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Bert went to a basketball game in December 2002: Spirou Charleroi (BEL) vs Deutsche Telekom Bonn (GER) in Charleroi

On December 30th, 2002, as a sort of New Year's present and greetings for their fans, the Spirou staff and players had organized a very nice game against the German Bundesliga leading team of Telekom Bonn. Such a scrimmage game was important for Spirou Charleroi and Telekom Bonn to prepare the end of the first round of the ULEB Cup. Both Spirou US players **Andre Riddick** (Kentucky 1995, 2,06 m) and **Marcus Faison** (Siena 2000, 1,96 m) were left on the bench at the start of the game. But Yugoslav forward **Vladimir Kuzmanovic** (1,95 m) was in the starting five as well as young Belgian player **Dimitri Jorssen** (2,10 m) who had a tough time trying to block former NBA player of Telekom Bonn **Radojevic** (2,20 m). **Radojevic** played for the Toronto Raptors and the Denver Nuggets in the past indeed. The game was pleasant and another former NBA player, Bonn playmaker **Terence Rencher**, had an excellent first half. Freshly recruited in Charleroi, **Frank Drmic** (Australian with a Croatian passport) played a few minutes but not enough to show all his potential. Score evolution in the first half: 21-21 after the first quarter and 39-32 for the Spirou at half-time. US guards **Rencher** and **Brown** as well as Yugoslav forward **Nadjfedji** had a good first half for Bonn and **Ellis** scored 9 points in the first 20 minutes.

Spirou Charleroi took a 10-point lead at the end of the third quarter (shot on the buzzer). Belgo-American forward **Jim Potter** hit three-pointers and was helped from all shooting ranges by his teammates "**Kuzma**" (very present in all sectors of the game), **Huggins** and again **Ron Ellis**. In Telekom, please note the very good second half of **Klepac** and **Huber-Saffer**. Fourth quarter was more balanced but Charleroi finally won the game without too much stress. Excellent scrimmage game from both teams and a very nice gift (admission was free) for the few basketball fans who went to the beautiful Spiroudome on Monday December 30th to attend it. Final score: 81-69 for Charleroi.

Bert went to a basketball game in November 2002: Belgium vs Lithuania in the FIBA Women's Euro 2003 Semi-Final Round

Historical win for the *Belgian Lionnes!*

Although France, Spain and Italy clearly remain the best destinations in Europe for women professional basketball players, things are changing and are better structured in other countries too. Undoubtedly, European women basketball is becoming more and more professional and attractive. Level is higher and higher each year. And yes, we can speak of great talents in Europe indeed. The semi-final round of the *2003 European Championship* for women national teams has recently come to an end with twelve teams qualifying for the final round, which will take place from September 19th to 28th in Greece. The twelve nations qualified for the *Euro 2003* are host country Greece, last *Euro 2001* winner France, 2002 vice worldchamp Russia, Spain, Israel, Hungary, Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Czechia, Belgium, Poland and Ukraine. Some big nations like Italy, Germany, Turkey or Lithuania did not qualify this time. This still proves that European basketball is also developing in other countries.

The Belgian women for instance, lead by **Ann Wauters** of the *Cleveland Rockers*, **Kathy Wambe** drafted in 2002 by the *Detroit Shock* and former *1994 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year* shooting forward **Caroline De Roose** who played four years in *Rutgers*, will certainly play the role of Cinderellas at the next *2003 European Championship* in Athens. The 22-year-old average Belgian team dreams of being among the five best European teams next September to get a ticket and qualify automatically for the next *Olympic Games* also organized in the Hellenic capital in 2004. On November 27th indeed, **Wauters** and the *Belgian Lionnes* suddenly appeared on the national television after their big qualifying win over Lithuania (final score 67-53), ranked eleventh at the last *2002 FIBA World Championship* in China. Women basketball professionalism is therefore much talked about in small Belgium nowadays too. Also to be mentioned, **Jaynetta Saunders** of the *Phoenix Mercury* has arrived in Namur, Belgium, at the end of October. The first American *WNBA* talent on the Belgian soil will help her team *Dexia Namur* to have good results in the *FIBA-Europe Cup* this season.

