



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EBU SELECTION COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 40 BERNARD STREET, LONDON WC1  
ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004**

<b>Present:</b>	Chris Dixon	Chairman
	Richard Fleet	Vice-Chairman
	Roger Amey	
	Paul Bowyer	Appointed member (for items 1-8)
	Tom Bradley	
	Raymond Brock	(for items 1-11)
	Pat Davies	
	Gerard Faulkner	
	Philip Mason	EBU Vice-Chairman
	Mel Starkings	Appointed member (for items 1-8)
	Tony Priday	Vice-President
	Nick Doe	Secretary

**1. Election of Committee Chairman for the year 2004/05**

Mr Dixon was proposed by Mr Fleet and seconded by Mr Amey. There being no other nominations, he was declared duly elected. He thanked the Committee for its continuing confidence.

Mr Dixon paid tribute to the great contribution to the Committee's work made during his years on the Committee by Mr Rowlands, who had decided not to seek re-election. He proposed a vote of thanks, which the Committee endorsed with enthusiasm.

Mr Dixon welcomed Mr Bradley to his first meeting as an elected member of the Committee and Mr Faulkner on his return as an elected member.

**2. Election of Committee Vice-Chairman for the year 2004/05**

Mr Fleet was proposed by Miss Davies and seconded by Mr Amey. There being no other nominations, he was declared duly elected.

**3. Apologies for Absence** Denis Robson EBU Chairman

#### **4. Minutes of previous meetings**

##### **4.1 3 June 2004 – accuracy**

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

##### **4.2 23 July 2004 – accuracy**

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

##### **4.3 3 June 2004 – matters arising**

###### **4.3.1 Committee procedures and documents – documents for Home Internationals (item 2.2.3)**

Mr Doe said that he had made some progress. He would endeavour to circulate a draft with the minutes, on which Committee members could comment prior to circulation. The Committee was happy for this to be done, the final amendments being settled in consultation with the Chairman.

###### **4.3.2 Budget (item 4.1)**

Mr Bradley said that the phraseology in the Board minute had been unfortunate. He had only meant to remind the Board that a lot of money was spent on internationals. There was no question of the budget having been significantly exceeded.

###### **4.3.3 Timetable of Home Internationals – Junior Camrose (item 8.1)**

Mr Doe reported that the move to the new February date would take effect from 2006. The 2005 event in Wales was to remain on the last weekend in January.

###### **4.3.4 Timetable of Home Internationals – overall cycle (item 8.2)**

Mr Doe reported that the new schedule noted at the last meeting had been adopted by BGB.

###### **4.3.5 Budget (item 4.1)**

Mr Faulkner asked when the Committee would have the chance to scrutinise the budget for 2005/06. Mr Bradley reminded the Committee that the initial budget is prepared by the relevant manager at Aylesbury (in this case Max Bavin). It is then considered by the General Manager and the Treasurer, and goes to the full Board in March. Any matters the Committee wishes to be incorporated should be drawn to Max Bavin's attention. The initial process would be taking place within the next four weeks, and details could certainly then be sent to Committee members for their consideration.

The Committee noted that in principle the international events to be supported are agreed by the Board on the Committee's recommendation. With regard to the standards of support for England teams at and in preparation for such events, the Committee sets out what it wishes to provide, but does not tend to consider the detailed costings, which are a matter for Max Bavin. Occasionally, however, the Committee may need to know more of the financial details in order to make a decision in principle as to whether to recommend that something be funded in preference to something else. The Committee thought that Mr Bradley's presence on the Committee would be helpful in avoiding any communication problems.

###### **4.3.6 Action points**

The Committee noted that all those not featuring elsewhere on the agenda had been dealt with.

##### **4.4 23 July 2004 – matters arising**

###### **4.4.1 Team preparation – European Champions Cup (item 3.2.1)**

Mr Faulkner was concerned at the decision to allow a funded team to keep 100% of any prize money which they might win. He thought that it sent the wrong message to the membership as a whole. Mr Bradley confirmed that as Treasurer he saw no problem with the decision, and Mr Faulkner was therefore content not to pursue the matter.

