



17th European Bridge Champions' Cup

8-10 November 2018
Eilat  Israel



Dear players, officials, staff and visitors,

On behalf of the EBL I wish you a hearty welcome to the 17th European Champions' Cup in the beautiful Israeli Red Sea resort town of Eilat. I am sure everyone is pleased to be back here again after the successful 11th edition in 2012, particularly in November when sunshine and 25-degree temperatures are rare in most of Europe.

Our sincere thanks go to the Israeli Bridge Federation, its Chairman Gilad Ofir, its President Modi Kenigsberg and CEO Oryah Meir. Their support for this event is invaluable. This notwithstanding, nothing would have been possible were it not for the enormous efforts of David and Alon Birman. As the organisers of the Red Sea Bridge Festival, taking place immediately following the Champions' Cup, they have the local knowledge, contacts, and staff to ensure a professional organisation of this event, both from a technical and hospitality point of view.

I am sure that you, the players, will demonstrate your great bridge skills as well as impeccable ethics, to show us all the beauty of our beloved sport. Make us proud!

Good luck to you all.



Jan Kamras
EBL President

Dear friends, participants, honored guests,

On behalf of the Israeli Bridge Federation we are delighted to welcome you all to the 17th edition of the European Champions' Cup.

We are proud that this prestigious event, which comprises the 12 top teams in Europe competing against each other to be "Number 1", is taking place in Israel.

We would like to thank the European Bridge League and its President Mr. Jan Kamras for affording us the opportunity of hosting the competition in Israel and for the fruitful cooperation with the organizing committee and all the people in charge.

We have made every effort to ensure the success of this event, both competitively and socially. We have been fortunate in having the assistance of the Red Sea Bridge Festival and its founder and organizer David Birman. Oryah Meir has also provided invaluable help. We thank them sincerely.

We are sure that you will enjoy an event that is a combination of a competition of the highest standard within a holiday atmosphere in the Southern most city of Israel – Eilat It's also a great opportunity to invite all of you to stay on in Eilat and take part in the International Bridge Festival competitions, which are being held at this time until 17th November 2018.

We wish all the participating teams in this European Championship a worthy competition which will produce hands to be remembered in the Bridge Hall of Fame for many years to come and may the best team win.













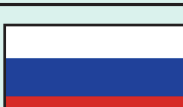

Modi Kenigsberg
Israel Bridge Federation President



Gilad Ofir
Israel Bridge Federation Chairman

LIST OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS



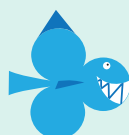
England		Black – English National Champion Andrew Black (pc), David Gold, Gunnar Hallberg, Phil King, Andrew McIntosh, Derek Patterson
Greece		Athens Bridge Club Nikos Delimpaltadakis (pc), Stavros Bompoulakis, Philippos Karamanlis, Manolis Protonotarios, Aristeidis Sapounakis, Vasilis Vroustis
Israel I		Zack – Israeli National Champion Shahar Zack (pc), Michel Barel, Ariel Braunstein, Dana Tal, Noga Tal, Yaniv Zack
Israel II		Bareket Team Ilan Bareket (pc), Ilan Herbst, Ophir Herbst, Assaf Lengy, Amir Levin, Yossi Roll
Italy		Idea Bridge Torino Antonio Mortarotti (pc), Luca De Michelis, Massimiliano Di Franco, Giorgio Duboin, Giuseppe Failla, Andrea Manno
Monaco		Monaco FMB Pierre Zimmermann (pc), Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Lorenzo Lauria, Franck Multon, Alfredo Versace
Netherlands I		BC't Onstein 1 Simon de Wijs (pc), Bob Drijver, Bauke Muller, Bart Nab, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees
Netherlands II		BC't Onstein 2 Richard Ritmeijer (pc), Peter IJsselmuiden, Geon Steenbakkers, Magdaléna Tichá, Berend van den Bos, Joris van Lankveld, Marguerite van Halderen (coach)
Norway		Sunnalsøra Roar Voll (pc), Sam Inge Høyland, Asbjørn Kindsbekken, Jo-Arne Ovesen
Poland		Connector Marcin Woźniak (npc), Konrad Araszkievicz, Olech Bestrzyński, Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Piotr Nawrocki, Cezary Serek, Piotr Wiankowski
Russia		Lazy – Russian National Champion Georgi Matushko (pc), Yury Khiuppenen, Jouri Khokhlov, Vadim Kholomeev, Alexei Sterkin
Sweden		Harplinge BK Magnus Eriksson (pc), Cecilia Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt

