

NEC CUP: FIRST DAY STANDINGS

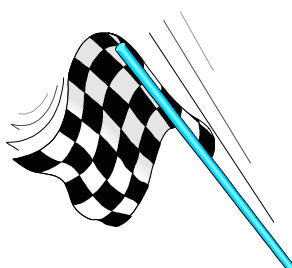
The rankings after the first three rounds of the NEC Cup are:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>VPs</u>
GREAT BRITAIN	69
JAPAN – PABF OPEN	57
CHINA	52
USA	50
JAPAN – TAKAYAMA	48
JAPAN – YAMADA	42
JAPAN – TATAI	41
JAPAN – PABF WOMEN	38
JAPAN – YOUTH	28
JAPAN – NAITO	21

GREAT BRITAIN scored THREE solid wins to lead the NEC CUP after the first day's play with 69 VPs. Some distance back is JAPAN – PABF OPEN with 57 VPs. Three other teams, CHINA, USA and JAPAN TAKAYAMA, are in a neck-and-neck struggle for third place, while JAPAN YAMADA, TATAI and PABF WOMEN are closely bunched not too far back in sixth through eighth places. JAPAN YOUTH, who played a tough match against your editors yesterday morning, are in ninth place and JAPAN NAITO is bringing up the rear but determined to make a better show of it today.

While some of the hands yesterday were challenging, the overall standard of play was quite high. For example, TATAI-HARA played a virtually error-free set against us in the second match yesterday, and are in seventh place. It would not be a stretch to say that any team in this field might beat any other in a head-to-head 20-board match.

We include for your interest in this and the next two issues, the datums for each match. As long as you remember the direction you played in, you will be able to see how you fared compared to your counterparts in that session. A table containing all of the head-to-head match results as well as the teams' VP totals and rankings can be found immediately before the datums.



MASAMURA-SAN TO THE RESCUE

Team USA was on the trail of the event leaders in Round 6 of Sunday evening's Flight A Ouchi Cup final, but they were having a tough time of it. After four of the six boards, they were trailing team Kanehara by 10 IMPs, 1 IMP to 11. Mark Itabashi's partner for the NEC Cup had not yet arrived from the US in time to play in the preliminary event and Nakatani-san, recruited Yuichi Masamura to play with Mark and round out team USA to six players. Mark and Yuichi filled out a convention card in some haste and fortunately discussed 1NT auctions where responder holds both minors and a good hand. Flash ahead to the penultimate board of the sixth match.

Bd: 13		North	
Dir: North		♠ 87532	
Vul: Both		♥ KJ987	
		♦ 92	
		♣ 3	
West		East	
♠ A64		♠ KQ	
♥ Q		♥ A54	
♦ KQ654		♦ 83	
♣ A976		♣ KQ10542	
		South	
		♠ J109	
		♥ 10632	
		♦ AJ107	
		♣ J8	
West	North	East	South
Masamura	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠(i)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥(ii)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣(iii)	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		
(i) Minor-suit Stayman			
(ii) Shortness; (iii) RKCB			

Mark opened a slightly sub-minimum strong notrump and, sensing bigger and better things, Yuichi bid 2♠, minor-suit Stayman. Mark was only too happy to bid his six-card club suit, the main reason for his 1NT opening, and Yuichi showed his heart shortness next. Mark, no shrinking violet he, cue-bid his spade control and Yuichi, remembering that four of the agreed minor was Roman Key Card Blackwood, made the bid that every bridge player lives for. When Mark showed two of the five key cards and the queen of trumps to go with his spade control, that was all Yuichi needed. His next call was slam.

With only the ♦A to lose there was nothing to the play. Mark drew trumps and claimed. When the opponents at the other table failed to reach slam, that was 12 IMPs to USA. USA added another 6 IMPs on a partscore hand on the final board of the set to win the match by 19-11 IMPs, 23-7 in VPs.

From there on everything came up roses. They won Match 7 handily and going into the final round, USA-Masamura sat in third place, 13 VPs behind the leaders, whom they were scheduled to play. When the fourth-place team defeated the second place team by a healthy margin, our heroes needed only a 5-IMP win to take over first place. This they did with

IMP to spare, as was reported in yesterday's Daily Bulletin.

Now, does anyone need a partner for the final weekend's pair games?

TEST YOUR SLAM BIDDING

Here are three pairs of hands from the first final session of the 1999 OUCHI CUP, adjusted for directions and perhaps for vulnerability. Ask your partner to examine the East hands and bid them for your pleasure. WARNING: All that glitters is not gold.

West Hands (East hands on PAGE 9)

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| (1) ♠ AQ852 ♥ 875 ♦ K102 ♣ K8 | S deals and passes; E/W vul; N overcalls 3♣ (PRE) |
| (2) ♠ AQJ954 ♥ — ♦ J52 ♣ A853 | S deals and opens 2♥ (♥+m weak); Both vul |
| (3) ♠ Q872 ♥ J8653 ♦ 2 ♣ K84 | S deals and opens 3♦; E/W vul |

THE NEC CUP: ROUND ONE

Bd: 1	North	
Dlr: North	♠ 10	
Vul: None	♥ J3	
	♦ KJ876	
	♣ KJ732	
West		East
♠ 965		♠ QJ2
♥ A107		♥ 8542
♦ Q532		♦ A94
♣ A96		♣ 1054
	South	
	♠ AK8743	
	♥ KQ96	
	♦ 10	
	♣ Q8	

Half the field reached game with the North-South cards. 3NT made three of the four times it was bid but 4♠ lost the obvious four tricks. This is not an easy combination to bid. After 1♠-1NT; 2♥, is there a call that stands out? We suspect that those who reached 3NT got there after North rebid 2NT, then 3NT over South's forcing 3♠. You can envision declarer misguessing the play in 3NT, but that won't always happen. Two Norths (Hirata and Nagasaka) passed 2♥ and saw their partners scramble nine tricks. Both of them gained on the deal. If not 2NT or pass with the North hand, what else? Perhaps a hopeful 2♠, rooting for partner to continue with a minor suit fragment or 2NT. In USA vs YOUTH, Harada, playing a strong club system, passed Kohno's limited 1♠ opening. Imaginative. Too imaginative, perhaps.

Only Paul Hackett/Brigitte Mavromichalis were permitted to play peacefully in 4♥ with the North/South cards. Everywhere else, East/West competed to at least 4♠. TATAI's Hirata/Shimizu bought it undoubled, down 100 against Nagasaka/Takano but they lost 5 imps when Hara went down in 5♥ (more on that later). YAMADA's Hirata/Shimizu (every team should have one) and Naito/Moriyama of NAITO took the money (300) against 4♠, but at the other tables, North/South went on to the five-level. You might feel that East/West should have been content to take their chances against 5♥, but Ohno/Yamada and Masamura/Furuta (perhaps one or two others) competed to 5♠ and went down 500. Shimamura/Fukuda tried 6♥ (we don't know whether they were pushed) against China's Liu/Zhang and went two down undoubled, a 14-imp loss when Fu/Ju made 5♥ doubled at the other table. Kohno was the other declarer to go down at 5♥, but the play was not straightforward.

