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Team A: ENGLAND (NPC David Burn)

Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Martin Jones, Neil Rosen, Jeffrey Allerton, Chris Jagger

Team B: NORTHERN IRELAND (NPC John Ferguson)

Rex Anderson, David Greenwood, Ciara Burns, John Murchan, Greer Mackenzie, Hastings Campbell

Team C: SBU (NPC Anne Symons)

John Matheson, Iain Sime, Sam Punch, Stephen Peterkin, Alan Goodman, Brian Short

Team D: REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (NPC Grainne Barton)

Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann, Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Mark Moran, Rory Boland

Team E: SCOTLAND (NPC Malcolm Cuthbertson)

Mike Ash, Arend Bayer, Sandy Duncan, Jim Hay, Alex Adamson, Mike McGinley

Team F: WALES (NPC Alan Stephenson)

Tim Rees, Gary Jones, Adrian Thomas, Paul Denning, Paul Lamford, Richard Plackett

FIRST WEEKEND TOTALS

1. Republic of Ireland	76.52 VP
2. England	73.80 VP
3. Wales	53.34 VP
4. SBU	41.12 VP
5. Northern Ireland	32.95 VP
6. Scotland	20.27 VP

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Match Manager: Anne Perkins
Directors: Christine Walker, Bob McPaul
BBO Co-ordinator: Julia Palmer
Scorer: Paul Gipson
Website: Alan Officer
East District Chairman: Liz McGowan
SBU President: Ian Hunter

England



JEFFREY ALLERTON



Jeffrey won the European and World Junior championships in 1994/5, followed by his first Camrose appearance in 1996.

While half the junior team became bridge professionals, Jeffrey qualified as an accountant and tax advisor (and married Frances Hinden).

Working in practice in south west London, Jeffrey has found time to win various bridge trophies including the Hubert Phillips Bowl three times, the Gold cup twice, the Camrose twice, the Spring Foursomes, and the English Premier League in 2012.

He enjoys listening to classical music and skiing, and is a keen cricket fan supporting Lancashire & England.

CHRIS JAGGER



Chris lectured in mathematics before training as an accountant for Deloitte, and now runs their national training programmes.

He won the 2012 English Premier League and the Camrose in 2012 and 2013, with previous wins including Crockfords and the Spring Foursomes.

Chris is also a ballroom dancer, and has won the British Formation championships and represented England at the world Championships. He shares these interests with his wife Cath, although the arrival of their son Tim in 2012 has left little time for anything other than work, not sleeping, and their third passion, travelling to exotic destinations.

GRAHAM OSBORNE



Graham's national successes include winning the Gold Cup, the Spring Foursomes, the Premier League, the Four Stars teams at Brighton twice, and the Hubert Phillips Bowl three times.

Playing for the England Open Team he has won the Camrose twice. Interna-

tional successes include two bronze medals in the European Mixed Teams and most recently 2nd place in the prestigious NEC tournament in Japan. Graham is also on the coaching team for the Junior squads.

FRANCES HINDEN



Frances is the youngest member of the Laws & Ethics Committee.

She learnt bridge from her parents, but only started playing seriously at Cambridge University where she won the Portland Bowl three times, the Junior Camrose once and gained a silver medal in the first European Universities Championship. Far more importantly she also met Jeffrey Allerton, who first convinced her

to play a strong NT, then to play attitude leads, and finally – a few years later – to marry him.

Since then she has won a number of titles, including the Gold Cup twice, the Spring Foursomes, the Hubert Phillips Bowl (twice) and the Brighton Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams (twice).

Frances also chairs Appeals Committees regularly and is a valued contributor to various internet bridge fora, as well as a BBO Vugraph commentator and occasional writer for English Bridge.

When not playing bridge, Frances works in corporate treasury for one of the UK's largest companies.

She and Jeffrey enjoy skiing as often as work allows and if you meet them on a chairlift they are equally likely to be discussing bidding theory, the Blue Book or recent changes to accounting standards.

NEIL ROSEN



Neil Rosen has won many of Britain's major events, including the Gold Cup and the Spring Foursomes, several times. He has also won the previous incarnation of the Premier League, and has represented England on many occasions.

Neil is married to Anne; herself an English Ladies International. They have two children – Nikki (16) and Andrew (11). They live in North London where Neil owns and manages a full-time bridge club; the Ace of Clubs.

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MARTIN JONES



Martin Jones lives and works in Coventry as a designer for a company manufacturing hydraulic equipment.

Martin has won all of the main domestic teams events. He has played for England in ten Camrose events, and was also on the last team to represent Great Britain in the European Championships, in Malta 1999. He was

NPC of the English Women's team that won bronze medal in the Europeans in Warsaw in 2006 and reached the quarter finals of the Venice Cup in Shanghai in 2007.