PROGRAMME & SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Thursday 8th November	
9:15	Captains' meeting
9:50	Opening
10:00-11:30	Round 1
11:45-13:15	Round 2
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:45	Round 3
16:00-17:30	Round 4
17:45-19:15	Round 5
19:00-20:30	Opening Cocktail (Rich Buffet)

Friday 9th November	
10:00-11:30	Round 6
11:45-13:15	Round 7
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:45	Round 8
16:00-17:30	Round 9
17:45-19:15	Round 10
19:30-21:00	Round 11

Saturday 10th November	
09:30-11:50	Semi-Final 1
12:00-14:20	Semi-Final 2
14:20-15:10	Lunch
15:10-17:30	Final 1
17:40-20:00	Final 2
20:30	Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony - Cocktail



PLAYERS' CONTACTS ON-SITE

Function	Name
Championship Chairman	Josef Harsanyi
Operations Director	Ilan Shezifi
Head Tournament Director	Rahmi Iyilikci
Reviewer	Eitan Levy
Hospitality desk	Oryah Meir
On-site Manager	Alon Birman
Scoring	Fotis Skoularikis
Daily Bulletin	Jos Jacobs

ROUND ROBIN DRAW

Round 1	
Black Team	Harplinge BK
Lazy Team	Monaco FMB
Zack Team	Bareket Team
Idea Bridge Torino	Connector
Athens BC	Sundalsøra
BC't Onstein 2	BC't Onstein 1

Round 2	
BC't Onstein 1	Harplinge BK
Sundalsøra	BC't Onstein 2
Connector	Athens BC
Bareket Team	Idea Bridge Torino
Monaco FMB	Zack Team
Black Team	Lazy Team

Round 3	
Harplinge BK	Idea Bridge Torino
Athens BC	Zack Team
BC't Onstein 2	Lazy Team
BC't Onstein 1	Black Team
Sundalsøra	Monaco FMB
Connector	Bareket Team

Round 4	
Harplinge BK	Lazy Team
Zack Team	Black Team
Idea Bridge Torino	Monaco FMB
Athens BC	Bareket Team
BC't Onstein 2	Connector
BC't Onstein 1	Sundalsøra

Round 5	
Connector	Harplinge BK
Bareket Team	Sundalsøra
Monaco FMB	BC't Onstein 1
Black Team	BC't Onstein 2
Lazy Team	Athens BC
Zack Team	Idea Bridge Torino

Round 6	
Sundalsøra	Harplinge BK
Connector	BC't Onstein 1
Bareket Team	BC't Onstein 2
Monaco FMB	Athens BC
Black Team	Idea Bridge Torino
Lazy Team	Zack Team

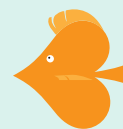
Round 7	
BC't Onstein 2	Harplinge BK
BC't Onstein 1	Athens BC
Sundalsøra	Idea Bridge Torino
Connector	Zack Team
Bareket Team	Lazy Team
Monaco FMB	Black Team

Round 8	
Bareket Team	Harplinge BK
Monaco FMB	Connector
Black Team	Sundalsøra
Lazy Team	BC't Onstein 1
Zack Team	BC't Onstein 2
Idea Bridge Torino	Athens BC

Round 9	
Harplinge BK	Athens BC
BC't Onstein 2	Idea Bridge Torino
BC't Onstein 1	Zack Team
Sundalsøra	Lazy Team
Connector	Black Team
Bareket Team	Monaco FMB

Round 10	
Zack Team	Harplinge BK
Idea Bridge Torino	Lazy Team
Athens BC	Black Team
BC't Onstein 2	Monaco FMB
BC't Onstein 1	Bareket Team
Sundalsøra	Connector

Round 11	
Harplinge BK	Monaco FMB
Black Team	Bareket Team
Lazy Team	Connector
Zack Team	Sundalsøra
Idea Bridge Torino	BC't Onstein 1
Athens BC	BC't Onstein 2



IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PLAYERS AND CAPTAINS

These notes are for the convenience of players and captains. They do not substitute for the obligation to know and follow all Conditions, Regulations and Policies of the EBL covering this event.