Some basketball experts now say that European players could sacrifice their *WNBA* season to better prepare the *Euro 2003* in September. The draw for this final round in Athens is to be held on January 18th. But renunciation is something

which is doubtful as many European basketball girls are now looking for full year employment: summer spent in US stadiums and winter in gyms of the Old Continent. The *WNBA* international roster might still be a long one next season. It is hard to believe that *Euroleague* stars like *Minnesota Lynx* **Svetlana Abrosimova** of Russia or *Phoenix Mercury* **Slobodanka Tuvic** of Yugoslavia will not take advantage of the *WNBA* season to prepare the *Euro 2003*. Who does not want to believe that women basketball is a global business yet?

The major scorers in the Belgium vs Lithuania game held in Namur on November 27th and attended by 2000 people (among them: Bert and one of his relatives) are:

Belgium - **De Roose** 22pts, **Wambe** 16pts, **De Mondt** 6pts, **Van Malderen** 1pt, **Wauters** 13pts, **Boonen** 6pts, **Torfs** 2pts;

Lithuania - **Zemantauskaite** 1pt, **Brazdeikyte** 4 pts, **Naideniene** 7pts, **Valuzyte** 10 pts, **Abromaite** 8 pts, **Baranauskaite** 6 pts, **Vilutyte** 17pts.

Final score 67-53 and Belgium was already leading by 18 points at the half (38-20).

Bert went to a basketball game in October 2002: Dexia Namur (BEL) vs US Valenciennes Olympic (FRA).

On Tuesday, October 9th, Bert saw an excellent game at the Hall Octave Henry of Saint-Servais, in the Namur area. Bert appreciated the new 2002-2003 US Valenciennes (FRA) roster as he attended this gala game played as an official European competition game as far as the spirit was concerned. The French team still coached by **Laurent Buffard** is very impressive again (very quick in fast break or when running the offense with super trio **Lawson**, **Feaster** and **Sauret** accompanied by two super quick centers/forwards **Ann Wauters** and **Nicole Antibe**). Their new Australian center **Batkovic**, left-handed and very strong, is hard to stop once driving to the basket. She even hits three-pointers. Also tough to go against her in one-on-one. Speak of power!

Bertal, quite tall and athletic, usually plays in place of **Antibe**. **Bertal** is also shooting from outside and defends very well. **Le Dréan** excellent in all sectors of the game is not to forget: shooting, stealing, defending, rebounding, etc. At the same occasion, Bert also had the chance to discover the 2002-2003 Dexia Namur team coached by **Patrick Delsaux**: power inside with young Australian center **Boyd**, Polish young talent **Wielebnowska** and Romania's tall girl **Nitulescu**. **Agabalova** of Ukraine, **Lara-Szymanska** of Poland, **Thiry** of Belgium and **Skegro** of Croatia will be quick in fast break situation for Namur.

Although Dexia Namur lost by 26 points (75-101), it was a very nice evening offered by both teams. And Namur had an excellent first half which ended on the following score: 41-49 for USVO.

Belgian center **Ann Wauters** (also playing for the WNBA Cleveland Rockers in the summer) received flowers from **Mr Prior**, the Dexia Namur President, as well as a representative of the City of Namur local authorities before the beginning of the game. About 800 people attended this special gala night opening the women's basketball season in the Hall Octave Henry of Saint-Servais.

Dexia Namur: **Thiry** -; **Lara-Szymanska** 18 pts; **Ovtcharova** -; **Boyd** 4 pts; **Skegro** 9 pts; **Nitulescu** 11 pts; **Agabalova** 23 pts; **Wielebnowska** 9 pts.

US Valenciennes: **Tomaszewski** 4 pts; **Le Dréan** 16 pts; **Feaster** 11 pts; **Lawson** 8 pts; **Batkovic** 16 pts; **Sauret** 9 pts; **Antibe** 14 pts; **Wauters** 16 pts; **Bertal** 6 pts.

Bert went to a basketball event in September 2002: Olympic Mont-sur-Marchienne (+ 15, Div. 2) vs BC Telindus Ostend (Div. 1) in Belgian Cup 1/16 Final.

On Tuesday, September 24th, Bert attended a nice offensive game in the *Hall Polyvalent* of Mont-sur-Marchienne, in the Charleroi vicinity. Bert could have chosen the official opening of the new *Spiroudome* in Charleroi (see photo from INFORbasket.be) to which he had been invited on September 30th, but he rather preferred mentioning here the Olympic Mont-sur-Marchienne vs BC Ostend excellent game both team offered one week before. Bert will write more about the *Spiroudome* opening and the gala match between Spirou Charleroi (BEL) and EB Pau-Orthez (FRA) later on, when the European competitions will have started. The opening of the brandnew basketball stadium was indeed a big event he could attend with an invitation from the RTBF, the Belgian french-speaking television and radio services.