Bd: 2	North	
Dlr: East	♠ Q7	
Vul: N/S	♥ J953	
	♦ 87532	
	♣ AQ	
West		East
♠ KJ8652		♠ A1043
♥ Q108		♥ 6
♦ K		♦ J10964
♣ J87		♣ 953
	South	
	♠ 9	
	♥ AK742	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ K10642	

If West leads a count spade or the position is otherwise clear, East might switch to a low diamond at trick two. Declarer will finesse and go down. Kohno had a chance after two rounds of spades. He ruffed and cashed two rounds of trumps, then the clubs, West following with the jack. Kohno exited with a heart, showing his hand, but West produced a surprise third club. Kohno was careful to ruff in dummy to take the diamond finesse, West genuflecting to show his appreciation.

The endplay was legitimate, however. Kohno had to cash only one trump, then the high clubs before crossing to the second trump. Now West can ruff in or not, but he will eventually be given the lead to concede a ruff-and-discard or lead a diamond.



"Exercise is vastly overrated!"

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ K62	
Vul: E/W	♥ Q10743	
	♦ A5	
	♣ K94	
West		East
♠ 875		♠ AQJ10943
♥ K		♥ J65
♦ KQ73		♦ 6
♣ Q7632		♣ 108
	South	
	♠ —	
	♥ A982	
	♦ J109842	
	♣ AJ5	

East/West have a vulnerable save of sorts against North/South's non-vulnerable 4♥, but the defenders can get a trump trick or a second heart for 500 if they start with ace and another heart, take their minor winners, and play a third heart. The only North/South pair to achieve this result was CHINA's Fu/Ju. Most Souths opened 1♦ and over North's 1♥, East had to choose between 1♠, 2♠, and 3♠; in our opinion only the last of these would convince West to bid 4♠, but we are more conservative than many of our colleagues. The pairs that took the push to 5♥ under pressure were Hackett/Mavromichalis and Shimamura/Fukuda. TAKAYAMA's Nagasaka/Takano had an accident and played in 6♣, four down, to turn over 12imps to TATAI.

At most tables, South declared 3♠ and made three or four, depending on whether West protected the correct red queen in the endgame. There were a few anomalies, however. Messrs Fu/Ju and Itabashi/Simpson played a heart partial and made it, the Chinese pairs accomplishing this from the South side. That seems somewhat bizarre, but Tatai/Hara reached 4♥ from the North side, two down (an 8-imp loss) and Mavromichalis/Hackett played 4♥ from the South side and made it (a 10-imp gain). Anyone who brings us the details will earn our special scout-of-the-day award.

Bd: 4	North	
Dlr: West	♠ 87	
Vul: Both	♥ 76432	
	♦ J963	
	♣ J9	
West		East
♠ A9		♠ QJ
♥ Q98		♥ J5
♦ Q42		♦ 10875
♣ 108653		♣ AKQ42
	South	
	♠ K1065432	
	♥ AK10	
	♦ AK	
	♣ 7	

Bd: 6	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 2	
Vul: E/W	♥ A1042	
	♦ AK	
	♣ A108763	
West		East
♠ AJ		♠ Q96543
♥ K9863		♥ J75
♦ QJ62		♦ 753
♣ Q4		♣ K
	South	
	♠ K1087	
	♥ Q	
	♦ 10984	
	♣ J952	

There was a swing in four of the five matches on this deal, usually where one North/South pair missed game, but GREAT BRITAIN gained 10imps when Mavromichalis/Hackett made 5♣ while Naito/Moriyama failed in 3NT by North, presumably on a heart lead; the defense can take two hearts, two spades, and a club.



"Does someone need a chiropractor?"



"I love this game, but it's sure hard on the neck."

Bd: 7	North
Dlr: South	♠ KQ643
Vul: Both	♥ AJ732
	♦ 4
	♣ 52
West	East
♠ 10872	♠ AJ95
♥ 864	♥ KQ
♦ 96	♦ Q753
♣ KQ86	♣ J93
	South
	♠ —
	♥ 1095
	♦ AKJ1082
	♣ A1074

GREAT BRITAIN was already ahead of NAITO 34-2, when Board 7 brought them another 13 imps. Naito/Moriyama went down in 3NT while Mavromichalis/Hackett were making 4♥ with an overtrick.

Only one pair (Harada/Kohno) stopped short of game with the North/South cards, and since anyone who tried 4♥ made it, they lost 9 imps against USA. It's all very nice to force to game with the North hand, but it's easy to envision going down opposite many minimum hands. This was the auction of Harada/Kohno...

West	North	East	South
Kokish	Harada	Colker	Kohno
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Harada had to bid 2♥, but when his partner showed a moderate six-four, he retreated

to the known long suit, hoping it was non-forcing. Kohno intended 3♥ as natural, but Harada might not have been sure about this because he passed without giving it much thought. This is a good deal for an artificial jump shift response of 2♥, showing at least five spades, at least four hearts, and invitational values. If South tries for game, he will get there once North shows a fifth heart. We suspect that all the pairs who reached game got there on momentum.

Bd: 9	North
Dlr: North	♠ AKJ74
Vul: E/W	♥ 6
	♦ Q92
	♣ 10863
West	East
♠ 5	♠ Q982
♥ QJ54	♥ AK10983
♦ 8763	♦ J
♣ J542	♣ Q9
	South
	♠ 1063
	♥ 72
	♦ AK1054
	♣ AK7

For most North/South pairs, this was a normal 4♠, which declarer can make whether East plays a forcing game or tries for a ruff (diamond lead, underlead in hearts). Only Tatai/Hara settled for plus 200 against 4♥ doubled, losing 6 imps in the process.

Most Norths opened 1♠, but a case could be made for a weak 2♣ or a pass. Consider this auction...

West	North	East	South
	1♠	2♥	3♦
4♥	?		

At our table, North raised to 5♦, which deprived his partner of the opportunity to support spades at the four-level. He survived this time when 5♦ made, but in a forcing auction, raising a minor to the five-level should suggest better playing strength than this and reason to believe that it won't be important to play in a major a level lower.



"Has he got a pulse?"



"When he gets out of the hospital, maybe we'd better not tell him he could have made it."

