

# 4 Cubes 2015

## Tournament book

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## Day 1 (16-22 February 2015)

|         | BRUGGE            | HASSELT          | 7-2 |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|-----|
| Round 1 | Michel Lamote     | Laky Kyrkos      | 1-0 |
| 2-1     | Guy Van Middlelem | Luc Palmans      | 0-1 |
|         | Paul van Dijke    | Sassan Kachanian | 1-0 |
| Round 2 | Paul van Dijke    | Laky Kyrkos      | 1-0 |
| 2-1     | Michel Lamote     | Luc Palmans      | 1-0 |
|         | Guy Van Middlelem | Sassan Kachanian | 0-1 |
| Round 3 | Guy Van Middlelem | Laky Kyrkos      | 1-0 |
| 3-0     | Paul van Dijke    | Luc Palmans      | 1-0 |
|         | Michel Lamote     | Sassan Kachanian | 1-0 |

Friday, February 20th, 2015 at 19h30. De Hollandse Vismijn, Vismarkt 4 at 8000 Brugge.

|         | BRUSSELS            | GENT                  | 5-4 |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Round 1 | Alain Chif          | Geert Van der Stricht | 1-0 |
| 3-0     | Zsolt Tasnadi       | Johan Vervust         | 1-0 |
|         | Kristoffer De Weert | Johan Huyck           | 1-0 |
| Round 2 | Alain Chif          | Johan Vervust         | 1-0 |
| 1-2     | Zsolt Tasnadi       | Johan Huyck           | 0-1 |
|         | Kristoffer De Weert | Geert Van der Stricht | 0-1 |
| Round 3 | Alain Chif          | Johan Huyck           | 1-0 |
| 1-2     | Zsolt Tasnadi       | Geert Van der Stricht | 0-1 |
|         | Kristoffer De Weert | Johan Vervust         | 0-1 |

Friday, February 20th, 2015 at 20h00. Tennis Club Longchamp, Waterloose Steenweg 836 at 1180 Brussels. The venue was closed when the players arrived. They managed to play 2 rounds in a nearby pub. The last round was played on several locations in the following days.

## Day 2 (13-19 April 2015)

|         | LEUVEN             | GENT                  | 1-8 |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Round 1 | Eric Aries         | Geert Van der Stricht | 0-1 |
| 1-2     | Henri Pollet       | Bert Van Kerckhove    | 0-1 |
|         | Marc Van Haverbeke | Johan Vervust         | 1-0 |
| Round 2 | Henri Pollet       | Geert Van der Stricht | 0-1 |
| 0-3     | Marc Van Haverbeke | Bert Van Kerckhove    | 0-1 |
|         | Eric Aries         | Johan Vervust         | 0-1 |
| Round 3 | Marc Van Haverbeke | Geert Van der Stricht | 0-1 |
| 0-3     | Eric Aries         | Bert Van Kerckhove    | 0-1 |
|         | Henri Pollet       | Johan Vervust         | 0-1 |

Friday, April 17th, 2015 at 20h00. Sport & Squashclub De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15 at 3012 Wilsele.

|         | HASSELT       | BRUSSELS            | 4-5 |
|---------|---------------|---------------------|-----|
| Round 1 | Luc Palmans   | Leonidas Sotiriadis | 0-1 |
| 2-1     | Ronny Conaert | Alain Chif          | 1-0 |
|         | Laky Kyrkos   | Zsolt Tasnadi       | 1-0 |
| Round 2 | Luc Palmans   | Alain Chif          | 1-0 |
| 2-1     | Ronny Conaert | Zsolt Tasnadi       | 1-0 |
|         | Laky Kyrkos   | Leonidas Sotiriadis | 0-1 |
| Round 3 | Walter Meuwis | Zsolt Tasnadi       | 0-1 |
| 0-3     | Ronny Conaert | Leonidas Sotiriadis | 0-1 |
|         | Laky Kyrkos   | Alain Chif          | 0-1 |

Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 at 20h00. Café Cambrinus, Dorpstraat 25 at 3500 Hasselt.