But the Olympic vs Ostend game was very intense until the end of the third quarter and also very good technically. Olympic could keep the lead by the end of the first quarter: an 11-points margin despite a very good start of Lithuanian BC Ostend shooter **Kaukenas** (total of 20 points) and Telindus BCO Belgian Player of the Year 2002 **Christophe Beghin** under the basket. Danish forward **Jens Laulund** did very well through the whole game. Olympic could play strong defensively (e.g. Belgo-Angolan **David Mukeba**) but very quickly they had three men in foul trouble (among them: forwards **Fabrice Lambotte** and **George Bokanga**).

The beginning of the second quarter was more difficult for Olympic but they were finally only lead by two at half-time: 50-52.

They could still believe in a miracle at 64-68 but all players of Mont-sur-Marchienne were very tired. Telindus BC Ostend coach **Eddy Casteels** and his players remained very concentrated through the whole game. They were stronger physically and very quickly took a large lead, reaching the final score with an nice win: 81-106. Ostend US duo **Ralph Biggs** and **Alton Mason** had many possibilities to show all their basketball talents and tricks. A good night for the large attendance as well as for the Olympic staff.

Also to be mentioned: Ostend center **Mike Nahar**, injured, did not play.

Bert went to a basketball event in May 2002: the 75th Anniversary Harlem Globetrotters' show in Ghent, Belgium.

On Sunday, May 19th, Bert and relatives attended the new Harlem Globetrotters' show taking place in the Topsportal Vlaanderen of Ghent in Northern Belgium.

First "Globie" and then **Paul "Showtime" Gaffney** (forward from Tennessee Wesleyan, 9th season among the Globetrotters) and his teammates entertained a huge attendance on May 19th, 2002. Fun, music, entertainment, great tricks, real sport, slams, dunks, jams, crisscrosses, lay-ups, smashes, jokes, etc. A wonderful night for the whole family! No wonder that the Harlem Globetrotters were irrevocably recognized by their peers. The Globetrotters will indeed be among the class of 2002 to be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame next September. This was recently announced by the President of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as the class of 2002 was unveiled at a press luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

And the Globetrotters completed their 2002 Spring Tour of Europe with sold-out performances across the Old Continent, including shows for the first-time ever in Estonia and Latvia. The world famous team began its six-week tour across Europe by setting attendance records the first week, including an all-time mark for the venue in Belgium. The Globetrotters later traveled to Holland, Germany, France, Italy and Spain. The team also played games for the first time in its storied history in Estonia and Latvia, bringing the total number of countries visited to 117.

"The success of first our North American tour, and now our European swing, makes the 2001-2002 season one of the best in our 76 years of playing basketball," said Globetrotters Chairman and Owner **Mannie Jackson**.

The Globetrotters are also scheduling additional international dates this year, including a fall tour of Europe. On May 19th, one of Bert's nephews got the chance to talk to some of the Globetrotters after their performance against the New York Nationals and asked them some signatures or autographs. It will remain a memorable moment of happiness for all the members of the family after a wonderful day spent in the beautiful city of Ghent!

Bert went to a basketball event in April 2002: the 2002 Women's Euroleague Final Four in Liévin with Lotos VBW Clima Gdynia (POL), Basket Parma (ITA), Ruzomberok (SLK) and US Valenciennes Olympic (FRA).

On April 26th and 28th, Bert attended the Women's Euroleague Final Four in the *Stade Couvert Régional* of Liévin, Northern France.

The semi-finals were played on Friday 26th: the Polish team of Gdynia beat the Italians of Parma (74-58 and excellent game by Gdynia US player **Katie Smith**, 22 points and 4/5 at 3-point-shooting) and French team US Valenciennes had

an easy win against Slovakia's Ruzomberok (108-60; USVO forward **Le Dréan** with 23 points and US legend of USVO **Teresa Edwards** having magic passes).

On Sunday 28th, Bert went with Brett, an American exchange student, to attend the game for 3rd and 4th rank between Parma (ITA) and Ruzomberok (SLK) and the final championship game Gdynia (POL) vs Valenciennes (FRA). Parma, mainly thanks to its US duo **Griffith-Milton**, got better than Friday and took the 3rd place of this Final Four by beating Ruzomberok: 75-57.