Bd: 10	North	
Dlr: East	♠ Q10983	
Vul: Both	♥ A6	
	♦ 104	
	♣ AQ85	
West		East
♠ AJ42		♠ K75
♥ 108532		♥ K94
♦ A63		♦ J87
♣ 2		♣ KJ94
	South	
	♠ 6	
	♥ QJ7	
	♦ KQ952	
	♣ 10763	

Where West opened 1♥ in third seat, his side usually bought the hand at 2♥ or 3♥ and made eight or nine tricks on friendly defense. If West passed instead, South generally played 1NT. After a heart lead, declarer might rise with the ace to pass the ♦10, after which it would be tough to beat him, but in practice, most declarers ducked to the king and won the second heart with the ace. A low diamond to the king, ducked, leaves declarer badly placed, and we know one declarer who went down 300 after this start. Say that declarer passes the ♦10 (it doesn't matter whether East covers). West takes the second diamond and must decide whether to clear hearts to establish his winners there. If he does, it's plus 90 for declarer. If he decides to try to keep declarer out of his hand, he might switch to his club, ducked to the jack. The cards are lying well for declarer on this line of defense and sooner or later, the defenders will have to capitulate. As long as declarer does the right thing in diamonds, he should be all right. GREAT BRITAIN won 10 imps on this deal. Sekizawa/Ohta played 2♦ down 300 on their three-three fit while the Hackett twins climbed to 3♥ and emerged plus 140. They led NAITO 57-4 after 10 deals. CHINA ran their lead to 40-0 over PABF WOMEN when Fu/Ju made 2♣ while Zhang/Liu made 2♥

with an overtrick for a 6-imp gain. There were significant swings in each of the other matches too. PABF OPEN gained 5 imps for making 1NT and 2♥, taking a 17-imp lead over YAMADA at the half. Both East/West pairs in TAKAYAMA vs TATAI declared a heart partial, but only Shimizu made his and TATAI gained 6 imps to take an 8-imp lead at the half. Both Souths declared 1NT in USA vs YOUTH, and Kohno managed three more tricks than his American counterpart for a 9-imp gain. USA led 30-15 at the half.

Bd: 11	North	
Dlr: South	♠ K632	
Vul: None	♥ AJ107	
	♦ 103	
	♣ K95	
West		East
♠ 10		♠ AJ85
♥ 84		♥ Q9632
♦ K642		♦ A5
♣ AQJ432		♣ 87
	South	
	♠ Q974	
	♥ K5	
	♦ QJ987	
	♣ 106	

There were many different contracts on this one. In USA vs YOUTH, Itabashi, North, was left to play in his 1♥ overcall, one down; minus 50. At the other table, where Harada did not come in over 1♣, Kohno doubled Colker's 1♥ response. That got the kids to 2♠ doubled, but since the double was "cards" and not pure penalty, Kokish pulled to 3♣ and the final contract was 3NT. Kohno, without much thought, found the interesting lead of the ♥K, and the defenders cleared the suit, but that gave Colker an easy ninth trick; plus 400. 8 imps to USA.

There was no swing in TAKAYAMA vs TATAI when both 4♣ and 3NT went down, or in CHINA vs PABF WOMEN when 3♣ made three while 3♠ went two down the other way. GREAT BRITAIN gained 2 imps when the twins made 2NT while 2♠ went one down at the other table.

The oddest results were in YAMADA vs PABF OPEN, where both North/South pairs finished in the unlikely contract of 2♦. Shimizu made it but Teramoto did not. 4 imps to OPEN. We shudder to think about how our heroes reached 2♦.



"Wait til he sees what I do next."



"17 down is 'Fujiyama.'"

Bd: 12	North	
Dlr: West	♠ 1042	
Vul: N/S	♥ A865	
	♦ A2	
	♣ 9765	
West		East
♠ A3		♠ J96
♥ 9		♥ K104
♦ 9863		♦ QJ1075
♣ AJ10832		♣ KQ
	South	
	♠ KQ875	
	♥ QJ732	
	♦ K4	
	♣ 4	

North/South are favorites to make 3♥ (only one pair in 3♥ went set) but East/West have some cards and a nice fit in the minors, and might overextend themselves. There were several successful East/West partials, although even 4♦ can be beaten, and one spectacular success — the Hackett twins bid and made 3NT. Liu/Zhang and Kokish/Colker conceded 300 in 5♦ doubled, losing 10 and 9 imps respectively (Kokish opened 1♣ and raised to 2♦). That was the first swing for PABF WOMEN against CHINA, making it 10-40.



"Die, you Mutant Ninja Turtles!"

East/West might compete to 4♠ over 4♥, but they won't enjoy it much. Particularly since 4♥ is touch-and-go and won't often be bid. In practice, one nameless declarer went down in 4♥, presumably when she used her entry to dummy to take the heart finesse rather than the club finesse (if there is a good story there, someone will surely tell us about it). Harada/Kohno were the only North/South pair to bid and make 4♥, bringing in 10 imps for YOUTH against USA.

Bd: 13	North	
Dlr: North	♠ J4	
Vul: Both	♥ AQJ983	
	♦ K8	
	♣ AQ7	
West		East
♠ AKQ10		♠ 8762
♥ 104		♥ K72
♦ 54		♦ QJ107
♣ K8652		♣ 94
	South	
	♠ 953	
	♥ 65	
	♦ A9632	
	♣ J103	

Bd: 15	North	
Dlr: South	♠ AQ1064	
Vul: N/S	♥ —	
	♦ KQ9752	
	♣ 43	
West		East
♠ KJ		♠ 97
♥ AKJ7		♥ 103
♦ AJ1083		♦ 64
♣ 86		♣ AKQJ1097
	South	
	♠ 8532	
	♥ Q986542	
	♦ —	
	♣ 52	

We would prefer not to say too much about this one, after playing the East/West cards in 2♠ after forgetting the system (2♠ over North's artificial 2♣ overcall of 1NT was supposed to show clubs, but West thought it was natural). Minus 200 wasn't very pretty, with West cold for at least ten tricks in notrump, but we entertained some hope before the comparison since it was possible to reach 5♣ or even 6♣ from the East side and go set, perhaps a lot on a crossruff. We didn't deserve to get lucky, of

course, and we didn't. Our teammates competed all the way to 5♠ with the North/South cards, and went down only one; minus 200. 9 imps (the hard way) to YOUTH, who took the lead 43-38.

TAKAYAMA gained 6 imps against TATAI when they collected 200 against 5♠ doubled in one room and 50 against East's 3NT in the other. You might wonder, as do we, why East was declarer in 3NT.

PABF WOMEN recorded a big gain against CHINA when Shimamura/Fukuda made 4♠ doubled to save their teammates minus 100 in 5♣ doubled. Note that the defenders can take two spades and all four of their trumps against this contract, and it doesn't seem so difficult to do this.

Hisatomi/Teramoto also made 4♠ doubled but their teammates beat it (the play is quite complicated, with East able to ruff up in front of dummy, but the timing figures to be important). PABF OPEN led YAMADA after this 14-imp pickup, 53-6.