#### 4.4.2 *Team preparation – Lederer Memorial Trophy (item 3.2.2)*

Mr Bowyer asked if there was a prospect of the England Junior team receiving a regular invitation. The Committee noted that junior teams have been invited in the past, but normally only if they had recently won a championship or if there was a last-minute vacancy. It was agreed that the possibility was worth raising with the organisers.

#### 4.4.3 *Team preparation – Brighton (item 3.2.4)*

Mr Faulkner asked for clarification of Mr Brock's comments. Mr Brock said that although he had hoped that it might have been possible to arrange a practice match against an overseas team at this year's Brighton, he considered that it was a matter which needed to be re-considered for the future. In terms of valuable preparation there was no substitute for quality events against quality foreign opposition, and this meant either sending teams abroad or bringing foreign teams here. Whilst inviting four or five quality foreign teams to the Spring Foursomes was one possibility, they might not play against the England team, so he thought that a straight arranged match, such as at Brighton, was probably preferable.

The Committee thought that other Countries would also be in the position of needing to provide practice for their teams, so that some sharing of expenses might be possible (after all this was how the Junior Channel Trophy had come into being). The Committee confirmed that it considered that playing in one or more events against quality international opposition was essential preparation for England teams selected for major international events.

#### 4.4.4 *European Championships – Women's series (item 4.1)*

Mr Faulkner asked whether the proposed letter to the EBL had been sent. Mr Dixon confirmed that he had drafted a mild and congratulatory letter, which the Dutch NPC, to whom he had shown it, had considered had struck exactly the right note. Mr Doe said that it had been agreed to consult with Mr Harris, and he regretted that he did not know what had come of this, but undertook to investigate and ensure that the letter was sent if this had not already been done.

#### 4.4.5 *European Championships – expenses (item 4.2)*

Mr Fleet asked whether the expenses of car hire by the teams had been reimbursed in full. It appeared that the General Manager has made a decision to reimburse in part only. The Committee was surprised that the General Manager had the authority to make such a decision, and regretted that players representing England had been left out of pocket as a result of a decision which seemed parsimonious.

Mr Bradley noted that there would always be some risk of unexpected expenditure being incurred at an international championship. Given the speed of modern communications, he thought that such problems could be avoided in future by seeking approval before the money was spent, and urged that this be done wherever possible. If necessary the Officers could authorise expenditure at short notice. It was agreed that captains should be instructed to submit a formal request to Aylesbury whenever practicable in such circumstances.

#### 4.4.6 *EBL Seminars – Seniors (Item 4.4)*

Mr Faulkner asked whether any decision had been made as to who should be the EBU's representative. It appeared that the Board had not considered the matter, and Mr Mason undertook that it would be raised at the forthcoming Officers' meeting. It was agreed that it would be helpful to know when the proposed seminars were to take place.

## **5. *Junior Events – Review of past events – European Youth Championships, Prague 2004***

### **5.1 *Preliminary***

The Committee noted that the England teams appeared to have received much better preparation than had been the case on some past occasions.

## **5.2 Junior (under-25) Series**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (A). Mr Dixon was thanked for his report.

## **5.3 Schools (under-20) Series**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (B). Mr Starkings was thanked for his report.

## **5.4 Girls Series**

The Committee noted that the inaugural event had attracted 11 teams.

## **5.5 Other issues**

The Committee noted a further report from Mr Dixon, which he had prepared primarily for the Board, having acted on an ad hoc basis as the EBU representative at the various meetings which had taken place. The Committee noted that the EBL is under the impression that each NBO has an official known as a National Youth Officer or similar, and that the EBU's official in question is Chris Duckworth. It also noted that the Board is to address the question of appointing representatives to attend such meetings in future.

The Committee agreed with the conclusion that a proposed Europe-wide knock-out event for Junior teams was entirely unworkable as the proposal currently stood.