## Day 3 (15-21 June 2015)

|         | BRUGGE              | LEUVEN             | 6-3 |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------|-----|
| Round 1 | Guy Van Middellelem | Marc Van Haverbeke | 1-0 |
| 2-1     | Paul van Dijke      | Henri Pollet       | 0-1 |
|         | Michel Lamote       | Akbar Soltani      | 1-0 |
| Round 2 | Guy Van Middellelem | Henri Pollet       | 0-1 |
| 1-2     | Paul van Dijke      | Akbar Soltani      | 1-0 |
|         | Michel Lamote       | Marc Van Haverbeke | 0-1 |
| Round 3 | Guy Van Middellelem | Akbar Soltani      | 1-0 |
| 3-0     | Paul van Dijke      | Marc Van Haverbeke | 1-0 |
|         | Michel Lamote       | Henri Pollet       | 1-0 |

Friday, May 15th, 2015 at 20h00. Sport & Squashclub De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15 at 3012 Wilsele. Brugge proposed to play in Leuven, although this match was scheduled to take place in Brugge.

|         | GENT                  | HASSELT          | 7-2 |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|-----|
| Round 1 | Geert Van der Stricht | Walter Meuwis    | 0-1 |
| 2-1     | Bert Van Kerckhove    | Luc Palmans      | 1-0 |
|         | Robin Bilderbeek      | Sassan Kachanian | 1-0 |
| Round 2 | Geert Van der Stricht | Luc Palmans      | 1-0 |
| 3-0     | Bert Van Kerckhove    | Sassan Kachanian | 1-0 |
|         | Robin Bilderbeek      | Walter Meuwis    | 1-0 |
| Round 3 | Geert Van der Stricht | Sassan Kachanian | 0-1 |
| 2-1     | Bert Van Kerckhove    | Walter Meuwis    | 1-0 |
|         | Robin Bilderbeek      | Luc Palmans      | 1-0 |

Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 at 20h00. Koninklijke Academie Union-Sandeman, Kantienberg 5 at 9000 Gent.

## Day 4 (14-20 September 2015)

|                | HASSELT       | LEUVEN             | 7-2 |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----|
| Round 1<br>3-0 | Laky Kyrkos   | Henri Pollet       | 1-0 |
|                | Ronny Conaert | Akbar Soltani      | 1-0 |
|                | Walter Meuwis | Marc Van Haverbeke | 1-0 |
| Round 2<br>2-1 | Laky Kyrkos   | Akbar Soltani      | 0-1 |
|                | Ronny Conaert | Marc Van Haverbeke | 1-0 |
|                | Walter Meuwis | Henri Pollet       | 1-0 |
| Round 3<br>2-1 | Laky Kyrkos   | Marc Van Haverbeke | 1-0 |
|                | Ronny Conaert | Henri Pollet       | 0-1 |
|                | Walter Meuwis | Akbar Soltani      | 1-0 |

Wednesday, July 15th, 2015 at 19h30. Café Cambrinus, Dorpstraat 25 at 3500 Hasselt.

|                | BRUSSELS            | BRUGGE           | 0-9 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----|
| Round 1<br>0-3 | Maurits Pino        | Guy Van Middelem | 0-1 |
|                | Leonidas Sotiriadis | Michel Lamote    | 0-1 |
|                | Zsolt Tasnadi       | Paul van Dijke   | 0-1 |
| Round 2<br>0-3 | Zsolt Tasnadi       | Guy Van Middelem | 0-1 |
|                | Maurits Pino        | Michel Lamote    | 0-1 |
|                | Leonidas Sotiriadis | Paul van Dijke   | 0-1 |
| Round 3<br>0-3 | Leonidas Sotiriadis | Guy Van Middelem | 0-1 |
|                | Zsolt Tasnadi       | Michel Lamote    | 0-1 |
|                | Maurits Pino        | Paul van Dijke   | 0-1 |

Friday, August 21st, 2015 at 20h00. Tennis Club Longchamp, Waterloose Steenweg 836 at 1180 Brussels.

## Day 5 (16-22 November 2015)

|         | LEUVEN | BRUSSELS | 0-0 |
|---------|--------|----------|-----|
| Round 1 |        |          |     |
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| Round 2 |        |          |     |
|         |        |          |     |
|         |        |          |     |
| Round 3 |        |          |     |
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|         |        |          |     |

Friday, November 20th, 2015 at 20h00. Sport & Squashclub De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15 at 3012 Wilsele.  
To be confirmed.

|         | GENT | BRUGGE | 0-0 |
|---------|------|--------|-----|
| Round 1 |      |        |     |
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| Round 2 |      |        |     |
|         |      |        |     |
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| Round 3 |      |        |     |
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|         |      |        |     |

Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 at 20h00. Koninklijke Academie Union-Sandeman, Kantienberg 5 at 9000 Gent.  
To be confirmed.

