

# Dutch Triangle

37th Military World Championship Orienteering

Number 3, 2 September 2004



## Short distance, long search first point

**With the short distance at the first of september the military world championship orienteering has really started.**

‘Mnogo oespechov!’, one of the members of the organization of this tournament is saying when a Russian runner is starting her short distance at the area of Kootwijkerzand. She’s a little bit nervous and doesn’t notice that she has been wished good luck in her own language. Igor Sokolovski of Serbia and Montenegro seems to be even more nervous: when running away at the start he takes almost the whole red-white enclosure with him.

At the finish most athletes were very pleased with the track

they ran through the dunes and forrest of Kootwijkerzand. The first point of the track was perceived as the most difficult one to find. ‘I lost at least 40 seconds before finding that point’, tells the Russian Tatjana Kostileva. ‘That’s why I was very pleased to hear more female runners

even lost more time to find that point!’ Bad luck for her, three other female runner were little bit later able to beat her. The best runner for the women was her fellow team member Tatiana Riabkina. The best runner for the men was the Fin Raimo Turtinen.

### Results short distance, wednesday 1st September:

- Males: 1. Capt Raimo Turtinen, Finland. 23.53  
2. Pvt Marek Nömm, Estonia. 24.27  
3. Pvt Martins Sirmais, Latvia. 24.33  
4. Pte Svajunas Ambrazas, Lithuania. 24.44  
5. 2Spt Slawomir Wozniak, Poland. 24.53

- Females: 1. Wo Tatiana Riabkina, Russia. 25.05  
2. Pte Gøril Fristad, Norway. 26.36  
3. Pvt Kirti Rebane, Estonia. 27.31  
4. Wo Tatjana Kostileva, Russia. 28.14  
5. Pvt Aija Skrastina, Latvia. 28.18

# Profile



**Name:** Simon Kremer  
**Rank:** Corporal  
**Function:** facilitating

After finishing the Short Distance, most of the athletes should have seen corporal Simon Kremer. Working in the refreshment tent, he took care of the water almost everybody took directly after finishing. During the championship Kremer will assist on many places.

Orienteering doesn't mean anything to Kremer. 'So far I was very busy and didn't see anything of the event. But I don't care about that, it's not my kind of sport. For me it's enough to be here. I have a nice job up here and it's something completely different. Just being part of the championship is okay to me. But I think it's very good that the Army is organising events like this, sports and military have a lot in common.'

## Straight from the kitchen

**With orienteering teams from 30 different countries it's not easy to prepare every day three meals. Cultural and religious differences can only be answered by flexibility. A lot of flexibility.**

Do you know the drinking water in Holland is pure water without any pollution? Europeans from the Scandinavian countries do, Europeans from the mediterranean or south american countries mostly don't. That's why there are so many bottles with water to find at the restaurant at the Harskamp Barracks.

Do you know there is at the restaurant always more meat to get than porc? That's because there are also teams coming from moslim countries like Turkey and United Arab Emirates. Do you know why the cups of apple spread re so popular during the breakfast? All the runners do. Indeed, because of the energy you need as runner.

'When having so many countries here you have to be flexibel', do Adrie Rozenboom and Cees Snijder know who are both catering manager of the restaurant here. Not only because of the vegetarians or moslims, but also because of the athletes who are sometimes eating on a special diet. Besides this tournament we have of course also our daily eaters coming from the Infantry Range here. Because we have all together 1100 eaters here at the Harskamp Barracks, logistic problems are easy to come.'

Like that of monday: a long line of hungry runners which was even standing far outside the restaurant building. Rozenboom tells this was due to misunderstanding with the teams. 'Allready the day after all teams were entering the restaurant at different times. Since then the waiting problems are more or less solved.'



# Condolences for Belgium runner Hugues Petit

Close at the infodesk, to find in the canteen, there is a memorial erected in commemoration of Hugues Petit who died one week before this tournament because of a car accident. Besides a book where everyone can offer his condolences, there are two pictures to find of the late Petit. He died at the age of 33. The initiative for offering one's condolences was taken by the Dutch runners who are close with the Belgian team. Captain-commander Luc Heuninckx, chief of the Belgian team, is pleased by this initiative and hopes that all runners of other international orienteering teams who have known Hugues Petit, will sign the book. This book will be sent after this world championship to the Belgian girlfriend of Hugues Petit.