## **6. Junior events – selection for forthcoming under-25 events**

### **6.1 Junior Trials 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (C). As discussed at a previous meeting, the three pairs who had represented England in the European Youth Championships had not played in the trials, and it had been agreed that they would nonetheless be regarded as eligible for selection for the Channel Trophy and as the third pair for the Junior Camrose Trophy (the top two pairs in the trials having been guaranteed selection for the latter).

The Committee also noted the position of one of the players who had played in the European Youth Championships, whose European partnership had now broken up, and who had re-formed a partnership with a player who had played in the trials with another partner. It was agreed that it was not appropriate to consider the new partnership for selection for the Junior Channel or Junior Camrose Trophies, although it was hoped that the pair would participate fully in the squad and challenge strongly for a place in the team for the 2005 Junior European.

### **6.2 Junior Channel Trophy**

The following were selected to represent England:-

Andrew Bamford and Mark Goddard

Michael Byrne and Alex Morris

Ben Green and Duncan Happer

NPC – Paul Bowyer

Reserve pair – Andrew Murphy and Tom Slater

### **6.3 Junior Camrose Trophy**

The following were selected to represent England:-

Andrew Bamford and Mark Goddard

Ben Green and Duncan Happer

Andrew Murphy and Tom Slater

NPC – Paul Bowyer

Reserve pair – Adam Dickinson and Luke Porter

**7. Junior events – selection for forthcoming under-20 events**

**7.1 Junior Trials 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (D).

**7.2 Junior Channel Trophy**

John Atthey and Chris G Owen  
Michael Graham and Shivam Shah  
Ed Jones and Dave Rogers

NPC – Mel Starkings

Reserve pair – Nicola Macdougall and Alex Morton

**7.3 Peggy Bayer Trophy**

John Atthey and Chris G Owen  
Michael Graham and Shivam Shah  
Bingyuan Yang and Songtao Ye

NPC – Mel Starkings

Reserve pair – Ed Jones and Dave Rogers

**8. Junior events – other matters**

**8.1 European Youth Championships 2005 – Girls Series**

The Committee noted with approval that the Board had decided to allocate sufficient funding to send a Girls team to the Championships, and that sufficient potential players had been identified to suggest that a team of acceptable quality could be selected. It was proposed that training should be carried out alongside the existing under-25 squad activities. Selection would be following recommendations from the squad manager – it was not proposed that trials should be held.

**8.2 European Youth Championships 2005 – selection arrangements and timetable**

It was agreed that the teams should be selected in approximately April, and that selection should be based on recommendations from the squad managers – it was not proposed that trials should be held.

**8.3 World Junior Championships 2005**

The Committee noted that England would receive an invitation if any of the qualifiers from Europe did not send a team, or if overall acceptances produced an odd number of teams. Such an invitation, by its nature, was likely to come uncomfortably late to allow a team to be selected and prepared, and the necessary practical arrangements made, particularly in the light of the fact that the World Championships were to be played in Australia. Accordingly, the Committee did not think that it was a foregone conclusion that the invitation could be accepted, even if the Board was prepared to allocate the necessary funding. The fact that the dates of the Championships were very close to the assumed dates of the European Youth Championships (which had not yet been finalised), was an additional complicating factor, as it might be expected that some players would have difficulty making themselves available for both events.

The Committee noted that an inaugural World Schools Championship had been held last July, with participation by invited teams from Europe and North America. It understood that with effect from the 2005 European Youth Championships, the top teams in the Schools Series would qualify to play in a World Championship for Schools teams, to be held alongside that for Junior teams, for which the qualification arrangements would continue as at present.