DAVID BURN (NPC)



NPC David Burn was born in 1956 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. He was educated Dulwich College and Caius, Cambridge, and is an IT consultant.

He has played for England in 7 Camrose matches, 1 European Championships and 1 World Olympiad.

He coached Britain to Bermuda Bowl silver medal (1987) and victory in the European championships (1991), has coached the highly successful England Women's team over recent years, picking up numerous medals, including victory in the 2016 European Championships, and aided the Senior team in their victory in the 2014 European Championships. He has also acted as NPC for recent Camrose teams.

He is divorced with no children or pets, and lives in London.

He is a popular bridge journalist, writing his own columns and often ghost writing for Zia Mahmood.

His other interests include reading, classical music, going to the theatre, and enjoying beer and curry.

David received the Diamond Award at the 2015 EBU AGM in recognition of his excellence and success over a sustained period for England's international teams.

Northern Ireland



REX ANDERSON and David Greenwood



CIARA BURNS and JOHN MURCHAN



GREER MACKENZIE AND HASTINGS CAMPBELL



JOHN FERGUSON (NPC)

SBU



SAM PUNCH



This is Sam's fourth Camrose with Stephen. She has played in the Scottish women's team since 2008, recently coming 4th in the Olympiad in Poland. She is Dean of Graduate Studies at Stirling University where she is also doing research on the Sociology of Bridge, currently exploring the question: 'Why are men more successful at bridge than women?' If you are willing to answer a few questions related to

this topic, she would be keen to hear from you:

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STEPHEN PETERKIN



This is Stephen's fifth time playing for Scotland in the Camrose, previously playing with Derek Sanders. He formed a partnership with Sam seven years ago and they were on the winning team for the Commonwealth's transnational teams in Glasgow.

Some of you may recognise him as a regular BBO operator. He is a classically trained pianist but more

recently has been teaching English to students from across Europe.

ALAN GOODMAN



Alan has played Camrose, European and Olympiad for Scotland's Open and Senior teams, and captained a number of different Scottish teams over the last 9 years. Having retired, he is now busier than ever as Chairman of a Scottish charity and captain of his local golf club. He is married with three grown up daughters and a 4 year old grandson.

BRIAN SHORT



Brian played for Great Britain on 3 occasions before Scotland got international autonomy, with long-time partner Sandy Duncan. He has over 40 Camrose caps for Scotland, with series wins on two occasions and two ties, and multiple European and Olympiad appearances for in both Open and Senior events.

He won the Gold Cup in 2006 and has won every major Scottish event, including the premier teams competition (the Scottish Cup) on 13 occasions. His other main interests are his family (they like him to call with his DIY skills) hill-walking, and occasional (very bad) golf.

IAIN SIME



Iain was a Chartered Tax Adviser with a blue chip law firm in Edinburgh. He has just retired, so will be able to devote more time to futile pastimes like supporting the Scotland and Hearts football teams, clearing out the garage and playing bridge.

Regarding the latter, Iain is evidence of the perceived wisdom that if you want to be any good at this game, you have to learn to play bridge before you are 30. Despite being no good, Iain has been a regular in the Scottish Camrose team over the past ten years, which proves how great a player John Matheson must be..... or how easy it is to make it into the Scottish Camrose team.

Iain's best bridge results were partnering John Murdoch in the Scottish senior team, which won a European bronze medal and reached the Quarter Finals of the D'Orsi Bowl in Bali. Iain's wife Linda is now semi-retired and has just started to learn bridge, expecting to make the Camrose team in a couple of years.

JOHN MATHESON



John is a retired GP, very happily married to Trish. His first Camrose cap was in 1968, and he has partnered many of Scotland's finest bridge players. He loves watching cricket, and following the stock market, when he isn't busy with Bridge. Always willing to help, he is the "go to" guy for many top players who are seeking advice, and has also spent a lot of time coaching some of the less experienced partnerships.

ANNE SYMONS (NPC) SBU



Anne has been a regular member of the Scottish Ladies team for a number of years, playing in Lady Milnes, Europeans and Olympiads. She has also been part of the only women's pair to play in the Camrose for Scotland. She has quite a lot of captancy experience with Juniors and Seniors, but is relatively new to the world of the Camrose.

in Montecatini in 1997 and in doing so, achieved a distinction shared by only one other family in Irish bridge – the O'Connells from Cork, who until Tommy and Donal appeared, were the only father and son to play on the Irish team together.

Tommy is married to Kit and they are also the proud parents of two small boys.