Hugues Petit has been very important for the Belgian team. Not only did he join twelve times with the Belgian team at the military world championship orienteering, he was also one of

the best Belgian runners. In Belgium Petit has been three times the military champion orienteering and has been the champion in every civilian age bracket of this sport.

## Airborne Monument

Wednesday 1st of September German and Polish Chief of Mission's together layed a wreath at the Airborn Monument near the Military Cemetry in Oosterbeek. This area in the neighbourhood of Arnhem was a large battlefield and should be one of the last battles of the Second World War. Due to unexpected heavy resistance allied forces lost many men and had to withdraw. Thousands of allied soldiers are burried in Oosterbeek.



## Today's programm

10.00-15.00 hrs: Classic Distance  
15.00-16.00 hrs: Visitors Contest  
13.00-19.00 hrs: Mobile Laundry



The draw for the short distance has been made by Belgian colonel Leon de Wulff, technical adviser of the CISM-organization. By means of shuffling all the names at random, the computer was able in producing a list with runners.

## Brasil: organising championship in 2006

# ‘We don’t have terrain comparing with Europe’

‘Oh yes, the terrain in Brasil is very different from the terrain up here’, tells Brazilian athlete sergeant first class Joao Franco. ‘We don’t have terrain that’s comparable to Europe.’ That’s why the entire Brazilian team visited Belgium the week before this championship. In Belgium the seven male and four female athletes did some special trainings to get used to the Dutch woods, that are almost identical to the Belgium area.

The Brazilians have an experienced team, for example for Franco this is his fifth military world championship: his first one was in 1991 in Sweden. A special occasion, because the Brazilian military athletes are selected after some regional contests and a final national one, that was held about two months ago. Best athletes of the national contest are taking part now.

‘Orienteering is not a very popular sport in Brasil’, Franco tells. ‘Our military Orienteering Federation exists for about thirty years now, but the civil federation for only five. It’s a growing sport. More and more people are taking part to these events. In Brasil we have three important national contests, each one has between four- and fivehundred participants. A large number, especially when you look to the terrain in Brasil. ‘We have many different types of terrain, just a very small part of it could be used for



### Sergeant first class Joao Franco directly after finishing the Short Distance.

orienteering. In a rain forrest for example it’s almost impossible to run.’ Another big difference is the map. ‘We don’t use maps that detailed’, Franco says. ‘You can run fast, the most difficulty is to choose the best route between the hills and vegetation. Up here you have to follow the map more carefull.’

In 2006 Brasil will be organising the 39th Military World Championship Orienteering. The area in which the competition will take place has just been approved. ‘The terrain will be completely different’, Franco knows. ‘There are many more hills. Steeper hills also...’

**Name:** Luc Heuninckx

**Rank:** captain-commander of the Belgian army

**Kick of orienteering:** ‘Normally, yes. But two days after our last practice and some days before our trip to the military world championship here, our team member Hugues Petit died because of a tragic car accident in Belgium. Petit was one of the pillars of our team. Twelve times he has joined our team for the military world championship orienteering. His

## Profile

death means a lot to us. We are only here to pay our last respects to Hugues. We will do this by performing better than ever. Because of him all team members will wear a black mourning ribbon at the breast during the whole tournament.’

**Tactics:** ‘This year we have joined three or four sportive events in Belgium and Holland. In Belgium we practiced in Leopoldsburg where there is a similar sandy terrain to find as the area here. We know the Dutch area of the Veluwe well. In 1997 many of our team even have practiced at the exact same area as that of the model event!’

**Chances in winning:** ‘Of course, the results during this tournament don’t really have a meaning to us anymore, but still we will try to perform better than ever out of respect for Hugues. But also because of the fact the Belgian army have to save money. I’m being told that our military team will be disbanded as the results here are not better than last year. So we have to reach good results!’



‘Dutch Triangle’ is a newsletter that will be published daily during the 37th Military World Championship Orienteering. Editors: Roland Keja and Jan Rensen. Print: Thieme Apeldoorn. Edition: 500.