**8.4 Junior Trials – future arrangements**

The Committee noted the recommendation of the recent meeting of the Youth Squad Development Team that trials in the traditional mould should be discontinued. Trials had hitherto served a dual purpose as an aid to selection for specific representative events (with or without selection

guarantees for the leading pairs) and as a means of selecting the players to be included in the squads. The squad managers felt that it was better to have an inclusive policy for the squads, with any necessary weeding-out done at a later date, so trials were no longer necessary for this purpose. Trials in the traditional mould, which of necessity included a preliminary phase to eliminate a number of players who had unquestionably not yet reached anything like the required standard, could be improved upon as a guide to selection for specific representative events. It was therefore suggested that selection trials should be internal squad events.

Some concerns were expressed that this would deprive players not currently in the squads of the opportunity to press their claims, but provided that this question was addressed by appropriate advance publicity of the dates and nature of the trials, the Committee was happy that the proposal should be tried out. The suggestion that the trials be played on the Sundays of, say, four squad weekends, with a requirement that pairs play in at least three to be eligible for selection, was noted.

### **8.5 Squad composition and activities**

The Committee noted that a number of training weekends had been organised, and on the basis of the new inclusive policy already discussed, new applications to join the squads were welcome.

Mr Bradley commented that he considered that the new arrangements with regard to the squads were working extremely well.

### **8.6 Other issues**

Mr Priday asked for clarification of a point in the Youth Squad Development Team minutes concerning disciplinary problems in the past. Mr Bradley said that the problems were neither recent, nor, for the most part, properly substantiated. It was noted that the Squad Managers were to have the power to suspend players from the squads for disciplinary reasons, but the Youth Squad Development Team meeting had assumed that any disciplinary matters affecting members of selected teams would be referred to the Committee for a decision about continued membership of the team. Mr Starkings commented that the new guidelines which had been issued were exactly what he needed as a squad manager.

## **9. Open events – review of past events**

### **9.1 European Teams Championships, Malmö 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (E), and the Committee congratulated the team on becoming the first England team to qualify for the Bermuda Bowl. Mr Brock was thanked for his report.

### **9.2 European Champions Cup, Barcelona 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (F). Mr (Jason) Hackett was thanked for his report. The Committee noted a suggestion that it had been a false economy not to send an NPC, and that the value as a training event had been reduced as a result.

The Committee noted that, notwithstanding indications to the contrary in advance of the event, the ploy of picking a team to represent the “All England Bridge Club” had not been well-received. If invitations were received in future, some alternative means of choosing the team would be required, and it might prove difficult to devise one which was acceptable. One possibility was to invite the winners of, say, Crockfords, to nominate a club which they would represent in the competition. Another, which the Committee preferred, was to invite the Tournament Committee to create a “super-NICKO”, i.e. a club-based competition with longer matches than the present NICKO, the winners of which could be offered a selection guarantee and funding to take up any invitation to the European Champions Cup which might be received.

### **9.3 World Teams Olympiad, Istanbul 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (G). Mr Brock was thanked for his report.

It was noted that, not for the first time, an England team had performed extremely well in the round robin phase of a Championship, and then fallen at the first knock-out hurdle, although it appeared difficult to ascribe any reasons for the sudden deterioration in the quality of the play on this occasion.

## **10. Open events – selection for forthcoming events**

### **10.1 Bermuda Bowl, Estoril 2005**

The Committee noted that it had not placed any restrictions on its freedom to select who it wished, and a number of observations were considered.

The following were selected to represent England:-

David Gold and Tom Townsend  
Jason Hackett and Justin Hackett  
David Price and Colin Simpson

NPC – Raymond Brock

Coach – David Burn

Reserve pair – David Bakhshi and Andrew Robson

Reserve NPC – Chris Dixon

### **10.2 Open Trials 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (H).

The Committee discussed an incident where the Tournament Director had allowed the players to persuade him to waive the provisions in the Conditions of Contest concerning late arrival. It was agreed to request Mr Bavin not to appoint the TD concerned to trials until further notice, and to request that the Appointments Committee review his status.

The Committee also noted that a team had purported to make its availability for selection for the Camrose subject to a condition, namely its selection en bloc for a Camrose weekend. This was contrary to the regulations, and the Committee decided to treat the team as having declared itself unavailable. No further action was necessary, but it was decided that there should be a prescribed entry form for all future trials, on which entrants could be required to make a suitable declaration concerning adherence to the Conditions of Contest.