And the Final was very intense. Not always technically perfect but very physical and thrilling! In the first quarter, the girls of Valenciennes had trouble adjusting their shooting range and Gdynia was much better from the field. Gdynia player **Elen Chakirova** was excellent inside and the Polish team's playmaker **Grubin** put the pressure on the French team by setting the fastbreak very well. It looked like Valenciennes was afraid of the Gdynia center **Malgo Dydek** (2,13m). But **Dydek's** two fouls in the third minute allowed USVO's Belgian center **Ann Wauters** to make her first two points from the free throw line. She also hit a baseline jumper to put Valenciennes 9-8 ahead with 4 minutes to play in the first quarter. Gdynia then went on a 6-0 run to lead 14-9. After some technical problems at the officials' table and a breaking down electronic scoreboard which caused a long pause in the first quarter (even forcing both coaches to restart and organize the warming up), a turnover by Gdynia and **Dydek's** third foul put French center **Isabel Fijalkowski** on the line reducing the deficit to one. **Cuprys** converted one of her free throw attempts to put Gdynia 15-13 ahead but **Sauret** made a tough baseline shot with 1 second on the shot clock: 15-15 at the end of the first quarter.

A pair of threes from US forward **Feaster** early in the second quarter put Head Coach **Buffard's** team 23-19 ahead but a three from **Katie Smith** and two from **Chakirova** put Gdynia back in front 24-23. Gdynia went on a 7-0 run to lead 31-26 with three minutes to play in the second quarter. After taking their timeout, Valenciennes switched to a box and one on **Smith** and their change of tactics pulled them 34-31 clear after two fast break lay-ups from **Feaster**. Gdynia was still 35-38 down at the end of the first half.

US Valenciennes switched back to their "woman defence" after the break but at the other end Gdynia's zone failed to contain them as **Feaster** opened up with a long three to put the French team 41-37 in front. An 11-0 run put Valenciennes 56-44 ahead with 3:35 left to play. A three-pointer from Yugoslav's **Grubin** as well as quick fastbreaks and steals by US forward **Marie Ferdinand** (already very good in the semi-final against Parma) ended the Gdynia drought and some solid inside play from Russian **Elen Chakirova** pulled them back to 52-58 before **Lesdema** made a steal to put Valenciennes 60-52 ahead at the end of the third quarter.

2002 Final Four MVP **Ann Wauters** opened the scoring at the start of the fourth whilst **Katie Smith** responded for Gdynia at the opposite end. With 3:45 left to play, Gdynia had reduced the deficit to 64-65 when **Wauters** rolled in a lay-up and 2,13 m-center **Dydek** fouled out on what appeared to be incidental contact after the ball had gone in the basket. USVO was awarded the ball out of bounds and they capitalised when **Wauters** was fouled by **Chakirova**. The Belgian player of Valenciennes made both free throws to put them 69-64 ahead. Gdynia's coach **Koziorowics** took a timeout but then his team turned the ball over. It allowed **Fijalkowski** to power inside, pull a foul and convert two free throws, increasing the lead to 71-64. Gdynia's **Chakirova** missed on a drive inside but **Smith** made two from the corner at 1:42 to pull it back to 71-66. Moments later WNBA star **Katie Smith** was distraught as she went to block a shot and the ball bounced off the ring into her own basket putting Valenciennes in charge at 73-66. French forward **Le Dréan** converted a **Wauters** steal and assist to increase the advantage to 9 forcing Gdynia to take their last timeout with 53 seconds to play. Valenciennes visited the free throw line three times in the final minute to maintain the advantage despite the best efforts of **Chakirova** and they held out for a 78-72 win. Valenciennes is the 2002 Euroleague Champion and the French team coached by experienced **Laurent Buffard** certainly deserves it. Belgian player of USVO **Ann Wauters** (23 pts and 8 rebounds in the final) was MVP of this Final Four.

The women's European basketball season is over and WNBA stars like **Smith, Wauters, Feaster, Chakirova, Milton, Griffith, Fijalkowski** and others can start their American pro season now. Another big news for **Yolanda Griffith** (of Parma) and **Katie Smith** (of Gdynia): both players will be on the USA team and will participate to the 2002 World Championship organized in China in September.

Here are the major scorers of the Euroleague Final attended by Bert:

USVO: **Fijalkowski** 12 pts, **Feaster** 17 pts, **Wauters** 23 pts, **Lawson** 1 pt, **Le Dréan** 14 pts, **Sauret** 6 pts, **Lesdema** 5 pts, **Edwards** -, **Beres** -, **Tomaszewski** -.

