1    | 0      | 0      |
| 18 Vietnam        | 0    | 2      | 3      |
| 19 Poland         | 0    | 2      | 1      |
| Moldova           | 0    | 2      | 1      |
| 21 India          | 0    | 1      | 1      |
| 22 Netherlands    | 0    | 1      | 0      |
| Romania           | 0    | 1      | 0      |
| Chinese Taipei    | 0    | 1      | 0      |
| Australia         | 0    | 1      | 0      |
| Barbados          | 0    | 1      | 0      |
| Israel            | 0    | 1      | 0      |
| 28 China Hongkong | 0    | 0      | 2      |
| Iran              | 0    | 0      | 2      |
| Japan             | 0    | 0      | 2      |
| 31 Malaysia       | 0    | 0      | 1      |
| Singapore         | 0    | 0      | 1      |
| Greece            | 0    | 0      | 1      |

## Draughts 8x8: The Finals

In the semi finals Doska agreed to a draw with Sergey Belosheev (Ukraine). It was enough for Doska to proceed to the final, because he was higher ranked in the preliminaries. Oleg Daskhov entered the final after his win against Nikolay Struchkov from Russia.



Ion Doska (left) from Moldova playing against Russian Oleg Dashkov in the 64 Brazilian final.

The women's final is a real top event. Current world champion Viktoriya Motrichko (right) from the Ukraine competes with Elena Miskova from Moldova, current vice world champion.



Both women won their games in the semifinals. Motrichko beat her Moldav opponent Julia Romanskaya. Miskova won her game against Julia Makarenkova from Ukraine.



Belosheev (left) and Struchkov are fighting the bronze, both Julia's (Romanskaya (left) and Makarenkova) do the same at the women's competition.

## Go: The Semifinals

By James Davies (courtesy of Rankallnt. Go Federation)



The semifinal rounds of the men's team tournament and the pair go tournament were played on the morning of October 17 at the Beijing International Convention Center. The winners, who will vie for the gold medals this afternoon,

were from China, the Republic of Korea, and Chinese Taipei.

The Korean men's team reached the final by beating the Japanese team 4-1. Hane Naoki, Japan's current Honinbo, scored the only win for the Japanese, beating Korea's Choi Chulhan by resignation on the second board. On the other four boards, Won Sungjin beat Yoda Norimoto by 3.5 points, Lee Younggu beat Takao Shinji by 8.5 points, teenaged Kim Jiseok beat Yamashita Keigo, Japan's Kisei title-holder, by 2.5 points, and Korea's superstar Lee Sedol beat Kono Rin, the Japanese Tengen title-holder, by resignation.

In the other semifinal match, the Chinese team defeated the team from Chinese Taipei 4-1. China's lead player Chang Hao, a veteran at the age of 31, beat Chen Shih-Yuan by 2.5 points and Piao Wenyao, China's youngest player at age 20, beat Hsiao Cheng-Hao by 8.5 points. The other three games were decided by resignation: Ding Wei (China) beat Lin Han-chieh; Kong Jie (China) lost to Hwang Yih-tzu, and Xie He (China) beat Pan Shan-chi.

In the pair go semifinals, Hsieh Yi-min and Chou Chunhsun defeated China's Li He and Yu Bin to ensure at least a silver medal for Chinese Taipei. This was no upset: Hsieh (age 18) currently holds the women's Honinbo and Meijin titles in Japan, and Chou won the LG Cup, a major international tournament, in 2007. In the other semifinal match Fan Weijing and Huang Yizhong, China's second pro pair, defeated Lee Hajin and On Sojin from the Republic of Korea, producing a final showdown between pairs from China and Chinese Taipei and a bronze-medal play-off between pairs from China and the Republic of Korea.

While the Japanese men's team plays the team from Chinese Taipei for a bronze medal this afternoon, in another building, Japan's senior contract bridge team will be playing the US senior team for a gold medal. Both Japanese teams won, but still, somewhat surprisingly, Japanese bridge is out-glittering Japanese go.