Bd: 16	North
Dir: West	♠ A10
Vul: E/W	♥ 863
	♦ 6
	♣ AKJ8764
West	East
♠ K74	♠ 532
♥ A74	♥ K1092
♦ AK1097	♦ QJ82
♣ 52	♣ 109
	South
	♠ QJ986
	♥ QJ5
	♦ 543
	♣ Q3

The deal was almost tame in GREAT BRITAIN vs NAITO, where Sekizawa/Ohta were permitted to make 5♣ and the twins scored 490 in 3NT from the West side.

The normal contract was 3♣ by North, plus 130. In TAKAYAMA vs TATAI, however, the denomination in both rooms was notrump. Shimizu silenced everyone by opening 1NT with the West hand, and North cased out for two down; minus 200. At the other table, Tatai/Hara played in 3NT with the North/South cards, three down (don't ask how they got there); minus 150. 8 imps to TAKAYAMA, who claimed the lead in the tight match.

Bd: 18	North
Dir: East	♠ J653
Vul: N/S	♥ KJ
	♦ A1097
	♣ K73
West	East
♠ —	♠ AK74
♥ 76	♥ A1098532
♦ Q8532	♦ K6
♣ AJ10964	♣ —
	South
	♠ Q10982
	♥ Q4
	♦ J4
	♣ Q852

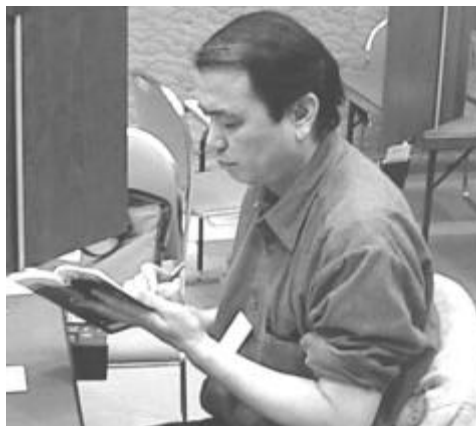
This was nearly everyone's 4♥ but there were two exceptions – Masamura/Furuta missed game for YOUTH, giving USA 6 imps, and Sekizawa/Ohta tried 6♥ for NAITO, handing GREAT BRITAIN another 11 imps when the slam had to fail.

Bd: 19	North
Dir: South	♠ Q10973
Vul: E/W	♥ K109
	♦ 53
	♣ 1092
West	East
♠ J82	♠ A64
♥ A	♥ J863
♦ AKQ6	♦ 10
♣ QJ543	♣ AK876
	South
	♠ K5
	♥ Q7542
	♦ J98742
	♣ —

7♣ is sensational for East/West. It is cold if trumps are two-one, but will make even with trumps three-zero if declarer can cash three diamonds and avoid an overruff. Imagine how Messrs Liu and Zhang must have felt when they went down in their solo grand slam. There was some consolation for them, however; their counterparts sold out to 3♥ at the other table and collected 100 points. CHINA lost only 5 imps to PABF WOMEN. Four other East/West pairs did not get to slam, with Masamura/Furuta doing worst, stopping at 3♣.



"I should have taken the Lakers."



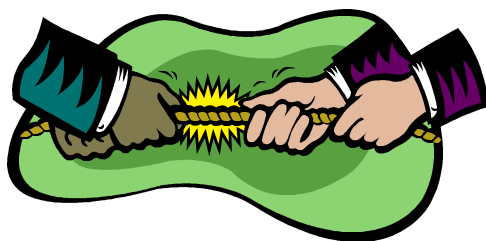
"An uninterrupted row of plus scores, the system is on a roll!"

Bd: 20	North
Dlr: West	♠ K1072
Vul: Both	♥ A876
	♦ A
	♣ J985
West	East
♠ A83	♠ 654
♥ QJ42	♥ K1095
♦ J8	♦ K97653
♣ AQ42	♣ —
	South
	♠ QJ9
	♥ 3
	♦ Q1042
	♣ K10763

The last deal of the match was a potential partscore battle, but in practice, East/West usually bought the auction low at 2♥ or 2♦. Higher contracts usually failed, including the 4♥ reached by YAMADA's Hirata/Shimizu (down 300). Itabashi/Simpson found 2♣ with the North/South cards and couldn't quite make it, but their teammates made 110 in 2♥ to halve the board.

The big East/West result was the plus 620 the Hackett twins scooped up in 4♥. A good thing too, because Papa Bear was down 200 in 4♠ (count 'em) at the other table.

The results in	VPs	IMPs
GREAT BRITAIN over NAITO	25-1	98-23
PABF OPEN over YAMADA	25-5	66-16
USA over PABF YOUTH	19-11	64-43
CHINA over PABF WOMEN	18-12	45-31
TAKAYAMA over TATAI	17-13	47-35



TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S SCHEDULES

Play will be held today and tomorrow on the fourth floor Pacifico, Rooms 415 (Open) and 416 (Closed). Two-hours and fifty-minutes are allotted for each 20-board match, with a one-hour-and-ten-minute lunch break. The Secretariat is in Room 417.

Times	TODAY/TOMORROW
10:00	MATCH FOUR/SEVEN
12:50	LUNCH BREAK
14:00	MATCH FIVE/EIGHT
17:10	MATCH SIX/NINE

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<http://www.jcbl.or.jp>

East Hands (West hands on PAGE 2)

- (1) ♠ K103 ♥ AQJ103 ♦ AJ74 ♣ 2 S deals and passes; E/W vulnerable; N overcalls 3♣ (PRE)
 (2) ♠ 7 ♥ A3 ♦ AKQ9763 ♣ 964 S deals and opens 2♥ (♥+m weak); Both vul; N bids 4♥
 (3) ♠ A5 ♥ AK1092 ♦ J ♣ AQ976 S deals and opens 3♦; E/W vul; N bids 5♦

NEC CUP: ROUND TWO

Bd: 1		North	
Dlr: North		♠ AKQJ3	
Vul: None		♥ Q10	
		♦ 10962	
		♣ 74	
West		East	
♠ 52		♠ 874	
♥ J73		♥ A852	
♦ AQJ4		♦ K85	
♣ K962		♣ AQ10	
		South	
		♠ 1096	
		♥ K964	
		♦ 73	
		♣ J853	

Round 2 began with a tricky partscore deal. I don't know what your proclivities are, but when I held the East hand I thought it too good to pass North's 1♠ opening. With a full opening bid in high-cards, all of which were in the three other suits, and support for anything partner might bid, I opted to double. South raised to 2♠ and Kokish-san (West – he always sits West) made a responsive double, launching us into our first scramble auction of the tournament. I tried 2NT, which we've both agreed to play as "bid something intelligent for a change" and Eric chose 3♣, which ended the auction.

North started with three top spades, Eric pitching a heart on the third, and North switched to the ♥Q. Eric rose with the ace and played ace, queen and a third club, South following low with no apparent concern. Eric shot him a quick glance out of the corner of his eyes and, after a

long study and several questions, followed low. A diamond to his hand allowed him to draw the last trump and four more diamond tricks brought our trick total to nine. At the other table our teammates defeated 3♥ one trick, so our plus 110 was worth 4 imps. Only one other East/West pair went plus on this board, so we were off to a good start.