### **10.3 Camrose Trophy fixtures**

The Committee noted that under the new format, England's matches are against Scotland and Northern Ireland at East Kilbride in January, and against the Republic of Ireland and Wales at Ballymena in March.

### **10.4 Selection of England Camrose Teams, reserves, NPCs and reserve NPCs**

The following were selected to represent England:-

v Scotland and Northern Ireland

Peter Crouch and Neil Rosen  
Gary Hyett and Alan Mould  
Brian Senior and Geoffrey Wolfarth

NPC - Richard Fleet

Reserve pair - Rob Cliffe and Heather Dhondy

v Republic of Ireland and Wales

Catherine Draper and Jeremy Willans  
David Gold and Tom Townsend  
David Price and Colin Simpson

NPC - Raymond Brock

Reserve pair - Keith Bennett and Jeremy Dhondy

Reserve NPCs would be chosen ad hoc if the need arose.

[Secretary's note – Richard Fleet having subsequently withdrawn from the captaincy for the first weekend, the Committee has invited John Williams to take his place.]

## **11. Women's events – review of past events**

### **11.1 European Teams Championships, Malmö 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (I). Mr Mould was thanked for his report.

### **11.2 World Teams Olympiad, Istanbul 2004**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (J), and the Committee congratulated the team on winning the bronze medal. Mr Mould was thanked for his report.

## **12. Women's events – selection for forthcoming events – Lady Milne Trophy**

### **12.1 Trials**

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (K). It was noted that at the first weekend it had not been possible to have an on-site referee, and the Committee confirmed that it expected to have a referee on-site for trials wherever possible.

### **12.2 Lady Milne Trophy – arrangements**

The Committee noted that the event is to be played in Manchester over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

### **12.3 Selection of third pair for England Lady Milne Team, reserves, NPCs and reserve NPCs**

The following were selected to represent England:-

Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith

Cath Jagger and Sarah Teshome

Susan Stockdale and Bryony Youngs

NPC - John Williams

Reserve pair - Sally Brock and Kitty Teltscher

## **13. Dates and venues of future meetings**

The Committee noted the circumstances which had led the venue for the present meeting to be switched from Aylesbury to London. It decided that for the immediate future meetings would be held in London, with the exception of one meeting in Aylesbury in the Summer.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 40 Bernard Street.

## **14. Seniors events – review of past events – Senior International Cup, Istanbul 2004**

The Committee noted that a pair had had to withdraw from the team for health reasons, and the reserves had been called up without any problems. The results were noted, as shown in Appendix 1 (L). Mr Dixon was thanked for his report.

The Committee noted that most NBOs who fund any of their teams extend that funding to their Seniors teams, and thought that the question of funding should be re-visited. The suggestion that failing to fund Senior teams might fall foul of age discrimination legislation was noted.



Mr Dixon reported that he had had a letter from Mr Hackett asking for re-examination of the rule that players were not permitted to play in the knock-out stages of more than one series of trials. It was agreed to schedule a full discussion at the next meeting of all aspects of Senior events, and the position of players who were eligible for more than one series of trials. Committee members were invited to set out their views in writing in advance.

## **15. Future trials**

### **15.1 Venues**

The Committee noted a summary of the responses which had been received to a players' questionnaire about the venues of future trials, which had been highly inconclusive. The Committee remained of the opinion that the Young Chelsea Bridge Club was not a particularly suitable venue, particularly for trials of any size, and it was agreed to investigate the possibility of using Howies Bridge Club for small trials such as semi-finals and finals. It was noted that if a National Bridge Centre were established it would be natural for most trials to be held there. Mr Faulkner suggested that Peterborough Bridge Club be considered as an alternative to Solihull, on the grounds that its transport links were superior.

It was agreed that in the immediate future the default venues would be Solihull for round robin trials and London for knock-out stages.