## Ranking

|   |          | G | W | L | +  | -  |
|---|----------|---|---|---|----|----|
| 1 | Brugge   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 5  |
| 2 | Brussels | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| 2 | Gent     | 3 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 8  |
| 4 | Hasselt  | 4 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 21 |
| 5 | Leuven   | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6  | 21 |

## Individual ranking

|    |                       |          | G | W | L |
|----|-----------------------|----------|---|---|---|
| 1  | Michel Lamote         | Brugge   | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| 1  | Paul van Dijke        | Brugge   | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| 3  | Bert Van Kerckhove    | Gent     | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| 4  | Geert Van der Stricht | Gent     | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 4  | Guy Van Middeltem     | Brugge   | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 6  | Alain Chif            | Brussels | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 6  | Ronny Conaert         | Hasselt  | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 8  | Walter Meuwis         | Hasselt  | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| 9  | Robin Bilderbeek      | Gent     | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 10 | Leonidas Sotiriadis   | Brussels | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| 10 | Johan Vervust         | Gent     | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| 12 | Henri Pollet          | Leuven   | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 13 | Laky Kyrkos           | Hasselt  | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 14 | Sassan Kachanian      | Hasselt  | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 15 | Luc Palmans           | Hasselt  | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| 16 | Zsolt Tasnadi         | Brussels | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| 16 | Marc Van Haverbeke    | Leuven   | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| 18 | Kristoffer De Weert   | Brussels | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 18 | Johan Huyck           | Gent     | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 20 | Akbar Soltani         | Leuven   | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 21 | Eric Aries            | Leuven   | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 21 | Maurits Pino          | Brussels | 3 | 0 | 3 |

# Teams & Players

## LEUVEN

Venue Sport & Squashclub De Vaart, Kolonel Begaultlaan 15 at 3012 Wilsele  
Day Friday at 20h00  
Captain Marc Van Haverbeke (0475/92.64.76)  
matroxbe@yahoo.com  
marc.van-haverbeke@ec.europa.eu  
Players Marc Van Haverbeke  
Henri Pollet  
Akbar Soltani  
Toon Van Herreweghen  
Patrick De Wilde  
Johan Segers  
Geert Doods

## BRUSSELS

Venue Tennis Club Longchamp, Waterloo Steenweg 836 at 1180 Brussels  
Day Friday at 20h00  
Captain Alain Chif (0479/50.28.30)  
alain.chif@skynet.be  
Players Alain Chif  
Maurits Pino  
Zsolt Tasnadi  
Leonidas Sotiriadis  
Kristoffer De Weert

## BRUGGE

Venue De Hollandse Vismijn, Vismarkt 4 at 8000 Brugge  
Day Thursday at 20h00  
Captain Michel Lamote (0497/73.66.86)  
kynos8000@gmail.com  
Guy Van Middelem (0476/41.86.88)  
guy.van.middelem@telenet.be  
Players Michel Lamote  
Line Vandamme  
Peter Allemeersch  
Paul van Dijke  
Guy Van Middelem



## HASSELT

Venue Café Cambrinus, Dorpstraat 25 at 3500 Hasselt  
Day Wednesday at 20h00  
Captain Sassan Kachanian (0477/57.03.82)  
skashanian@hotmail.com  
Players Sassan Kachanian  
Ronny Connaert  
Vassilios (Laky) Kyrkos  
Luc Palmans  
Walter Meuwis

## GENT

Venue Koninklijke Academie Union-Sandeman, Kantienberg 5 at 9000 Gent  
Day Tuesday at 20h00  
Captain Geert Van der Stricht (0474/46.86.37)  
geert.vanderstricht@telenet.be  
Players Geert Van der Stricht  
Johan Vervust  
Bert Van Kerckhove  
Robin Bilderbeek  
Johan Huyck

# Rules

## 1. Competition format

Every Belgian club (or team representing a club, eventually more than 1 team per club) can compete for the title of 'BBBC - Belgium's Best Backgammon Club' symbolized by the 4 Cubes trophy. The clubs must be affiliated to BGFed.be, the official Belgian Backgammon Federation. The championship has 1 division, with all registered teams.

The current holders are Hasselt, who successfully won the trophy in November 2014. Hasselt will therefore keep the title till the end of 2015. At the end of the year, Hasselt will offer the '4 Cubes' to the winner of the competition, the 'BBBC 2015'.

## 2. Organizing Committee

Tournament Director for 2015 is Luc Palmans; Guy Van Middeltem & Johan Segers completes the Referee Committee.

## 3. Registration and representation

To subscribe a team, registration is needed before the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 and the following information needs to be provided:

- Name of team or club (the name of the city/town where the team has its clubhouse needs to be part of the name)
- Name of the team captain, e-mail, home phone or cell
- Address of the clubhouse
- (if available) Website
- List of players (this list can be extended in the course of the year)

The entry fee for 2015 is 25, - € per team. All players must be member of BGFed.be (10, - € for 1 year in 2015). In a single year, a player can only represent one team.

## 4. Calendar and schedule

If 2 to 7 registered teams, the competition will be set up as a single round-robin, i.e. all competing teams will meet once, either away or at home, in their clubhouse. In the case of an even number of participating teams, some teams will have to play more matches away than at home. If more than 7 registered teams, another format will apply (more info later, if necessary).