## Chess

China again proved to be the team to beat at the 1st World Mind Sports Games by topping the Men's Team Rapid and tying Russia for first place in the Women's Team Rapid.

On the back of an amazing 8/9 performance by their youngest player, 19 year old GM Li Chao who was well supported by GM Wang Hao's 6.5/8 and GM Bu Xiangzhi's 5/6, the Chinese men won 8 matches and only drew one to finish on 17 match points, well ahead of second placed USA with 14 match points (7 wins and 2 losses). China's only draw came against India.

Ukraine, Iran, and Hungary all finished on 12 match points but the latter, the Blitz team Gold medalists, lost out on tiebreak.

In the men semifinals these were the results:

China bt Iran

Ukraine bt USA

In the finals, China easily beat Ukraine. In the playoff, the bronze went to Iran on sudden death.

The Women's Team Rapid was more closely fought - again between the top best teams - Russia and China. Both teams won 7 matches and drew 2, and the four Russian women, who had been showing remarkable consistency (and perhaps the best team spirit) took the top spot on tiebreak.

Vietnam continued to impress with a clear third place on 14 match points while Ukraine with 13 match points took the last semi-final berth.

In the women semifinals these were the results:

Ukraine bt Russia

China bt Vietnam

In the finals, China once again easily beat Ukraine for another Chess gold medal. The bronze went to Russia.

## Ranking of Men's Team Xiangqi 男子团体象棋赛名次公布

| rank<br>名次 | Team<br>代表队 | total match<br>points<br>总场分 | rival's<br>match point<br>对手总场分 | team's<br>game points<br>全队总局分 |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1          | CHN<br>中国   | 17                           | 94                              | 30                             |
| 2          | VIE<br>越南   | 16                           | 93                              | 29                             |
| 3          | HKG<br>中国香港 | 12                           | 98                              | 20                             |
| 4          | USA<br>美国   | 12                           | 95                              | 26                             |
| 5          | SIN<br>新加坡  | 10                           | 102                             | 22                             |
| 6          | GBR<br>英国   | 10                           | 85                              | 19                             |
| 7          | INA<br>印尼   | 9                            | 93                              | 19                             |
| 8          | TPE<br>中华台北 | 9                            | 81                              | 19                             |
| 9          | NED<br>荷兰   | 9                            | 68                              | 19                             |
| 10         | CAN<br>加拿大  | 9                            | 68                              | 19                             |
| 11         | FRA<br>法国   | 8                            | 102                             | 15                             |
| 12         | MAC<br>中国澳门 | 8                            | 74                              | 17                             |
| 13         | GER<br>德国   | 8                            | 70                              | 18                             |
| 14         | JPN<br>日本   | 8                            | 69                              | 16                             |
| 15         | AUS<br>澳大利亚 | 8                            | 66                              | 17                             |
| 16         | FIN<br>芬兰   | 5                            | 68                              | 10                             |
| 17         | RUS<br>俄罗斯  | 4                            | 64                              | 9                              |
| 18         | UKR<br>乌克兰  | 0                            | 68                              | 0                              |

## JUNIORS INDIVIDUAL - BRIDGE

| Group A |                   |        |
|---------|-------------------|--------|
| 1       | ANTER Salih Murat | 58,22% |
| 2       | NISTOR Radu       | 55,54% |
| 3       | JOHANSEN Lars A.  | 54,59% |
| 4       | KRAWCZYK Joanna   | 54,46% |
| 5       | ARASZKIEWICZ K.   | 54,30% |
| 6       | IGNATOV Lubomir   | 54,24% |
| 7       | MACHNO Artur M.   | 54,04% |
| 8       | SCHALTZ Martin    | 53,89% |
| 9       | SIKORA Jan        | 53,48% |
| 10      | WASIAK Artur L.   | 53,25% |
| 11      | VERBEEK Tim       | 53,18% |
| 12      | REHDER Martin     | 53,02% |
| 13      | TUCZYNSKI Piotr   | 52,54% |
| 14      | VULCAN Bogdan     | 52,49% |
| 15      | HU Junjie         | 52,42% |
| 16      | BILDE Dennis      | 51,96% |
| 17      | CHEN Yichao       | 51,52% |
| 18      | EIDE Erik A       | 51,45% |
| 19      | GOTARD Thomas     | 51,39% |
| 20      | STUURMAN D.       | 51,00% |