TOM HANLON



Born in 1967 and originally from Rochfortbridge, Co. Westmeath, Tom (aka "Kinder"), now living in Dublin, has been playing bridge since 1981. He will explain how he got the sobriquet "Kinder"!! In 2004 he became Ireland's youngest Grand Master.

Kinder moved straight from the Irish Junior Team to the Irish Open Team in 1994, following which he regularly represented Ireland in International events. Having more than 40 National titles under his belt he has won the Camrose (5 times), and the Lederer (twice). When not playing bridge Tom is fond of the odd game of poker!

HUGH MCGANN



From Fermoy in Co. Cork, Hugh now lives in North Yorkshire and works in Leeds as a doctor specialising in infectious diseases. He formed a partnership with Tom Hanlon in 1991 and won a silver medal in the E.U. Junior Pairs in 1993. He has shared Tom's recent successes with the Irish Open Team. Hugh reached Grand Master rank in 2008.

With Tom, Hugh was part of the European Team that took part in the first two stagings of the Warren Buffett Cup. Europe beat USA in September 2008 in Louisville, Kentucky having lost in Dublin in 2006. He lives with his partner Fiona Brown and together they finished fourth in the World mixed pairs in Verona in 2006.

RORY BOLAND



Rory Boland is yet another extremely youthful looking Irish player, begging the question – "How do they not get stressed??" – Answer – "stay single!"

Rory over the years has played with two greats of Irish bridge -Niall Toibin & Pat Walshe – both of whom passed away long before their time and Rory insists he

Republic of Ireland



JOHN CARROLL



John is a Research & Development Manager with a software house based in Dublin. With regular partner, Tommy Garvey, he has won a number of caps for Ireland on the European stage, and was on the Irish team that finished in Silver Medal Position in Warsaw in 2006 and in 4th position in the World Teams Championships in Lille in August 2012. Tom and Hugh were also on that successful

team.

If this wasn't enough to be busy with, he and his wife Ann Marie, also an international player, have two boys under the age of eleven!

TOMMY GARVEY



Tommy was introduced to Bridge more than 30 years ago, by his father, Donal. Tommy works in London as an actuary, returning home to raid for trophies every so often.

He and John made their open team international debut in Italy at the European Championships

taught them all he knew.

Rory, playing then with Niall Toibin, with Tom & Hugh, was part of the CBAI team that won the Camrose the year after the CBAI return to the event in 1999 – 2000 and Mark was NPC that year.

MARK MORAN



Mark also was part of a Camrose winning CBAI team with Tom & Hugh, when they won in 2005. At that time, he was playing with Peter Pigot.

Mark has recently “semi” retired and has decided that he too will listen to the “pearls” from Rory – so far very successfully.

GRAINNE BARTON (NPC)



Grainne, herself an international medal-winner and former Lady Milne player, has taken to the job as NPC of this team like a duck to water! Her first major success with the team was in Monaco in October 2013 when they were narrowly beaten in the final of the Cavendish Teams, leaving the greats of world bridge playing in the “Plate”!!

Since then, she has captained the team in many events across Europe.

Scotland



MALCOLM CUTHBERTSON (NPC)

Malcolm played in many Scotland teams from 1993-2008 with Andrew McIntosh, John Matheson and Dave Walker. However has been on an extended sabbatical to spend more time travelling, watching rugby and generally not playing bridge. He works as a manager of business analysts for an Edinburgh pensions company.



MIKE ASH AND AREND BAYER



SANDY DUNCAN AND JIM HAY



ALEX ADAMSON AND MIKE MCGINLEY

Wales



RICHARD PLACKETT

Richard is a recently retired investment manager who returned to bridge a couple of years ago having been a Gold Cup winner in 1988. He formed a partnership with Paul Lamford for this year's Welsh Premier League which they won with Paul Denning and Adrian Thomas, guaranteeing them selection for this year's Camrose campaign. Richard played for the Wales Open Team in the recent European Championships in Budapest with Simon Richards.



PAUL LAMFORD

Paul qualifies to play for Wales having been born in Haverfordwest. This will be Paul's first representative match for Wales having changed allegiance from England with whom he found success in the Chairman's Cup of 2014. Paul has represented Wales at chess in four Olympiads and has also played competitive backgammon at a high level winning the British Championships a couple of times. Paul compiles sports odds, designs computer games and has written a dozen books on games including a couple on bridge.



GARY JONES

Two very experienced Camrose campaigners. Gary was part of the historic first ever Welsh win in 2011 playing with his son Dafydd. Gary was also a member of the all Welsh team that won the Shapiro Spring Fours in the same year, a very good year for Welsh bridge. Gary represented the Wales Open Team in the recent European Championships in Budapest playing with the late, great Patrick Jourdain. Gary and Tim qualified for this year's Camrose campaign by virtue of being runners up in the Welsh Premier League and finishing second in the Butler ranking.