Gdynia: **Grubin** 11 pts, **Smith** 11 pts, **K. Dydek** -, **Cuprys** 4 pts, **Chakirova** 23 pts, **M. Dydek** 10 pts, **Ferdinand** 10 pts, **Thorius** -, **Pantelejewa** -, **Bibrzycka** 3 pts.

Next month, Bert and family will attend the Harlem Globetrotters show scheduled on Sunday 19th of May at night in the Topsporthal in Ghent, Northern Belgium. Come back on this page to know more about this wonderful basketball event.

Bert went to a basketball game in March 2002: BCSS Namur (BEL) vs Tarbes Gespe Bigorre (FRA) in Quarter Final of the Women Ronchetti Cup.

On Wednesday March 6th, BCSS Namur played the return quarter final game of the Ronchetti Cup at home against French team Tarbes Gespe Bigorre. First game in Tarbes had been lost by 30 points by the Belgian team: 97-67. Namur had to win by 31 points to qualify for the semifinals. Huge attendance in the *Hall Octave Henry* on March 6th to support the Belgian team: more than 1400 people.

Very quickly, Tarbes took a large lead (0-11 after 2 minutes) and the only hope for BCSS Namur was to come back into the game and try to win it. Tarbes was impressive with its huge trio of centers formed by Slovenian **Sarenac**, Australian **Boyd** and Bulgarian **Tzekova**. Other Australian national team member **Hill** playing for Tarbes hit easy shots and French playmaker **Savasta** organized the fastbreak pretty efficiently.

Only **Kathy Wambe** resisted and did seem to challenge the French team: 2 baskets from the field and 6/6 at the free-throw line. She was the only scorer from the field for BCSS in the first ten minutes. Score evolution afterwards: 12-19, 18-28 and 28-36 at the half.

Tarbes was already qualified for sure but the game was close and Namur did everything to win it. BCSS's players **Lara**, **Pfeifer** and **Ovtcharova** did not play at their best level. **Agathe N'nindjem** rebounded rather well offensively and defensively helping **Wambe** to set quick Belgian attacks in the second half. But Tarbes Australian duo **Hill** from long range and **Boyd** under the basket did very well. They were helped by French forward **Tonnerre** inside. It was 47-54 at the end of the third quarter. 50-61 after 34 minutes. After a few last efforts, Namur finished only at 1 point from Tarbes. BCSS's forward **Clauss** had hit a final three pointer just after the buzzer. A thrilling end of game but for the fun. Excellent European campaign for Namur and Tarbes remains a favorite in the competition.

Here are the major scorers in this month's game attended by Bert:

BCSS Namur: **Lara-Szymanska** 5 pts, **Clauss** 10 pts, **Ovtcharova** 2 pts, **Caers** 2 pts, **Wambe** 24 pts, **Charlier** 4 pts, **Pfeifer** 5 pts, **Agabalova** 5 pts, **N'nindjem** 7 pts.

Tarbes: **Savasta** 10 pts, **Hill** 15 pts, **Gomis** 5 pts, **Dumerc** 3 pts, **Bonnan** -, **Tonnerre** 6 pts, **Castets** -, **Boyd** 13 pts, **Sarenac** 2 pts, **Tzekova** 9 pts.

Bert went to a basketball game in February 2002: US Valenciennes Olympic (FRA) vs Lotos VBW Gdynia (POL) in Women Euroleague

On Wednesday February 20th, local team USVO played a Women Euroleague game against the Polish team of Lotos VBW Gdynia. A huge attendance went to the *Salle du Hainaut* to see an excellent and very close game all way long.

Although **Margo Dydek** missed her first two attempts, Gdynia played well in the first quarter and mainly thanks to her and **Katie Smith**, the Polish team lead by 2 points at the end of the first quarter: 19-21. Second quarter was even better for the Polish team. Gdynia took the lead at the end of the first half indeed: 35-41. Thanks to **Fijalkowski** shooting from all ranges and **Feaster** hitting shots behind the three-point line, the deficit was not worse for Valenciennes.

Very quickly in the third quarter, **Margo Dydek** got her fourth foul. Mainly thanks to Belgian center **Ann Wauters** and French forward **Fijalkowski** again, USVO came back into the game. Valenciennes point guard **Lawson** was even scoring a very important basket to give the lead to the French team: 50-48 with 2:38 to go in the third quarter. The end of the third quarter was good and **Chakirova**, **Smith** and **Ferdinand** allowed Gdynia to stay close: 52-52 with one quarter to go.

