



MORE ABOUT THE WORLD CHAMPION GIRLS

We featured the French Girls team earlier in the tournament, but they have gone on to win the Girls Knockout Teams world title and have answered different questions.

Most of them mentioned winning last year's European Girls Team Championship. Everyone except Mathilde Thuillez was on that team.



Aurelie Thizy

She is 24, lives in Paris and is an actuary. She learned bridge when she was ten by watching her parents play with friends. When asked if she was married, she replied, "No, and if you want to know why, ask Cedric Lorenzini."

Her teammates say that she is good with nails and hair.



Jessie de Tessieres

She is 25 years old and mixing her honeymoon with bridge, having wed two weeks ago. She learned to play bridge at school when 14. Her main ambition in the future is to have a lot of children -- eight, like her coach! We assume her husband, Godefroy, knows about this.

Her teammates say that she talks ... and talks ... and talks ... and sometimes drinks.



Anaïs Leleu

Aged seventeen and a half, she lives in Lille and learned to play bridge eight years ago in school. She is already studying at Sciences Po in Paris, a famous university in the heart of the city. Away from bridge, she likes to run, but her main ambitions are to become a journalist and even better at bridge.

Her teammates are envious of her "magic hair", and she does her own nails every day!

Mathilde Thuillez



She is 17 and lives in Paris. She learned to play bridge when she was ten and particularly remembers that her mother was pregnant at the time. She is studying medicine and hopes to become either a surgeon or a dentist. Away from bridge, Mathilde loves to go to the

swimming pool, and especially enjoys drama and zumba.

As the youngest, apparently she has more boys hitting on her than anyone else on the team.

Anne-Laure Huberschwiller



She is 24 but only learned to play six years ago when her father sent her to a bridge camp. She has been married for one year to Matthias, who hails from the Alsace. They both teach and work in bridge. They also have three gorgeous cats.

Her teammates say that she speaks very good English. They must have listened to her interview after she made that famous six-spade contract earlier in the tournament (see Bulletin No. 5). At first she said that she could not do the interview, because her English was so poor. We took the safety-play of having an interpreter on hand, but she was not needed once.

Jennifer Mourgues



Aged 23, she lives in Mont de Marsan. Jennifer appended "nowhere!"; however, it is a beautiful town Southeast of Bordeaux.

She also learned the game at school, when she was ten. She says that her life comprises of four things: bridge, bridge, bridge and bridge teaching. But we believe that her two-year-old daughter, Julia, must sneak in there somewhere.

Her teammates say that she is always very optimistic.

Jerome Rombaut



He selected the team after several training tournaments. And once the team had been chosen, they took part in weekend sessions at the bridge federation in Paris.

When asked about this tournament, Jerome said that he had come expecting to win the bronze medal. But now he is very nervous and will stay that way until the last card is played.

His only bad moment was during the second half of the round robin, when they lost a couple of matches. He told his team that he really trusted in them, to keep concentrating, and everything would work out well. Too true!

Part of the team won the European Youth Girls Teams Championships in Wroclaw in 2013