Bd: 2		North	
Dlr: East		♠ J93	
Vul: N/S		♥ KJ865	
		♦ J7	
		♣ Q98	
West		East	
♠ K75		♠ A104	
♥ Q9		♥ 74	
♦ 106		♦ A9843	
♣ AJ10543		♣ K62	
		South	
		♠ Q862	
		♥ A1032	
		♦ KQ52	
		♣ 7	

There were plenty of fireworks on Board 2. If East opens the bidding (which I did), it may be hard to stay out of game (which we did). In fact, 3NT was a very popular contract, with half of the East/West pairs ending up there. Two of those five were doubled, both scoring up plus 550, while the three who weren't doubled all went down between two and four tricks. The real question is, how did two doubled declarers guess the clubs?

Kokish-san and I were sitting pretty in 3♣ – for a brief moment – until *someone* couldn't stand to go plus and tried for game by bidding his spade stopper. His level-headed partner signed off in 4♣ and if *someone* had guessed the ♣Q we'd have been plus 130. Alas, minus 50 was

our destiny. But our teammates were one of the pairs to beat 3NT four tricks, so we picked up another 4 imps.

On Board 3 East/West have ten tricks available in 4♥. The only catch is that North/South have five tricks to cash on defense – if they can find them. One East/West pair went plus 620 (the Hackett twins – who else), while Takahashi-Yamada served up minus 200 in the same contract. At our table Hara (South) opened 1♣ (artificial) and Tatai bid 1♠ on his honorable three-card suit. I tried 1NT and South raised to 2♠. Alas, that was too high for Kokish-san and when trumps proved to be three-three it made with an

Bd: 3		North	
Dlr: South		♠ AQ2	
Vul: E/W		♥ 1053	
		♦ 1063	
		♣ J1097	
West		East	
♠ 1085		♠ J43	
♥ 98762		♥ AKQ	
♦ AJ2		♦ KQ875	
♣ 53		♣ Q2	
		South	
		♠ K976	
		♥ J4	
		♦ 94	
		♣ AK864	

overtrick. When our teammates went down four (minus 200) in 1NT on the North/South cards, back went our 8 imps to the TATAI team.

Bd: 10	North	
Dir: East	♠ 62	
Vul: Both	♥ 8764	
	♦ 987	
	♣ J874	
West		East
♠ 73		♠ J10954
♥ AQ		♥ 2
♦ KJ10652		♦ A3
♣ Q93		♣ AK1062
	South	
	♠ AKQ8	
	♥ KJ10953	
	♦ Q4	
	♣ 5	

After East opens 1♠, 3NT from the West side will usually end up with thirteen tricks – unless South doubles for a spade lead, in which case North/South can go minus 950 instead of 720. But what they don't want us to tell you is that there are some more creative ways to go minus odd numbers on this deal.

Take, for example, the pair who played 4♥ – in the East/West direction! And if that isn't perplexing enough, East was the declarer. Poor South got endplayed and had to concede a spade trick to East in the endgame, so East only went for minus 400. At the other table North/South found the good save in 4♥ doubled for only 500, but that was the same 14 imps that minus 500 in 4♥ would have cost. Oh well.

In another match East declared 4♠ (that's right, 4♠!) and went for the same 400 as our intrepid declarer in 4♥. Their North/South teammates also found the good 4♥ save so they lost 14 imps as well. Wild horses couldn't drag the names of these players from our lips, but maybe, just maybe, for a price...

Bd: 11	North	
Dir: South	♠ K107	
Vul: None	♥ 10432	
	♦ QJ5	
	♣ Q54	
West		East
♠ A3		♠ QJ65
♥ QJ8		♥ A
♦ A10643		♦ K987
♣ J102		♣ K987
	South	
	♠ 9842	
	♥ K9765	
	♦ 2	
	♣ A63	

5♦ and 3NT were the popular contracts on this one, with the former a much better bet than the latter, with West declarer.

3NT goes down on a heart lead because declarer has to lose the lead twice. If you had to guess who made 3NT, you would bet heavily on the word "twins." Perhaps they were just unlucky that Akama/Furuta reached 5♦ at the other table to hold the YOUTH loss to just 1 imp. It was 43-1 for GREAT BRITAIN at that point, so perhaps luck had nothing to do with it.

Liu/Zhang for CHINA also made 3NT while Kaz Yamada/ Takahashi went down in the same contract in the other room, so CHINA gained 10 imps to take the lead, 19-18.

The play in 5♦ is interesting. On a heart lead, declarer wins, plays king and ace of trumps, and runs the jack of clubs. When South takes the ace he switches to a spade but declarer gets home by rejecting the finesse to play on clubs, discarding his spade loser on the fourth club as North ruffs in (or not).



"A little lower and to the left, Dawei"



"I'm not playing a card till I'm done."

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ AK87		
Vul: N/S	♥ 85		
	♦ A742		
	♣ K72		
West		East	
♠ 1052		♠ QJ643	
♥ AJ2		♥ Q107	
♦ 8		♦ 1095	
♣ A108654		♣ 93	
	South		
	♠ 9		
	♥ K9643		
	♦ KQJ63		
	♣ QJ		

On the very next deal, 5♦ and 3NT were again the two contracts of choice, but this time 3NT was laydown while 5♦ had no play. The board was flat at plus 600 in our match and also in PABF OPEN vs NAITO, but Mizuta/Tanaka gained 12 imps for TAKAYAMA by finding the right game where Shimamura/Fukuda did not. Kohno/Harada stopped in 4♦ while Mavromichalis/Hackett played 3NT, so that was 10 imps more to GREAT BRITAIN, building their lead over YOUTH to 52 imps. In CHINA vs YAMADA, Akihiko Yamada/Ohno outbid Fu/Ju in the game zone, and gained 12 imps to move back in front in the match.

Very early in our match, it became apparent that Hara/Tatai were marching to the beat of a drum we hadn't heard before, but apart from their homegrown system (which they employed to excellent effect

throughout the match), they often exhibited some unusual judgment. Take Board 12, for example. After 1♣ by West (a little light, perhaps) -Pass-1♠, South has the other two suits. He could show them with a takeout double, or perhaps with some two-suited device, or he could bid hearts and hope to show diamonds later. Hara preferred a 2♦ overcall and nothing bad happened to him. Tatai jumped to 3NT over West's support double, and that was that.