### **15.2 Conditions of Contest**

The Committee noted an instance where it appeared that the Conditions of Contest which had been issued had not been in accordance with the wording of the relevant decision by the Committee, and a small number of instances of lack of clarity. It was agreed that it was sensible to delegate one member of the Committee to scrutinise Conditions before they were issued, and Mr Faulkner's offer to undertake this task was accepted with thanks.

Mr Fleet raised an issue arising out of the format of the recent Open Trials. Three-quarters of the field had qualified for the second weekend, and he considered that it might have been in the interests of a team in a low qualifying place to play badly to ensure that it did not qualify, as it would have virtually no chance in the second weekend if it did. It was not generally thought that a condition outlawing deliberate bad play was necessary, but perhaps the issue could be addressed by reducing the proportion of the field which was to qualify for the next stage.

It was generally thought that Conditions should be flexible to allow the Committee maximum discretion.

### **15.3 Master Points**

The Committee noted that the Tournament Committee had approved both the Committee's request to sanction the award of Green Points for trials in principle, and scales devised by Mr Bavin for the purpose. It was agreed to award Green Points for trials with effect from the 2004/05 season.

## **16. Friendly internationals and invitations**

The Committee noted that there was nothing to report.

## **17. Any other business**

### **17.1 Conflicts of interest**

Mr Faulkner raised the matter of Committee members with close relatives in contention for selection to represent England, and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

### **17.2 Terms of reference**

In response to a question about the status of the existing terms of reference in the light of the proposed constitutional changes, Mr Bradley said that whilst the Committee's terms of reference

would in future be a matter for the Board, the undertakings which had been given to Council meant that little change was in prospect. The existing terms of reference would continue in force until the Board made a positive decision to change them.

**17.3 Powers of the Chairman**

The Committee noted that Mr Dixon as Chairman had made a number of decisions since the previous meeting without consulting the Committee, and felt that some guidelines might be appropriate. Mr Dixon confirmed that he saw consultation with the full Committee as generally desirable, but questions might arise to which the answer was too obvious to warrant troubling Committee members; alternatively questions might arise which were urgent so that full consultation was impracticable. The Committee considered that the answer was for the Chairman to consult the Vice-Chairman as a matter of course, and if either considered that the full Committee should be consulted, then it would be.

## **Appendix 1 – Results**

### **A. European Youth Championships (Juniors Series)**

Leading positions (26 teams played; the top 5 qualified for the World Junior Championships)

		<b>VPs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>486</b>
2	Israel	474.5
3	Hungary	464
4	Norway	456
5	France	452
<b>6</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>442.5</b>
7	Netherlands	434
8	Belgium	432

England team

Michael Byrne and Alex Morris  
Ben Green and Duncan Happer  
Ed Levy and Andrew Woodcock

NPC – Chris Dixon

Coach – David Muller

### **B. European Youth Championships (Schools Series)**

Leading positions (15 teams played)

		<b>VPs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>288</b>
2	Israel	278.5
3	Netherlands	277
4	Norway	259
5	Italy	249
6	Sweden	248
7	Denmark	243
8	Latvia	237.5
<b>10</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>221</b>

England team

Philip Andrews and Michael Graham  
John Atthey and Laura Macdougall  
Jon de Souza and Paul Wilson

NPC – Mel Starkings

Coach – David Muller

### **C. Junior Trials (under-25s)**

		<b>IMPs</b>
1	Andrew Bamford and Mark Goddard	84
2	Andrew Murphy and Tom Slater	79
3	Adam Dickinson and Luke Porter	60
4	Mike Bell and Mark Reeve	33
5	Gerald Pfeifer and Stuart Rutter	25
6	Ollie Burgess and Susan Stockdale	-1
7	Paul Huggins and Dominic Pinto	-15
8	Roger Brown and Greg Moss	-22
9	Jon De Sousa and Jon Matthews	-27