| Group B |                   |        |
|---------|-------------------|--------|
| 1       | WU You            | 57,15% |
| 2       | BOYD Richard      | 55,37% |
| 3       | MARGOT Cedric     | 55,06% |
| 4       | EGGELING Marie    | 55,03% |
| 5       | DE DONDER Steven  | 55,03% |
| 6       | SCHULZ Dieter     | 54,95% |
| 7       | KOPECKY Michal    | 54,78% |
| 8       | VOLOZHENIN Ivan   | 54,60% |
| 9       | MACURA Milan      | 54,51% |
| 10      | GRUDE Tor Eivind  | 54,35% |
| 11      | HELMICH Aarnout   | 54,03% |
| 12      | GOMEZ HIERRO R.   | 53,65% |
| 13      | WARE Griffith     | 52,95% |
| 14      | KULL Miriam       | 52,74% |
| 15      | LEBATTEUX Aymeric | 52,38% |
| 16      | HORNIBROOK John   | 52,30% |
| 17      | SORENSEN Lars M.  | 52,26% |
| 18      | SYUSYUKIN Ivan    | 52,05% |
| 19      | DESAI Sapan       | 52,00% |
| 20      | BREDE Lukasz      | 51,90% |

| Group C |                      |        |
|---------|----------------------|--------|
| 1       | DWYER Kevin          | 59,28% |
| 2       | ENCONTRO Mylene      | 58,31% |
| 3       | SINLOYMA Rujipong    | 55,84% |
| 4       | WORTEL Marten        | 55,51% |
| 5       | COLLURA Angela       | 55,47% |
| 6       | BLAZEVICIUS Rokas    | 55,36% |
| 7       | BIELSKIS Andrius     | 55,05% |
| 8       | STAFIE Diana Mihaela | 54,83% |
| 9       | ETCHEPAREBORDA       | 54,22% |
| 10      | DORAS Catalin        | 54,20% |
| 11      | GAFFIN Ronald        | 54,02% |
| 12      | NAGEL Tymen Ryk      | 53,35% |
| 13      | KORKEVICIUS M.       | 53,18% |
| 14      | STEPHENS Philip      | 53,10% |
| 15      | DARKADAKIS A.        | 53,04% |
| 16      | YEUNG Tak Lung       | 53,00% |
| 17      | DE CASO Luis Maria   | 52,84% |
| 18      | MINDRUTA Cosmin      | 52,72% |
| 19      | IMAI Satoshi         | 52,71% |
| 20      | Il Yasuaki           | 52,39% |

| Group D |                    |        |
|---------|--------------------|--------|
| 1       | MESTIRI Anas       | 57,18% |
| 2       | TRIGEORGIS George  | 56,48% |
| 3       | EGE Niclas Raulund | 55,87% |
| 4       | MARTIN Jaime       | 55,76% |
| 5       | POON Ching         | 55,60% |
| 6       | MINUTI Guillermo   | 55,18% |
| 7       | LIEN Owen          | 53,94% |
| 8       | KOROMPIS F.        | 53,89% |
| 9       | FUNG Lik Hang N.   | 53,67% |
| 10      | REW Fraser         | 53,66% |
| 11      | JACOB Nick         | 53,64% |
| 12      | SOEBROTO Anthony   | 53,45% |
| 13      | SUMARAUW Y.        | 53,42% |
| 14      | LIN Yi-Li          | 53,16% |
| 15      | BARENDREGT Erwin   | 53,10% |
| 16      | KYRANIDES Marios   | 52,78% |
| 17      | MUNRO Angus        | 51,91% |
| 18      | ROHRBERG Matias    | 51,88% |
| 19      | HUTAHAEAN D.       | 51,80% |
| 20      | MILANO Eryck       | 51,73% |