The competition is scheduled in game days. Each game day will be played on the fixed playing evening date for the home team, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of a month (Gent plays on Tuesday, Hasselt plays on Wednesday, Brugge plays on Thursday, Leuven and Brussels play on Friday). These precise dates will be announced at the beginning of the competition. The team captains need to contact each other to arrange the starting hour (between 7.00 PM and 8.00 PM).

Nevertheless, both team's captains may take initiative to fix another date (and both teams will be flexible in setting up another date). This new playing date must be in the corresponding month - or before -, preferably before the scheduled date, and must be relayed to the Tournament Director 15 days before the scheduled playing date. Otherwise (without agreement), the scheduled playing date prevails.

The draw is scheduled to take place on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 during the BIC Final in Leuven. The calendar will be ready on Sunday the 21<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 and announced by e-mail to the respective team captains and on the official '4 Cubes' webpage.

## 5. Conditions of contest

An encounter between 2 teams consists of 3 rounds of 3 matches to 7 points, all to be decided on a single day. Preferably, clocks will be used (Bronstein, 14 minutes, 12 seconds' increment). Winner is the team who wins 5 or more matches.

A team can, if they so desire, field more than 3 players in a single encounter. Therefore, at the beginning of each round, each team captain needs to announce the 3 players picked. The players will then be paired by draw, with the provision that 2 players cannot meet twice in the same encounter.

*Addendum: of course, there's no problem at all if 3 players (A, B, C) meet 3 players (a, b, c) in an encounter. 1st round : Aa - Bb - Cc ; 2nd round : Ab - Bc - Ca ; 3rd round : Ac - Ba - Cb. If a 4th player (D) is involved in the 2nd round, a possible problem could eventually occur in the 3rd round. Please make the draw for the 2nd round that way that all players can play the 3rd round with the provision that 2 players cannot meet twice.*

*Example: let's say that in the 1st round the draw is Aa - Bb - Cc. If D plays the 2nd round in replacement of C, D will NOT play against c in that 2nd round! (Because if that's the case, A will play b & B will play a in the 2nd round and in the 3rd round A and B should both play against c which is not possible).*

*Rule: if a player (let's say D) replaces another player (let's say C) in round 2, he cannot play against the opponent of player C in round 1.*

If it happens that a team can only muster 2 players for a particular round (e.g. illness or early departure), they can still compete and win the encounter but they will lose that particular match.

## 6. Results and standings

At the end of the year, the teams are ranked as follows:

- 1) Number of confrontations won (victories);
- 2) Mutual results against other tying teams;
- 3) Number of matches won.

*Tie-breaking rules. By 'mutual results' is meant:*

*If 2 teams have the same number of victories: the winner of their mutual encounter (1 encounter) will rank the 2 teams.*

*If 3 teams have the same number of victories: the team with the most number of victories (2) in their mutual encounters (3 encounters) is ranked above the others, the team with the lowest number (0) in their mutual encounters is ranked under the others.*

*In case of a tie in the number of victories (1 each) between the 3 teams, the number of matches won in these mutual encounters will rank the 3 teams. In case of a tied number of matches won in these mutual encounters between the 3 teams, the number of matches won in all the confrontations will rank the 3 teams. In case of a tied number of matches won in these mutual encounters between 2 teams, the mutual encounter between these 2 teams will rank the 2 teams. In case of a complete tie between the 3 teams and if the 4 Cubes is at stake, play-offs will be organized to determine the ranking of the 3 teams (rules & regulations of these play-offs will be decided by the Referee Committee).*

*If 4 or more teams have the same number of victories: the team with the most number of matches won in their mutual confrontations (6 encounters if 4 teams, 10 encounters if 5 teams, 15 encounters if 6 teams) is ranked above the others, the team with the lowest number of matches won in their mutual encounters is ranked under the others. In case of a tied number of matches won between 2 teams, the mutual encounter between these 2 teams will rank the 2 teams. In case of a tied number of matches won between more than 2 teams, the number of matches won in all the confrontations will rank the teams. In case of a complete tie between some teams and if the 4 Cubes is at stake, play-offs will be organized to determine the ranking of the 3 teams (rules & regulations of these play-offs will be decided by the Referee Committee).*

The team who ends up on top wins the competition and can display the Four Cubes in their clubhouse for a year.

## 7. Sanctions

The penalty for a team that does not show with at least 2 players on the scheduled playing date or the alternative date agreed by the team captains is a 0 – 9 loss by forfeit.

We hope to lift backgammon in Belgium to another level and look forward to an exciting competition.

We wish you a lot of fun with 'live' backgammon in 2015!

*For BGFed.be, Guy Van Middeltem*