**C. Junior Trials (under-25s) (ctd.)**

		<b>IMPs</b>
10	Ian Bruce and Paul Cross	-47
11	Simon Cope and Stuart Haring	-69
12	Lisa Massey and Adrian Rogers	-100

**D. Junior Trials (under-20s)**

		<b>IMPs</b>
1	John Atthey and Chris G Owen	105
2	Michael Graham and Shivam Shah	34
3	Bingyuan Yang and Songtao Ye	24
4	Ed Jones and Dave Rogers	12
5	Nicola MacDougall and Alex Morton	9
6	Anthony Cowan and Tom Dessain	-22
7	Ben Paske and Tom Paske	-39
8	Christopher Owen and Laura Perryman	-58
9	Minesh Shah and Hugo Steckelmacher	-65

**E. European Teams Championships 2004 (Open series)**

Leading positions (33 teams played; the top 5 qualified for the Bermuda Bowl)

		<b>VPs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>657</b>
2	Sweden	614.5
3	Poland	590.5
4	Russia	589.5
<b>5</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>586</b>
6	Netherlands	583
7	Turkey	561
8	Germany	557

England team

David Gold and Tom Townsend  
 Jason Hackett and Justin Hackett  
 David Price and Colin Simpson  
 NPC – Raymond Brock  
 Coach – David Burn

**F. European Champions Cup**

Round Robin (Group A)

		<b>VPs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Tennis Club Parioli Angelini Roma (Italy)</b>	<b>96</b>
2	Bridge Club Modalfa (Netherlands)	83
3	Bridge Klub Herkules (Sweden)	80
4	One Eyed Jacks (Denmark)	73
5	Karlsruhe Bridge Sport Club (Germany)	63.3
<b>6</b>	<b>All England Bridge Club (England)</b>	<b>50.2</b>

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> place play-off (semi-final)

Bridge Club Zenith Moscow (Russia) 63 – 57 All England Bridge Club (England)

**F. European Champions Cup (ctd.)**

England team

David Bakhshi and Andrew Robson  
David Gold and Tom Townsend  
Jason Hackett and Justin Hackett

**G. World Teams Olympiad (Open series)**

Leading positions in Round Robin (Group C – 26 teams; the top 4 qualified for the KO stages)

		<b>VPs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>352</b>
2	Ireland	332
3	Hungary	326
4	Egypt	321
5	Poland	320
6	Denmark	310
7	Israel	286
8	Austria	280

Round of 16

Pakistan 201 – 164 England

(Final

Italy 310 – 251 Netherlands)

England team

David Bakhshi and Andrew Robson  
David Gold and Tom Townsend  
Jason Hackett and Justin Hackett

NPC – Raymond Brock

Coach – David Burn

**H. Open Trials**

		<b>IMPs Stage I</b>	<b>IMPs Stage II</b>	<b>IMPs Total</b>
1	Gary Hyett and Alan Mould, Brian Senior and Geoffrey Wolfarth	117	41	158
2	Peter Crouch and Neil Rosen, Catherine Draper and Jeremy Willans,	13	140	153
3	Keith Bennett and Jeremy Dhondy, Rob Cliffe and Heather Dhondy	101	12	113
4	John Armstrong and John Holland, Paul Hackett and Tony Waterlow	0	93	93
5	Tony Forrester and Jack Mizel, Andrew McIntosh and Victor Silverstone	80	-63	17
6	Michelle Brunner and Kath Nelson, John Hassett and Bill Hirst,	13	-8	5
7	David Burn and Brian Callaghan, Unal Durmus and Ian Monachan	-23	17	-6
8	Dom Goodwin and Richard Johnson, Paul Martin and Gordon Rainsford	43	-52	-9
9	David Gold and Tom Townsend, David Price and Colin Simpson	-46	24	-22