## An Interview with Martin Stiasny

by Max and Chen (courtesy of Ranka/International Go Federation)



Martin Stiasny, European Go Fed. President

Ranka: It must have been quite a challenge to organise this big event. Would you tell us what kind of role the European Go Federation played in organising the 1st WMSG?

Martin: EGF was involved because we have 35 members in the IGF. It was difficult for the IGF to contact these members directly. So we were responsible for contacting them to collect information, I worked very closely with Yuki Shigeno (IGF-Secretary General) and Chris Kirschner (A.G.A.V. President). Also I had very close internal cooperation with other Go Federations to prepare for the 1st WMSG.

Ranka: Did all the members of the European Go Federation participate in this WMSG?

Martin: Nearly all. But not all. I feel sorry about that. Two were missing—Luxembourg and Slovenia. I asked Luxembourg why they didn't make it. It turned out that they didn't have enough time. There are so many Go events to be busy with in these days: the European Go Congress, World Amateur Championship, etc. For Slovenia, they decided that it would be too expensive for the Federation and their players.

Ranka: How was your cooperation with the Chinese Organizing Committee?

Martin: It was perfect. We worked in a very friendly atmosphere. Nothing can be better.

Ranka: This tournament focused more on championship. What about the spectators?

Martin: I would say that it is difficult to have a competition with thousands of spectators. But I think, at least all the participants here should have the opportunity to watch the games. After finishing their games, many players might want to stay to watch the other games. But in fact they were asked to leave the playing room immediately after their games. That should not have happened. Lots of them came to me to ask for help. Sure, I could help someone at sometimes, but not everyone at anytime. I think this depends on the room too. In the World Amateur Championship, the players play in the center, surrounded by a circle of band. Standing outside the band,

the spectators can watch the games without disturbing the players. Here the rooms are all too small for the large numbers of possible spectators present. However, if it's not possible to have spectators in the rooms, we might have had more live broadcast games in the hall. Only one game displayed is surely not enough.

Ranka: What is your impression of this event?

Martin: It is an excellent event. I think it is a start of a hopefully long relationship between all players and countries. Especially for Europe. Half of the IGF members are from Europe. We really need this kind of big event to get contact with the rest of the world and to learn from each other. Actually I am quite surprised that the team tournaments, not the individual tournaments, are especially highlighted.

Ranka: What is your relationship with Federations of the other mind sports?

Martin: I feel sorry that I don't have much relation with them. At the beginning of organizing the 1st WMSG, during some high official meetings, we did have some contact with them. But here, in Beijing, I haven't had nearly any contact with them. I didn't see any chess competition, or bridge competition. That is a point that we can improve on.

Ranka: What is your opinion of the future of the WMSG?

Martin: I think that it's possible to happen again, and I really hope so. It's not so easy to organise this kind of big event. It needs a big amount of money, and also some powerful government or city that is willing to have it. But it is still possible. I believe in it and I want to work for it. Every player wants it again. I'm sure it will happen again!

Ranka: Thank you very much for the interview and all the excellent work you have done for the WMSG!