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ J10		
Vul: Both	♥ AJ5		
	♦ K83		
	♣ A7653		
West		East	
♠ A87652		♠ K4	
♥ 9		♥ K8763	
♦ J965		♦ 107	
♣ Q9		♣ KJ42	
	South		
	♠ Q93		
	♥ Q1042		
	♦ AQ42		
	♣ 108		

This was the auction at our table:

West	North	East	South
Kokish	Tatai	Colker	Hara
	1♦*	1♥	Dble*
1♠	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble*
All Pass			

1♦ showed a weak notrump, the first double enough to offer a play for 1NT, fewer than four spades, the second double an extra queen. Tatai led a trump, which ran to the ace. Declarer led the ♣9, ducked by North. A second club went to the queen and ace, and North returned a club, declarer ruffing to lead to the ♠K to play the master club. South ruffed and declarer discarded his heart, planning to make his contract when South had the ♥A

(indeed, not playing a heart up was part of this vision of the layout). South played a heart and declarer could not take a diamond trick in time. One down; minus 200. Tiger bridge. Had declarer led a heart at trick two, it might seem that he could get home, but that is not so. Say that North wins the ace and plays ♦K, diamond to the ace. Now a club to the ace and a third diamond. If dummy ruffs, South gets two trump tricks. If declarer discards he loses a third diamond immediately, and the fourth diamond permits North to uppercut with the ♠10. Declarer actually goes two down. Two declarers in 3♠ took eight tricks. We might be willing to hear how they did that well...perhaps tomorrow.



Bd: 14	North		
Dir: East	♠ Q98		
Vul: None	♥ A5		
	♦ KQJ75		
	♣ A104		
West		East	
♠ 432		♠ AJ1065	
♥ QJ982		♥ K7	
♦ 1082		♦ A3	
♣ 92		♣ QJ65	
	South		
	♠ K7		
	♥ 10643		
	♦ 964		
	♣ K873		

This looks like a diamond or notrump partial, North/South, or perhaps a touch-and go 2♠ for East/West, and there were a few of those results lurking. But try to beat North in 3NT. We didn't, after a low club lead, declarer ducked East's heart switch and that was that. We lost 10 imps to TATAI when our teammates went down in 3♦. That tied the match at 23. Naito/Moriyama also bid and made 3NT against Hisatomi/Teramoto to gain 6 imps. If East leads a middle spade, declarer wins the king and knocks out the ♦A. East switches to the ♥K, ducked, and exits with a heart. The fifth diamond forces East to part with a club or blank the ♠A, and declarer must come to a ninth trick. Bidding it is more than half the fun.

As if we weren't even there.

West	North	East	South
Kokish	Tatai	Colker	Hara
		1♠	Pass
1NT*	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Bd: 15	North		
Dir: South	♠ KQ10632		
Vul: N/S	♥ 864		
	♦ 1053		
	♣ 8		
West		East	
♠ 97		♠ J84	
♥ K532		♥ AQJ109	
♦ 72		♦ 84	
♣ J10963		♣ K42	
	South		
	♠ A5		
	♥ 7		
	♦ AKQJ96		
	♣ AQ75		
West	North	East	South
Kokish	Tatai	Colker	Hara
			2♣*
Pass	2♦*	2♥	3♦
5♥	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Shimizu	Capp	Hirata	Lipscomb
			1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Perhaps Hara/Tatai would have bid their slam if some of us hadn't been so busy, but as it went they were effectively pushed into it. Tatai, who showed 0/1 control with 2♦, had to have very good spades to bid them at the five-level, so Hara's decision to bid slam was very reasonable. 13 imps to TATAI, untying the match. Only two other pairs reached slam with the North/South cards, and they had the bad luck to do it in the same match. Well done by Fu/Ju and Yamada/Ohno.



The James Dean look

Bd: 16	North
Dlr: W	♠ K
Vul: E/W	♥ Q53
	♦ K10652
	♣ 10653
West	East
♠ 10986	♠ AJ53
♥ 10987	♥ AK2
♦ 93	♦ A8
♣ J87	♣ AK92
	South
	♠ Q742
	♥ J64
	♦ QJ74
	♣ Q4

For once, Hara demonstrated some mortal qualities by leading a spade against 2NT. Somewhere along the way everyone threw a heart and Colker-san took 11 tricks in notrump for the only East/West plus across the field. 7 imps back.

Bd: 17	North
Dlr: North	♠ Q987
Vul: None	♥ Q9
	♦ A6
	♣ QJ763
West	East
♠ 42	♠ AJ106
♥ K1083	♥ J654
♦ QJ102	♦ K94
♣ A84	♣ K5
	South
	♠ K53
	♥ A72
	♦ 8753
	♣ 1092

Left to themselves, East/West might reach 3♥ or even 4♥ (two pairs did) but in our match Tatai's 8-11 HCP with the North hand shut everyone out. Down 50, but 3 imps to TATAI when Hirata/Shimizu returned with plus 140. Nickels and dimes. Not to mention chunks of yen.

The big result on this deal was the plus 500 achieved by Hisatomi/Teramoto after doubling Naito/Moriyama in 1NT. PABF OPEN led that one by 23 imps.

Bd: 18	North
Dlr: East	♠ AQJ63
Vul: N/S	♥ K
	♦ K84
	♣ 9652
West	East
♠ 87	♠ —
♥ A7643	♥ J985
♦ Q102	♦ J973
♣ A87	♣ KQJ103
	South
	♠ K109542
	♥ Q102
	♦ A65
	♣ 4

4♠ is the normal contract, but East/West have a fine save at 5♥ doubled if North/South let them play there. Ohno/Nishida for PABF WOMEN were the only pair to record minus 300. Akihiko Yamada/Ohno and Cappelletti/Lipscomb were pushed to 5♠ by Liu/Zhang and Hirata/Shimizu (TATAI) respectively. Ino/Chen missed game for PABF OPEN, giving NAITO 10 imps to tighten up that match.

Bd: 19	North
Dlr: South	♠ A4
Vul: E/W	♥ A763
	♦ J10862
	♣ Q4
West	East
♠ KQ5	♠ J107632
♥ 852	♥ KJ9
♦ Q	♦ 94
♣ AKJ873	♣ 65
	South
	♠ 98
	♥ Q104
	♦ AK753
	♣ 1092

North/South can make 3♦, and several pairs did that. East/West can make a partial in clubs or spades, and a few pairs managed that. In our match, both East/Wests took a shot at 4♠, not unreasonably. South led a high diamond and switched to a heart, and two rounds of hearts set the contract. Cappelletti/Lipscomb brought in 3 imps by doubling. Takayama/Koboyashi showed that they are not to be trifled with by buying the auction at 5♠ doubled, where they were lucky to get out for minus 200, a 2-imp loss against their teammates' miraculous plus 130 in 4♦.

Bd: 20	North	
Dir: West	♠ K9	
Vul: Both	♥ QJ1096	
	♦ Q84	
	♣ KJ5	
West		East
♠ A7532		♠ QJ108
♥ 8		♥ A74
♦ AJ63		♦ 972
♣ A94		♣ Q32
	South	
	♠ 64	
	♥ K532	
	♦ K105	
	♣ 10876	

Kaz Yamada and Shimizu (TATAI) were the only declarers to take ten tricks in spades, but they were in 2♠. Hisatomi/Teramoto also stopped in 2♠, but everyone else tried 4♠ and failed, creating a few closing swings for dessert. 4♠ is reasonable enough, vulnerable. Declarer needs the spade finesse and either the ♣K inside, or two diamond tricks with the defenders unable to attack clubs effectively (West's nine is significant).

