

China Hosts Europe in Rome *la Cina a Roma ospita l'Europa*

EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY APRIL 17-18, 2009

The Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Italy, His Excellency Sun Yuxi, an enthusiast bridge player, has invited the Angelini Bridge Team, holder of the 2008 European Champions Cup and the highly rated Dutch National Team to play a match of 5 sessions of 16 boards for a total of 80 boards, in the premises of the Embassy in Via Bruxelles n.56, Rome. The match will take place on Friday April 17 and Saturday April 18, 2009.



The Angelini Bridge Team has just come out of a triumphant season winning in 2008 the Grand Slam - the Italian Team Championship, the Italian Champions Cup, the Primavera Cup and the European Champions Cup (won five times out of seven). The Dutch National Team, winner of the World Championship in 1993, has always been at the top of the European bridge.



The People's Republic of China in its fast worldwide bridge expansion has recently organized and hosted two most important events: The World Bridge Teams Championship - Bermuda Bowl, Shanghai 2007 and the Olympiads (World Mind Sports Games), Beijing 2008, and is

happy to host and witness this thrilling match between prestigious European players.

PLAYERS ([click here](#) for more details)

NETHERLANDS TEAM JAN JANSMA, GERT JAN PAULISSEN, TON BAKKEREN, HUUB BERTENS, ANTON MAAS (NPC)

ANGELINI TEAM FRANCESCO ANGELINI, FULVIO FANTONI, LORENZO LAURIA, VALERIO GIUBILO, CLAUDIO NUNES, ALFREDO VERSACE AND ERCOLE BOVE (NPC TEAM MANAGER)

[to watch the competition on your web browser click here](#) 

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH

15.30 WELCOME
16.00 FIRST SESSION
18.30 SECOND SESSION

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH

13.30 THIRD SESSION
15.30 FOURTH SESSION
17.30 FIFTH SESSION
20.30 DINNER

The match will be broadcasted on Bridge Base Online Vugraph. There will also be a rama room with live commentary in English, Italian and Chinese in order to allow the guests to follow both tables.

RESULTS

NETHERLAND TEAM					
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ANGELINI TEAM					
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vugraph files
(broadcasted by BBO ITALIA staff)

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
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ANGELINI BRIDGE TEAM (ABT)



Francesco Angelini

The real soul of the Angelini Bridge Team, one of the top world non national teams in the past 15 years. Winner of European Team championship (with a record score that is probably impossible to repeat); Salsomaggiore 2002; IOC Grand Prix; Lausanne 1999; five European Champions Cups; Rosenblum; Lille 1998. Winner of many Italian Open Team Championships; Italian Primavera Championships and Italian Cups. He was member of the Italian National Team that qualified in Pau 2008 for the 2009 World Championship in Brasil.



NETHERLANDS TEAM



Ton Bakkeren

Won Tenerife 2005, third at World Team Championship, Shanghai 2007. He has been playing for almost ten years in the Dutch National Team with Huub Bertens. With Bertens (Brink and Drijver in the team) he won the prestigious Yeh Bros Cup, Australia, March 2009.



Fulvio Fantoni

As a youngster one of the strongest Junior World players. Plays with Claudio Nunes with whom he won many Italian Team Championships and Italian Cups. Won the World Team Championship in 2005; two Olympiads; two European Championships; five Champions Cups and the important World Open Pairs Championship Montreal 2002 (third in the same competition in Verona 2006). Many good results in the major USA competitions. Won the Italian Pairs Championship 2008 playing with a 17 years old player. Fantoni is presently number one in the world ranking.



Huub Bertens

Bertens plays with Ton Bekkeren in the Dutch National Team and, among other important results, he won Tenerife 2005, was third in Shanghai 2007 and won recently the Yeh Bros Cup, Australia March 2009.



Lorenzo Lauria

The leading expert of the Angelini Bridge Team. Wins the European Championship in 1979; second in the Bermuda Bowl. Plays with Alfredo Versace - a couple that is universally recognized as one of the best in the world. Won many Italian Championships and Italian Cups; eight European Team Championships; three Olympiads; one World title; two Rosenblum (1998, 2002); five Champions Cups and many USA titles (Vanderbilt, Springold, Reisinger). Won one IOC Grand Prix and two Team Cavendish.



Jan Jansma

Junior European Champion in Budapest, 1986, World Junior Champion in Amsterdam 1987. Second at the World Teams Bridge Olympiad, Istanbul 2004 and winner at the European Team Championship in Tenerife, 2005. Jasma played for many years with Look Verhees and is playing now with Gert Jan Paulissen.



Valerio Giubilo

Giubilo becomes member of the ABT recently and plays as a valuable replacement both with Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace. At his debut with the ABT he wins the Italian Cup, 2008. Among other good results in the past he won the Italian Pair Championship in 2005.



Gert Jan Paulissen

New entry in the strong Dutch Team. Many good results in the European Championships, Paulissen plays now with Jan Jasma.



Claudio Nunes

Considered a real talent as a young player Nunes won the Junior European Championship, Paris 1992, playing with Alfredo Versace, and the Mec Championship in 1993. Nunes plays with Fulvio Fantoni. He won many Italian Team Championships and Italian Cups, one World Team Championship (2005), two Olympiads, two European Team Championships, five European Champions Cups. Won the World Open Pairs Championship, Montreal 2002, playing with Fantoni, third at the same competition in Verona 2006. Many good results in the major USA competitions.



Alfredo Versace

As one of the most promising Junior World Champions he wins his first Italian Team Championship at the age of 15 playing amongst others with Giorgio Belladonna and Vito Pittalà.

Versace plays with Lorenzo Lauria, universally acknowledged as one of the best couples in the world. Winner of many Italian Team Championships, Italian Cups, seven European Team Championships, three Olympiads and one World Team Championship. Won two Rosenblum (1998, 2002), six European Cups and many USA major titles (Vanderbilt, Springgold, Reisinger). Won the Junior European Championship (1992), one Mixed Pair European Championship (2002), one IOC Grand Prix and two Team Cavendish.

Ercole Bove (npc)
Team Manager

Anton Maas (npc)