### BRIDGE

#### OPEN TEAMS Final

| Match   |         | Total    |
|---------|---------|----------|
| I Italy | England | 200 -170 |

#### WOMEN TEAMS Final

| Match   |         | Total    |
|---------|---------|----------|
| I China | England | 222 -223 |

#### SENIOR TEAMS Final

| Match |       | Total    |
|-------|-------|----------|
| I USA | Japan | 200 -202 |

### TRANSNATIONAL

#### Final

| Match    |          | Total   |
|----------|----------|---------|
| I Russia | Yeh Bros | 69 -101 |

## Checkers is my family

(courtesy of FMDJ)

Alexander Moiseev enjoyed the World Mind Sports Games and not only because he won the checkers 3-move competition. He absolutely enjoys seeing old friends with whom he lost all contact after his emigration from the Soviet Union to the USA. There is a Russian saying "you cannot cross a river twice," but 'this catching up with old friends feels almost as if I am crossing the river again, though' the five times world champion in checkers 3-moves says.

Moiseev began to play draughts on the 64 square board when he was 7 years old. He switched to the 10x10 international draughts in the late seventies and became a master in this international mind sport. When he left the Soviet Union in 1991, he was ranked 17th on the FMJD rating list. He did not play for 5 years and restarted in 1996. Shortly after his restart he got aware that there would not be a future for him in the 10x10 game. He then decided to have his second emigration... from 10x10 to checkers. In the USA checkers is considered to be a kids game, but Moiseev is fighting against that prejudice. 'It is really sport', he says.

Switching to the checkers game was not an easy solution, but Moiseev took the consequences: learning the rules, new tactics and strategies. Of course he benefits from his 10x10 draughts background: the processes of organizing, calculating and strategic formations are more or less the same. Moiseev still studies checkers for 2 or 3 hours per day. He would play any tournament in the US when it is within an 8 hour drive from his home. Altogether he plays 180 games a year. He loves doing so, the checkers world is like a nice family.



| Checkers - Final Results |                   |    |                           |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1                        | Alexander Moiseev | 27 | 10 Hugh Devlin 21         |
| 2                        | Ronald Suky King  | 23 | 11 Amangul Durdyeva 20    |
| 3                        | Raivis Paegle     | 23 | 12 Mikhail Shabshai 20    |
| 4                        | Mustafa Durdyev   | 22 | 13 Mirko De Grandis 20    |
| 5                        | William Docherty  | 22 | 14 Garret Owens 20        |
| 6                        | Bagtiyah Durdyev  | 22 | 15 Bashim Durdyev 20      |
| 7                        | Richard Beckwith  | 22 | 16 Shane McCosker 19      |
| 8                        | James Morrison    | 21 | 17 Aleksejus Papulovas 19 |
| 9                        | Paolo Faleo       | 21 | 18 Oleksandr Kalin 19     |
|                          |                   |    | 19 Igor Keder 19          |

## Opposites attract

(courtesy of FMDJ)

What are two USA Go team members doing in the draughts playing area? Trevor Morris (left) and Louis Samuel Abronson, both being 6th dan in Go, are playing international draughts. Coming from the USA they already knew the checkers game, but the international 10x10 game was unknown to them. Abronson was immediately struck by the subtleties he saw on the draughts boards. The nice positions, the combinations in a series of moves: those were unexpected surprises to him.



At first glance, Go seems to be the exact opposite of draughts. In Go, you would place stones on the board and they would stay there, in the draughts game pieces move around until they eventually are taken off. While in Go the edges are strong, in draughts the centre of the board is the battlefield. Cluttering of game pieces is very weak in Go, while single pieces sometimes have to fear for their lives on the draughts board.

Morris was surprised that draughts has a long history. He explained that Go was initiated in China a few centuries ago, professionalized in Japan, and the Korean are the best at it nowadays. It is an Asia-dominated sport, although you'll find participants from everywhere. The origin of draughts lays in Europe and from there it spread to Africa and the rest of the world. There is more about draughts history on the FMDJ-website.

During the interview both Go players kept on playing draughts, trying to understand the moves, only in between some moves there was time to say a few words. When Dutch player Wim van Mourik started explaining and showing nice combinations, the interview was over, the focus was all again on the draughts board.

## Press Conference

A Press Conference will be held today, 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.

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