

Slava Cup

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Slava Grinyuk (*slava* is Russian for “fame”) was a talented Russian bridge player, who died an untimely death in his thirties. Annual tournaments in his memory have been held in Moscow since 2003. In 2007, the Slava Cup Memorial attracted a number of leading bridge players from France, Italy and Poland. The winners, World and European champions **Fulvio Fantoni** and **Claudio Nunes** from Italy, hardly need a presentation. WBF president **José Damiani** also played in the tournament, giving it even greater status. He gave a high appraisal to the event, noting, in particular, that it was perhaps the most high-standard bridge competition ever organised in memory of a deceased friend. The Russian participants named it the best bridge event held in Russia in 2007. (The results of the tournament can be found in *Bridge Plus*, 2007, no. 48).

Encouraged by this success, **Sergey Lin’ko** and **Pavel Kuleshov**, the Memorial organizers over all these years, have drawn up an even more exciting and variegated programme for the participants and guests of the Slava Cup 2008. The opening banquet is expected to be held in “**Monaco**”, one of the best Moscow halls at the prestigious Europa Casino, while the tournament itself will take place at the **Cosmos Casino**, which has hosted a number of competitions in bridge and other mind sports games. The internationally renowned **Bill (‘Kojak’) Schöder** will serve as the Chief TD. After the tournament, he is going to hold a workshop for Russian tournament directors on recent changes in the WBF Code of Laws.

Gilles Quéran, editor-in-chief of *Bridge Plus*, will also be a welcomed guest at the event, so the readers of the magazine can be certain that they will get a detailed account of the developments. And, let me assure you, there will be lots of pleasant surprises for the participants and guests!

A special thanks goes to **Valery Lyandin**, Slava’s friend and college mate, who is taking care of all printed material about the tournament. Also, **Vitold Brushtunov**, the guru of Russian bridge, and **Andrey Gromov**, Russian number one bridge player, deserve a word of praise for their help in organizing this event. At the moment, I cannot give you a complete list of people who are coming, but one thing is certain: the Slava Cup is growing in importance and prestige every year, and this is perhaps the best way to commemorate **Slava Grinyuk**.

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En route pour une nouvelle « **Slava Cup** » en Février prochain à Moscou.

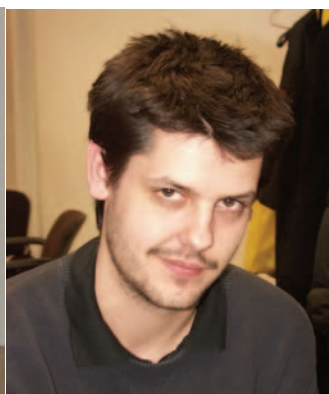
Le plateau sera tout aussi prestigieux que l'an passé avec une délégation française emmenée par le double champion du monde **Franck Multon** – Son partenaire, **Pierre Zimmermann**, médaillé d'or à Pékin au Transnational mondial – **Thomas Bessis**, champion d'Europe et du Monde cette année, avec le junior **Frédéric Volcker** – **Bogdan Marina** et **Gilles Quéran**, détenteurs de la Coupe de France. Les meilleurs joueurs des anciens pays Soviétiques seront présents, les têtes de file étant bien évidemment les Russes **Gromov** et **Dubinin** et les Polonais **Balicki** et **Zmudzinski**. Les organisateurs annoncent également des paires Néerlandaises, Scandinaves et Britanniques. Le tournoi par Paires, IMP, 24 matches de 8 donnes se déroulera à l'hôtel Congrès **Cosmos Casino**, immense building dominant la statue du Général de Gaulle, en plein centre de Moscou.



Gromov – Dubinin



Balicki– Zmudzinski



Thomas. Bessis – Fred. Volcker



Pierre Zimmermann – Franck Multon

Une donne de la Finale des Transnationaux mondiaux à Pékin, où sept de ces champions étaient présents :

♠ 9 7 6 2
 ♥ V 8 5 4
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ R 8 5

♠ R D 8 5
 ♥ 9
 ♦ D V 5
 ♣ A V 4 3 2

♠ V
 ♥ A R D 10 2
 ♦ A R 10 7 6
 ♣ D 10

♠ A 10 4 3
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ 9 7 6

OUEST	NORD	EST	SUD
Balicki	Nunès	Zmudzinski	Fantoni
2♣	—	2♦	—
2♥	—	2♠	—
3♠	—	4♠	—
5♣	—	6SA	Fin

OUEST	NORD	EST	SUD
T. Bessis	Dubinin	M. Bessis	Gromov
1♣	—	1♥	—
1♠	—	3♦	—
3SA	—	4♦	—
4♠	—	4SA	—
5♦	—	6SA	Fin

Balicki – Zmudzinski grâce au Trèfle Polonais, jouaient en Est et reçurent l'entame ♥7 – Est tabla après avoir fait sauter l'As de Pique

De l'autre côté, les **Bessis** jouaient en Ouest.

L'entame brillante de **Dubinin**, condamnait **Thomas** à chuter : Le ♥8 !

Cela ne l'empêcha pas de gagner la Finale 88 à 62 ...