But the Polish team finally lost its huge center **Malgorzata Dydek** (2,13m) in the beginning of the fourth quarter (score at that time: 55-54) and **Chakirova** as well as US teammates **Smith** and **Ferdinand** could not stop Valenciennes players **Wauters**, **Fijakowski**, **Feaster** and **Lawson** to score from all ranges. The French team finally won by 11 points: 82-71.

If the girls of Gdynia had won this game in France, they would have been ranked first in their group. But Valenciennes won the game and remained the leader in this Women Euroleague Group B. Valenciennes US superstar **Teresa Edwards** only played 5 minutes and grabbed one rebound in this game.

It was a great basketball evening for Bert who also got the chance to have dinner after the game with **Katie Smith** whom he met as an exchange student in Southeastern Ohio (**Katie's** home) 13 years ago. Both got time to share memories, exchange photographs, tell stories, have a good laugh, and, of course, talk about basketball.

Here are the major scorers in this month's game attended by Bert:

US Valenciennes: **Fijalkowski** 24 pts, **Feaster** 15 pts, **Wauters** 16 pts, **Lawson** 13 pts, **Le Dréan** 4 pts, **Sauret** 4 pts, **Lesdema** 2 pts, **Edwards** -, **Beres** 4 pts.

Lotos VBW Gdynia: **Grubin** 7 pts, **Smith** 8 pts, **K. Dydek** -, **Cuprys** 3 pts, **Chakirova** 24 pts, **M. Dydek** 18 pts, **Ferdinand** 9 pts, **Thorius** -, **Pantelejewa** 2 pts.

Bert went to a basketball game in January 2002: Spirou Charleroi (BEL) vs Benetton Treviso (ITA)

On Wednesday January 9th, Spirou Charleroi played its first Euroleague home game of the year 2002 against the excellent and well balanced Italian team of Benetton Treviso. A huge attendance of 3700 people went to La Coupole to see Italian Liga leaders (coached by former superstar **Mike D'Antoni**) start the game very quickly. 2-12 after a few minutes and Spirou Head Coach **Gio Bozzi** took his first time-out. Benetton US playmaker **Tyus Edney** had stayed in Italy because of the flu but young Italian guard **Bulleri** replaced him very well. Charleroi also played with only one guard as **David Desy** was injured and remained on the bench through the whole game. After **Bozzi's** time-out, Spirou came back into the game: 7-16 after 5 minutes. Spirou players **Stas**, **Huggins** and **Potter** had trouble to score as Treviso's defense was really tough. Benetton's big guys like **Marconato**, **Chikalkin**, **Pittis**, **Nicola**, **Tomidy**, **Nachbar** and **Garbajosa** had been very impressive under the basket. But mainly thanks to American forward **Louis Rowe**, Charleroi was only lead by 5 after 20 minutes. Here is the score evolution before half-time: 7-16, 16-23, 19-33 and 32-37.

In the second half, Spirou Charleroi tied the game first at 46-46 and then at 65-65. But twice after **D'Antoni's** time-outs, the Italian team reset the offense and retook the lead. **Bulleri's** excellent shooting average, **Stojic's** clutch plays, **Pittis'** experience and **Nicola's** 3-pointers made the difference. Too many misses under the basket by Charleroi players (the best example is a dunk missed by **Roger Huggins** alone in a fast break) also allowed Treviso to always keep control of the game. Benetton Treviso young talents like Croatian shooter **Mario Stojic**, Slovenian forward **Nachbar** and Italian guard **Bulleri** are to be remembered. They are the future of European basketball. Score evolution in the second half: 36-41, 46-51, 58-62 and 76-83 (final score). On Charleroi's side, it was a good night especially for **Louis Rowe** but also from time to time for Belgo-Americans **John Jerome** and **Ron Ellis**, both always steadfast in their efforts.

Here are the major scorers in this month's game attended by Bert:

Spirou Charleroi: **Ellis** 11 pts, **Rowe** 26 pts, **Jerome** 12 pts, **Van de Vondel** --, **Huggins** 12 pts, **Stas** 5 pts, **Potter** 8 pts, **Engellant** 2 pts.

Benetton Treviso: **Nicola** 18 pts, **Stojic** 8 pts, **Pittis** 5 pts, **Marconato** 12 pts, **Bulleri** 17 pts, **Chikalkin** 4 pts, **Tomidy** --, **Nachbar** 12 pts, **Garbajosa** 7 pts.

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