**H. Open Trials (ctd.)**

		<b>IMPs Stage I</b>	<b>IMPs Stage II</b>	<b>IMPs Total</b>
10	Janet de Botton (NPC), Jason Hackett and Justin Hackett, Artur Malinowski and Nick Sandqvist	44	-75	-31
11	Jeffrey Allerton and Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne and Cameron Small	-41	6	-35
12	Michael Byrne and Alex Morris, Edward Levy and Andrew Woodcock	83	-146	-63
13	David Bakhshi and Martin Jones, Patrick Collins and Derek Patterson	-47	N/A	N/A
14	Stuart Matthews and Alan Stephenson, Jeff Smith and David Stevenson	-68	N/A	N/A
15	Peter Czerniewski and Marc Smith, Peter Kaufmann and Dick Shek	-138	N/A	N/A
16	John Atthey and Dave Muller, Ben Green and Duncan Happer	-144	N/A	N/A

**I. European Teams Championships (Women's series)**

Leading positions (22 teams played; the top 5 qualified for the Venice Cup)

<b>1</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>402</b>
2	Netherlands	395
3	France	377
4	Austria	370
5	Israel	361.5
6	Germany	358
<b>7</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>347</b>
8	Finland	344

England team

Sally Brock and Kitty Teltscher  
Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield  
Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith  
NPC – Alan Mould  
Coach – Chris Duckworth

**J. World Teams Olympiad (Women's series)**

Leading positions in Round Robin (Group B – 26 teams; the top 8 qualified for the KO stages)

<b>1</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>400</b>
2	USA	386.25
<b>3</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>372</b>
4	Croatia	369
5	Germany	360
6	Greece	344
7	South Africa	341
8	Poland	339.25

Round of 16

England 162 – 98 Italy

Quarter-final

England 129 – 122 France

**J. World Teams Olympiad (Women's series) (ctd.)**

Semi-final

Russia 212 – 168 England

3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off

England 115 – 81 China

(Final

Russia 271 – 259 USA)

England team

Sally Brock and Kitty Teltscher  
 Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield  
 Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith  
 NPC – Alan Mould  
 Coach – Chris Duckworth

**K. Women's Trials**

		<b>IMPs</b>	<b>IMPs</b>	<b>IMPs</b>
		<b>Stage I</b>	<b>Stage II</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith	118	87	205
2	Cath Jagger and Sarah Teshome	56	78	134
3	Sally Brock and Kitty Teltscher	18	43	61
4	Sandy Davies and Carole Kelly	-43	77	34
5	Lizzie Godfrey and Jacqui Tobias	21	12	33
6	Susan Stockdale and Bryony Youngs	101	-88	13
7	Anne Rosen and Gillian Salt	-36	-9	-45
8	Helen Erichsen and Laura Macdougall	-99	7	-92
9	Janet de Botton and Margaret James	-81	-64	-145
10	Tracy Capal and Jackie Pye	-55	-143	-198

**L. World Teams Olympiad (Seniors series)**

Leading positions (29 teams played)

		<b>VPs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>541</b>
2	Netherlands	534
3	Germany	513
4	France	510
5	Denmark	486
6	Israel	485
7	Wales	479
8	Turkey	473
<b>16</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>458.5</b>

England team

John Collings and David Jones  
 John Hasset and Bill Hirst  
 Derek Rue and Keith Stanley  
 NPC – Chris Dixon

## **Appendix 2 – Action Points**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>4.3.1</b>	Documents for Home Internationals	Nick Doe
<b>4.4.2</b>	Lederer Memorial Trophy – invitation for England Junior team	Nick Doe
<b>4.4.4</b>	Letter to EBL	Nick Doe / Officers
<b>4.4.6</b>	EBU representative for Seniors seminars	Officers
<b>5.5</b>	Representatives for meetings at Championships	Board
<b>9.2</b>	European Champions Cup – reference to Tournament Committee	Nick Doe
<b>10.2</b>	Tournament Directors for trials	Nick Doe / Max Bavin
<b>10.2</b>	Entry forms for trials	Nick Doe
<b>15.2</b>	Conditions of Contest for future trials	Nick Doe / Gerard Faulkner