The results in	VPs	IMPs
GREAT BRITAIN over YOUTH	24-6	56-9
TATAI over USA	18-12	46-33
PABF OPEN over NAITO	18-12	47-34
YAMADA over CHINA	18-12	47-33
TAKAYAMA over PABF WOMEN	15-15	37-35

NEC CUP: ROUND THREE

We're running on adrenaline alone here as we approach the midnight hour, so we can't promise complete coverage of this match in this issue of the Bulletin. If we should fall by the wayside before finishing our survey, catch us Wednesday morning for the thrilling conclusion. Meanwhile, let's start with the scores:

	VP	IMPs
CHINA over NAITO	22-8	(56-23)
GREAT BRITAIN over TATAI	20-10	(46-21)
USA over PABF WOMEN	19-11	(45-24)
YAMADA over YOUTH	19-11	(57-38)
TAKAYAMA over PABF OPEN	16-14	(39-36)

Bd: 1	North	
Dir: North	♠ 1076	
Vul: None	♥ Q97	
	♦ KJ752	
	♣ Q5	
West		East
♠ AKQJ		♠ 9854
♥ 63		♥ 52
♦ A864		♦ Q1093
♣ K96		♣ A43
	South	
	♠ 32	
	♥ AKJ1084	
	♦ —	
	♣ J10872	

What would you open with the South hand after two passes? You could make a case for 1♥, 4♥, and even for the numbers in-between. At least in certain circles. West will double each of those bids for takeout and East will usually bid spades; he might pass a double of 4♥. There are only nine tricks available in spades even if South does not get any diamond ruffs (the second will eventually deprive the defense of its club trick if declarer can strip North of exit cards before endplaying him with the fourth diamond) and both Liu/Zhang and the Hackett twins did well to go plus in a spade partial. Three North/South pairs were doubled in 4♥, down 100. Hackett/Armstrong went on to 5♥ and conceded 300. The best East/West result was turned in by Ohno/Nishida for PABF WOMEN, who made 4♠ against USA on the lead of the ♥A (we'll try to find out how) to gain 8 imps.

Bd: 2	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 104	
Vul: N/S	♥ K43	
	♦ 753	
	♣ Q10854	
West		East
♠ 8		♠ KJ973
♥ AJ106		♥ 75
♦ QJ1098		♦ K642
♣ AJ2		♣ K6
	South	
	♠ AQ652	
	♥ Q982	
	♦ A	
	♣ 973	

If your partner doubled 1♠ for takeout, would you pass for penalty with the East hand? We confess that we would not, but those who did fared quite well when South did not try to improve the contract. Both Itabashi and Michiko Ohno did so in USA vs PABF WOMEN. Simpson led the textbook ♠8 and got 500. Nishida led the ♦Q and got only 200. Masamura also passed the double and got 200 for YOUTH against YAMADA. Two East/West pairs bid and made 3NT. The twins, of course, and also Miyakuni/Imakura, gaining 7 imps each.

Bd: 3	North	
Dlr: South	♠ K842	
Vul: E/W	♥ K98	
	♦ Q82	
	♣ K96	
West		East
♠ A10976		♠ Q
♥ 4		♥ A765
♦ AK1053		♦ J764
♣ AQ		♣ J732
	South	
	♠ J53	
	♥ QJ1032	
	♦ 9	
	♣ 10854	

Everyone played this one in diamonds, the popular level being five, which should be made on straightforward play. Nishida (PABF WOMEN) and Shimizu (TATAI) went down in game, however, while the twins and Mizuta/Tanaka (TAKAYAMA) went down in the fair slam. That was particularly bad luck for TAKAYAMA because Miyakuni/Imakura had stopped at 2♦ (making six on a club lead) for PABF OPEN at the other table. A remarkable 7 imps to PABF OPEN.

Bd: 6	North	
Dlr: East	♠ 107532	
Vul: E/W	♥ QJ6	
	♦ 1052	
	♣ 103	
West		East
♠ AK9		♠ Q6
♥ AK8732		♥ 954
♦ 64		♦ KJ83
♣ Q9		♣ 8642
	South	
	♠ J84	
	♥ 10	
	♦ AQ97	
	♣ AKJ75	

4♥ isn't much of a contract, but with a diamond honor right, trumps two-two, and no promotion in clubs, it would have had a chance. Here Ohta/Sekizawa (NAITO) were down 500 in 4♥ doubled against Fu/Ju and Akama/Masamaru were down 300, undoubled, against YAMADA's Hirata/Shimizu, North making both trump honors on overruffs. Liu/Zhang did very well to stop in 2♥ and make it, giving CHINA 12 imps on a deal that has the look of an innocent partscore. Takahashi/Kaz Yamada added plus 110 to their teammates' plus 300 for a 9-imp YAMADA gain against YOUTH.



"Hasta la vista, baby."

The 4th NEC CUP Qualifying

TEAMS	Rank	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. GREAT BRITAIN	1	69		25				24				20
2. NAITO	10	21	1		8					12		
3. CHINA	3	52		22		18			12			
4. PABF WOMEN	8	38			12		11				15	
5. USA	4	50				19		19				12
6. YOUTH	9	28	6				11		11			
7. YAMADA	6	42			18			19		5		
8. PABF OPEN	2	57		18					25		14	
9. TAKAYAMA	5	48				15				16		17
10. TATAI	7	41	10				18				13	