GENERAL

- Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the playing rooms, the corridors surrounding them and the toilets. Automatic VP penalties apply to offenders.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices capable of communication must be switched off in the playing area and be visible at the table at all times. Automatic VP penalties apply to offenders.
- For security reasons all participants must visibly wear their badges at the playing venue.
- Players should be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled start of play. Any team not seated and ready to play at the start of a period of play will be subject to VP penalties.
- Players and NPCs may converse only in English unless both captains agree to use some other common language at their own risk. In any case TD adjudications will be in English only.
- During the match players should avoid discussions or arguments with partner or opponents. In case of a dispute a player's proper recourse is to the TD or the Captain of the team.

BIDDING, ALERTS and EXPLANATIONS

- It is the responsibility of the alerting player to ensure that his screen-mate is aware of the Alert. Requests for explanations, and the responses thereto, shall be made in writing.
- A player's first call should touch the extreme left of his own segment of the bidding tray, with subsequent calls overlapping neatly and evenly to the right.
- Only Dummy or Declarer may remove the bidding tray from the table, and only Dummy or Declarer may put the board back in the centre of the table.

DURING AND AFTER PLAY

- Only Declarer or Dummy may open the aperture or call for it to be opened.
- Each card should be played in a consistent manner and placed in the same position each time. Once played, the player may not vary the orientation of the card.
- Quitted tricks should be placed consistently in a neat row in front of the player, evenly overlapping and at an equal distance from the previous card.
- If a player finds an opponent not following any of these rules, even after a warning, the proper recourse is to call a TD.
- Players are strictly forbidden to watch play at any other table.
- In respect of scores the protest time of all matches played in a day ends at the starting time of the first match on the day following, and in respect of the final day's play two hours after the official finishing time of the final match but, in any case, not later than the official starting time of the Closing Ceremony. In respect of scores which are manifestly incorrect, protest time ends prior to the start of the penultimate round.
- The time for a request for a TD ruling, or a review of a ruling already received, ends 30 minutes after the end of the match.

EUROPEAN MASTER POINT AWARDS

EMPs will be awarded according to the following scale:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
100	80	50	40	30	25	20	15	10	8	5	2

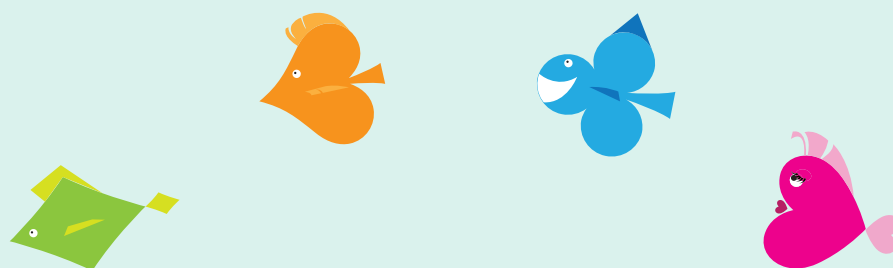
- To qualify for EMP awards a player must have played at least one third of the boards in the Round-Robin stage and at least half of the boards in the last KO-match won by his team.
- Teams may concede after the first stanza of a KO-match and the opponent will be declared winner of the match.
- Teams ranked 5th or below may withdraw before the start of the first stanza and the opponent will be declared winner of the match.
- Teams ranked 5th or below may mutually agree not to play a KO-match and will both be considered losers of that match. If this is the “Semifinal” within that group (5th–8th resp. 9th–12th) the other “Semifinalists” will be considered playing the “Final” in that group.



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Winning Team 2017, Riga Latvia



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