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'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS'



Netherlands: Bermuda Bowl gold medallists



USA 2: Bermuda Bowl silver medallists



Israel Juniors: World Transnational Open teams gold medallists



Oz Open: Transnational Open teams silver medallists

A song broke out in the VuGraph Theatre on Saturday afternoon, and several hundred delirious Dutch partisans were more than happy to join in for a chorus from the Queen hit song, "We Are the Champions." The crowd was celebrating the Bermuda Bowl victory by the Netherlands, 300-255 winners over a tough team of young players from the USA.

In the other championship decided on Saturday, Israel Juniors – average age about 24 – earned the gold medal with a 132-105 win over Oz Open (Australia).

With the Bermuda Bowl triumph, the Dutch became only

the third team in the history of the event to win the championship more than once. The previous win was in 1993, when the team included Bauke Muller, a member of the current squad. The others are Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver and Simon de Wijs, with non-playing captain Eric Laurant and coach Anton Maas.

The silver medalists are Kevin Bathurst, Daniel Zagorin, Justin Lall, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge and Joe Grue, with Curtis Cheek as npc.

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