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Herewith I send you my report of the World Record attempt blind simultaneous match by Ton Sijbrands in Tilburg, Netherlands on October 4 and October 5, 2007.

With his result of 46 points from 25 games (92 %) Sijbrands succeeded in establishing new World Record blind simultaneous games. His result is much better than the minimum required result of 35 points (70 %).

In my opinion there are no circumstances which prohibit the recognition of this world Record by the FMJD. All regulations in FMJD's annexes and in the proposal for the General Assembly 2007 have been fulfilled.

Yours friendly,

Frank Teer

List of participants with FMJD rating and KNDB rating:

Player	rating KNDB	rating FMJD
Peter Kort	1271	2096
Leo Aliar	1235	2056
Harry Kolk	1227	2109
Kees van Bakel	1208	2107
Johan Haijtink	1182	1956
Fons van Erve	1173	*2023
Henk Kleinrensink	1161	2048
Eep van Manen	1154	2017
Laurens Leimena	1152	1998
Adrie van Outheusden	1118	*1968
Harry Doomernik	1112	2006
John Wilsens	1109	*1959
Gijs voor de Poorte	1107	*1957
Frans Smolders	1102	*1952
Frans Bax	1096	1995
Patrick Adriaans	1080	1986
Antoine van Zandvoort	1073	*1923
René van Oosterhout	1052	1990
Luud Ector	1033	*1883
Ingrid de Kok	1022	1918
Frank Reijkers	1017	*1867
Tom Vissers	993	1926
Jeanine van der Horst	960	*1810
Astrid van der Stelt	955	1925
Ebbo de Jong	883	*1733
Gemiddeld	1099	1968

Players with a FMJD rating with * do not have an FMJD rating, but their FMJD rating is calculated by adding 850 to their KNDB rating.

Given the fact that the average difference between the KNDB rating and the FMJD rating is known to be 850, the average FMJD rating of the participants is equal to 1968, which is higher than the minimum required average rating of 1900, as is proposed in the proposal for the GA 2007..

All players are member of the KNDB.

Main referee: Frank Teer

Assistant referees: Hans Robben and Marieke Quant.

Organisation simultaneous event

The organising committee of this simultaneous event was formed by Theo van den Hoek, Harry Otten, Frank Teer, Wilma de Koning, Tonke van de Ven and Léon Lejeune.

The technical support and audio and video connections were taken care of by Henk van Opstal and his assistant Peter van den Broek.

The Website was created and maintained by Paul Visser and Eric Sanders.

On the website Sijbrands could be seen live in his room from all over the world.

Demonstrations were given by Auke Scholma and 3 students/draughts players from the University of Tilburg Jasper Daems, Wouter Ludwig and Jochem Zweerink.

The physician of the university was present during the whole attempt to help in case of medical problems, but there were no problems this time.

The blind simultaneous match was played in the Esplanade building of the University of Tilburg, Netherlands.

Main sponsors were the University of Tilburg and Harry Otten.

All details in the organisation were very well taken care of by Theo van den Hoek and his committee.

The event was attended by four KNDB Board members: Jeanine van der Horst (who also acted as one of Sijbrands' opponents), Marcel Kusters, Ben Smeenk, and Gert van Willigen.

There was great and enthusiastic support from the University of Tilburg, especially from the rector magnificus Prof. Dr. Frank van der Duyn Schouten and the secretary of the lustrum committee Tonke van de Ven.

There was very much interest from the national and local television in Holland. The world record attempt could be seen on the news and in several news and sports programs.

A special room was available for the players where dinner, breakfast and lunch were served, where they could relax a little and where some 8 mattresses and sleeping bags were placed for a little bit of sleep during the event (also for the main referee).

After the successful attempt a special certificate was presented by the rector of the University stating the facts of the new World Record.

Time Schedule and Results

The match started on October 4 at 13:00 and ended after 28 hours 23 minutes on October 5 at 17:23 with the result 46-4 for Sijbrands, a score of 92 %.

Sijbrands reached the necessary result of 70 %, 35 points one hour before the end of the event: at 16:24 he reached the score 35-3.

Sijbrands won 21 games and the participants Fons van Erve, Patrick Adriaans, Frank Reijkers and Peter Kort succeeded in reaching a draw.

This simultaneous world Record took 4 hours more than the previous attempt in 2004 against 24 opponents. Especially in the rounds 12 to 18 Sijbrands already took much more time than on the previous occasion, and also in the early hours of the day October 5 he had some very long rounds of net 92 and 103 minutes, while his maximum round time in 2004 was 77 minutes.

From his 28 hours and 23 minutes he took many little breaks of a total of 2 hours 23 minutes, so his net playing time was exactly 26 hours.

Irregularities / remarks

In the regulations for the blind simultaneous match it is said that for the simultaneous player repeated errors will lead to the loss of a game. Many years ago the player and the main referee agreed on an interpretation for this: more than two errors in one game or more than 5 errors in the whole match will lead to loss of the game.

In this match at 3 times Sijbrands made an error, but the referee counted 2 of these errors as half-errors, so as a total he made two errors.

At some moments Sijbrands made some small mistakes because in his mind he was already playing at the next board. One time he took a piece 28*19 while he did not have a piece at 28 (he did have this piece two boards further away and thought he was already playing there) and one time he played on board 7 the move 49-44 after 10-14. When he asked for the move at the next board, number 8, he realised himself: he wanted to play 49-44 after 10-14 at board number 8, not at board number 7.

The referee accepted him to reconsider his move at board 7 and then he played another move at board 7, but at board 8, after 10-14 he quickly played 49-44.

One time he did not know any more if he had played himself 48-42 or 34-30. The referee decided that he could ask for this but it would be considered an error.

At some moment one of the university students started playing the piano in the room next to Sijbrands. Sijbrands said he liked the music, but not now, so the organisation explained to the student to practice somewhere else or later in the weekend.

At 6 o'clock in the morning Sijbrands was very much disturbed by a wasp in his room. He asked for help and the technical assistant Henk van Opstal solved this problem very quickly.

Details

In the appendices you will find a report of the detailed results, the time used for playing and for breaks by Sijbrands for each round of 25 opponents during this event.