



## PRESS RELEASE

### ***Channel Trophy – England junior players succeed in prestigious international competition***

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On 21 – 23 December 2007, three junior England bridge teams took part in the annual Junior Channel Trophy in Utrecht. This is a four way international tournament involving England, France, Holland and Belgium and is split into three categories: Under 25 Juniors, Under 20 Schools and for the first time U25 Women's. It remains a challenging competition for all the players involved and provides a good opportunity for young players to play bridge internationally.

After three days of excellent play, England finished first place in the *Women's* and *Schools* competitions and third place in the *Juniors* competition. The final results and rankings were as follows:

*Women*  
**England – 112**  
France – 101  
Netherlands – 90  
Belgium - 57

*Schools*  
**England – 108**  
Netherlands – 106  
France – 93  
Belgium – 49

*Juniors*  
Netherlands – 106  
Belgium – 100  
**England – 83**  
France – 71

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#### **Notes to editors:**

##### ***Press resources***

Please click here for press/media resource materials – including information on bridge, the English Bridge Union and some bridge trivia.

##### ***About Bridge***

Bridge is one of the most enduring and popular games in the world; for over 100 years, people of all types and from all walks of life have been fascinated by the game. It is one of the most popular leisure activities in Britain, with around 300,000 people playing on a regular basis. Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Please click here for more information on bridge.

##### ***About the English Bridge Union***

The English Bridge Union Limited (EBU) is a membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. New players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. For more information on the English Bridge Union please visit: [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk)