TIM REES

Tim has represented Wales in over forty Camrose and a number of European Championships in partnership with Filip Kurbalija, including being playing Captain in 2008 in Pau. For a couple of years (2006 and 2008) Tim topped the Gold Point rankings. Tim has won the majority of the major domestic competitions including the Gold Cup twice, Crockfords and the Spring Fours. Tim is the Chairman of the Laws and Ethics Committee of the EBU.



PAUL DENNING

Paul was made redundant in 2015 from his job in IT support for EDF but was very soon re-employed as a contractor in virtually the same role. Last year he re-formed a long standing partnership with Adrian Thomas (playing 13 Camrose matches together) winning the Welsh Premier League once again and earning selection. Paul is married to Barbara and still plays tennis competitively in and around his home town of Tewkesbury.



ADRIAN THOMAS

Having made it through his "comeback" last year Adrian surprised himself that he wasn't the weakest link in the team. Adrian and Paul had virtually sewn up top position in the Butler on the first weekend of this year's Welsh Premier League, finishing top, winning again and ensuring selection for this year Camrose.



Adrian plays very little competitive bridge these days spending his retirement working harder than ever running bridge holidays; he completed his 100th holiday over last year's Christmas period. Now he has to try to know as much about bridge rules, as today's modern bidding methods. He finds a lot of satisfaction from the teaching that is involved.

Adrian is happily married and living in Dolgellau where he spends his spare time walking, looking for his lost balls on the golf course, and cycling in Snowdonia.

ALAN STEPHENSON (NPC)

Alan was the non-playing captain for Wales historic first ever Camrose win which happened on home soil in Llandrindrod Wells in 2011. Alan is married to Krista a former Welsh Junior and Lady Milne International, they live near Wrexham. Having taken early retirement a couple of years ago as well as playing bridge and snooker, Alan spends a fair amount of time on the golf course and has been Captain of the Vauxhall Golf Society last year. He tries to get a monthly game with Adrian at the half-way venue of Bala or Ruthin when Bala is too wet!



Cross Table of Completed Matches in Second Weekend

	C/O							Total	Pos
 England	73.80								
 Northern Ireland	32.95								
 SBU	41.12								
 Republic of Ireland	76.52								
 Scotland	20.27								
 Wales	53.34								

WBF continuous VP Scale for 32 board matches:

IMP	For	Against									
0	10.00	10.00	21	13.94	6.06	42	16.68	3.32	63	18.61	1.39
1	10.22	9.78	22	14.09	5.91	43	16.79	3.21	64	18.69	1.31
2	10.44	9.56	23	14.24	5.76	44	16.90	3.10	65	18.76	1.24
3	10.65	9.35	24	14.39	5.61	45	17.01	2.99	66	18.83	1.17
4	10.86	9.14	25	14.54	5.46	46	17.11	2.89	67	18.90	1.10
5	11.07	8.93	26	14.68	5.32	47	17.21	2.79	68	18.97	1.03
6	11.27	8.73	27	14.82	5.18	48	17.31	2.69	69	19.04	0.96
7	11.47	8.53	28	14.96	5.04	49	17.41	2.59	70	19.11	0.89
8	11.67	8.33	29	15.10	4.90	50	17.51	2.49	71	19.18	0.82
9	11.86	8.14	30	15.24	4.76	51	17.60	2.40	72	19.25	0.75
10	12.05	7.95	31	15.37	4.63	52	17.69	2.31	73	19.32	0.68
11	12.24	7.76	32	15.50	4.50	53	17.78	2.22	74	19.38	0.62
12	12.42	7.58	33	15.63	4.37	54	17.87	2.13	75	19.44	0.56
13	12.60	7.40	34	15.76	4.24	55	17.96	2.04	76	19.50	0.50
14	12.78	7.22	35	15.88	4.12	56	18.05	1.95	77	19.56	0.44
15	12.95	7.05	36	16.00	4.00	57	18.13	1.87	78	19.62	0.38
16	13.12	6.88	37	16.12	3.88	58	18.21	1.79	79	19.68	0.32
17	13.29	6.71	38	16.24	3.76	59	18.29	1.71	80	19.74	0.26
18	13.46	6.54	39	16.35	3.65	60	18.37	1.63	81	19.80	0.20
19	13.62	6.38	40	16.46	3.54	61	18.45	1.55	82	19.85	0.15
20	13.78	6.22	41	16.57	3.43	62	18.53	1.47	83	19.90	0.10
									84	19.95	0.05
									85	20.00	0.00