DATUM

Round 1

No	DATUM	GR. BRITAIN		NAITO		CHINA		PABF WOMEN		USA		PABF YOUTH		YAMADA		PABF OPEN		TAKAYAMA		TATAI	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
1	180	6	1	-1	-6	6	6	-6	-6	6	1	-1	-6	-1	6	-6	1	-1	2	-2	1
2	270	9	-1	1	-9	11	10	-10	-11	6	9	-9	-6	1	-6	6	-1	-5	9	-9	5
3	400	2	-2	2	-2	3	-2	2	-3	-5	-2	2	5	-5	-2	2	5	-12	-2	2	12
4	150	10	0	0	-10	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	8	-8	0
5	-440	-1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	1	1
6	310	3	8	-8	-3	3	4	-4	-3	3	-3	3	-3	-4	-3	3	4	-4	-3	3	4
7	580	2	12	-12	-2	2	-1	1	-2	1	9	-9	-1	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2
8	-420	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0
9	440	0	-4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1	0	6	-6	0
10	-20	8	3	-3	-8	3	3	-3	-3	-7	-3	3	7	-3	-3	3	3	-3	-3	3	3
11	-50	0	2	-2	0	-2	2	-2	2	0	8	-8	0	0	-4	4	0	3	-3	3	-3
12	30	-4	10	-10	4	-4	-7	7	4	-4	-7	7	4	1	-4	4	-1	3	4	-4	-3
13	180	0	7	-7	0	-1	0	0	1	-1	-10	10	1	1	0	0	-1	3	0	0	-3
14	380	-7	-7	7	7	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-7	-2	2	7	2	5	-5	-2
15	20	-9	11	-11	9	2	-13	13	-2	-6	-5	5	6	-6	-13	13	6	-6	-1	1	6
16	100	-5	-1	1	5	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	3	6	-6	-3
17	120	2	1	-1	-2	-1	-2	2	1	1	5	-5	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	2	-2	-1
18	-420	10	1	-1	-10	-1	1	-1	1	6	1	-1	-6	-2	1	-1	2	-1	1	-1	1
19	-780	4	-4	4	-4	12	-13	13	-12	12	11	-11	-12	-12	-4	4	12	-11	11	-11	11
20	-100	-3	11	-11	3	5	0	0	-5	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	-9	-1	0	0	1
IMP +		56	67	19	29	51	27	41	9	38	46	33	23	16	9	46	41	17	54	15	45
IMP -		29	19	67	56	9	41	27	51	23	33	46	38	41	46	9	16	45	15	54	17

Round 2

No	DATUM	GR. BRITAIN		NAITO		CHINA		PABF WOMEN		USA		PABF YOUTH		YAMADA		PABF OPEN		TAKAYAMA		TATAI	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
1	30	1	-1	-4	-1	-2	-2	2	-1	1	4	1	-1	2	2	1	4	1	-2	-4	-1
2	0	5	3	2	-3	-11	-4	4	11	5	-2	-3	-5	4	11	3	-2	-11	-4	2	-5
3	-40	-4	11	4	2	6	-4	-4	0	-4	-5	-11	4	4	-6	-2	-4	0	4	5	4
4	630	0	12	1	-1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-12	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2
5	-170	0	-1	-1	6	0	0	-1	0	0	-2	1	0	0	0	-6	1	0	1	2	0
6	430	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	1400	1	1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-2
8	0	-9	10	2	-3	2	-3	2	-2	2	-2	-10	9	3	-2	3	-2	2	-2	2	-2
9	-90	3	2	0	0	5	-3	-2	0	-1	2	-2	-3	3	-5	0	0	0	2	-2	1
10	-420	6	2	-2	-13	-6	7	-2	-13	-7	7	-2	-6	-7	6	13	2	13	2	-7	7
11	-170	-6	6	-6	-8	6	6	6	-6	7	6	-6	6	-6	-6	8	6	6	-6	-6	-7
12	450	4	8	4	-4	-11	-4	-11	-4	4	-4	-8	-4	4	11	4	-4	4	11	4	-4
13	30	3	-3	2	4	2	6	-4	4	3	-5	3	-3	-6	-2	-4	-2	-4	4	5	-3
14	150	-1	-2	6	0	-1	-1	-5	3	-5	-7	2	1	1	1	0	-6	-3	5	7	5
15	820	-5	5	-5	4	11	-11	-5	5	-5	-12	-5	5	11	-11	-4	5	-5	5	12	5
16	130	-1	1	-1	-2	-1	-2	2	1	-1	8	-1	1	2	1	2	1	-1	-2	-8	1
17	-100	-2	1	-9	0	-1	-4	5	1	-1	-2	-1	2	4	1	0	9	-1	-5	2	1
18	610	1	-1	1	9	1	-1	1	7	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-9	-1	-7	-1	1	-1
19	90	-6	0	1	-1	1	6	3	-1	3	0	0	6	-6	-1	1	-1	1	-3	0	-3
20	10	5	-3	-4	4	-5	-3	3	-3	-5	-3	3	-5	3	5	-4	4	3	-3	3	5
IMP +		29	62	24	30	35	26	29	32	30	27	11	34	42	39	36	32	31	35	47	29
IMP -		34	11	32	36	39	42	35	31	29	47	62	29	26	35	30	24	32	29	27	30

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No	DATUM	GR. BRITAIN		NAITO		CHINA		PABF WOMEN		USA		PABF YOUTH		YAMADA		PABF OPEN		TAKAYAMA		TATAI	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
1	-100	-5	2	-1	-4	4	1	0	8	-8	0	0	-4	4	0	0	-5	5	0	-2	5
2	-220	4	5	2	-2	2	-2	-7	-1	1	7	3	-1	1	-3	2	5	-5	-2	-5	-4
3	-290	9	-9	-7	8	-8	7	-8	-9	9	8	-7	7	-7	7	9	-3	3	-9	9	-9
4	120	2	1	-1	-2	2	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	6	-6	-1	-1	0	0	1	-1	-2
5	-460	-1	1	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1
6	80	-5	-1	-5	-9	9	5	1	-3	3	-1	-5	-6	6	5	-4	-3	3	4	1	5
7	-530	12	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	12	3	-3	-12	-3	3	-3	3	-3	-12
8	30	1	-1	1	-9	9	-1	-4	-2	2	4	-2	2	-2	2	-3	-3	3	3	1	-1
9	290	-8	-3	-9	8	-8	9	3	-3	3	-3	4	-4	4	-4	3	-3	3	-3	3	8
10	50	11	-10	2	4	-4	-2	-4	4	-4	4	2	-2	2	-2	-8	4	-4	8	10	-11
11	-260	-6	8	-4	4	-4	4	7	-7	7	-7	3	-4	4	-3	4	4	-4	-4	-8	6
12	-40	4	2	-4	-5	5	4	3	3	-3	-3	3	13	-13	-3	3	3	-3	-3	-2	-4
13	-610	-1	1	7	1	-1	-7	-2	1	-1	2	-11	-12	12	11	0	1	-1	0	-1	1
14	-420	0	0	1	0	0	-1	1	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	560	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	-12	12	-12	12	3	-3
16	-120	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	-14	1	-1	14	6	0	0	-6	-1	-1	1	1	0	0
17	380	-7	7	-5	-7	7	5	3	-2	2	-3	1	-3	3	-1	2	-2	2	-2	-7	7
18	-310	-6	5	3	5	-5	-3	9	-3	3	-9	-6	-10	10	6	-5	-5	5	5	-5	6
19	-40	4	2	-3	-6	6	3	-3	2	-2	3	-2	-4	4	2	4	6	-6	-4	-2	-4
20	-70	5	2	-2	1	-1	2	-2	2	-2	2	-4	-5	5	4	-1	-5	5	1	-2	-5
IMP +		55	39	20	35	48	44	30	25	34	48	38	31	58	37	27	38	30	38	27	39
IMP -		39	27	44	48	35	20	48	34	25	30	37	58	31	38	38	30	38	27	39	55