

## FINAL FOR WOMEN'S EVENT SCHEDULED

In the Captains' Meeting yesterday morning, the Women's team captains voted to schedule a final for the Women's event. The 48-board Women's Final (64 boards, if the two teams agree) will be held on Saturday, May 23 concurrent with sessions 2, 3 and 4 of the Open Semi-Finals (and session 1 of the Open Final — if 64 boards are played).



## MESSAGE FROM THE WBF

Delivered by Mazhar Jafri, WBF Vice President

On behalf of the World Bridge Federation, President Josè Damiani and on my own behalf, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all attending and participating in these 38<sup>th</sup> Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Championships which are just about to be staged here in this beautiful reconstructed city of Kobe.

The WBF President, who was unable to be here personally, has asked me to deputize him in conveying his sincere feelings and best wishes for the success of these Championships to PABF and JCBL.

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## PABF SCHEDULE/TIMES

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	May 16	11:30-14:30	1 <sup>st</sup> RR Match 3 (O,L) 1 (Y)
		15:00-18:00	1 <sup>st</sup> RR Match 4 (O,L) 2 (Y)
		20:00-23:00	1 <sup>st</sup> RR Match 5 (O,L) 3 (Y)
		11:30-18:30	Rokko Island Cup (Open Pairs)
Sunday	May 17	11:30-14:30	1 <sup>st</sup> RR Match 6 (O,L) 4 (Y)
		15:00-18:00	1 <sup>st</sup> RR Match 7 (O,L) 5 (Y)
		20:00-23:00	1 <sup>st</sup> RR Match 8 (O); 2 <sup>nd</sup> RR Match 1 (L)
		11:30-18:30	Kobe Cup (Open Teams)

O=Open; L=Ladies; Y=Youth

# PLAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Indonesian Women's NPC:

**Mrs. Dora Sumitro** is the Indonesian Women's NPC.

## Indonesian Women — System Changes:

**Sarce Pontoh** and **Winda Sumenge** are changing their count signals on declarer's lead from standard to upside-down.

**Elita Sofyan** and **Irne Korengkeng** have made the following changes:

Bid	Before Change	After Change
2NT-3♠	Puppet to 3NT	ASKs minor-suit distribution. Responses: 3NT=no 4-card m; 4m=4+-card m; 4M=4-4 m's, 3-card M
2♣-2♦ 2NT-3♣	Walsh relay	3♣=Romex. Opener's rebids same as opening 2NT-3♣

## Indonesian Youth — Player Substitution:

**Melky Ligou** and **Marzel Kairupan** have been replaced by **Martin Tjioe** and **Gandhi Kurnia**. The new pair are registered as alternate players and play a natural system.

## Indonesian Youth — System Change:

**Leslie Gontha** and **Denis Adrian** play Precision ♣. They have made the following changes:

Bid	Before Change	After Change
Opening 2NT	BAL 22-23 HCP	PRE 3m, bad suit
Opening 3m	NAT, PRE	NAT, PRE, good suit

BAL hand structure: 15-17, 18-20, 21-23, 24+ HCP

## MESSAGE FROM THE WBF *(from page 1)*

In recent times, the continued success of Zone 6, particularly the emergence of China in a big way at the international bridge scene, has impressed WBF the most. The teams from this rapidly growing Zone are going from strength to strength. It is, indeed, remarkable that teams from Zone 6 have, for the last two years running, won silver medals at two most prestigious of the World Championships.

It is especially gratifying that these Championships are being hosted and organized by Japan Contract Bridge League, which has, on many occasions — in the past — particularly the 1991 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup World Championships, amply demonstrated its expertise and technical excellence in holding high-ranking international bridge events. I have no doubt that these Championships will be an outstanding success. Once again, heartiest congratulations to President Kensuke Yanagiya and his dedicated team of JCBL organizers!



Finally, it remains for me to say that in high-ranking bridge tournaments, like these PABF Championships, we should have two goals. The first is excellence in organization, in the standard of the game and in the standard of ethics and deportment. The second is enjoyment of camaraderie of bridge. These Championships, I am sure, will go a long way in helping to attain both these goals.

Good luck to you all!

Mazhar Jafri, WBF Vice President

# RR 1— MATCH 1: IN BRIEF

## Open Event:

Match 1 was a wild affair, with few push boards in most of the (five) contests. In home-country **Japan** versus powerhouse **Indonesia** there were six double-digit swings (in 20 boards). Although each team won three of the swings, all of Indonesia's gains were a bit larger than any of Japan's. This accounted for 8 of Indonesia's 9-IMP (53-44) final margin of victory; 17-13 in VPs. None of the other matches were as close. **Malaysia** won three of the four double-digit swings in their contest against **New Zealand**, accounting for their 19-IMP victory (56-37); 19-11 in VPs. **Hong Kong** won their battle of double-digit swings against **Australia** only three to two, but picked up seven of the nine single-digit swings to score a 24 IMP victory (58-34); 20-10 in VPs. The **Philippines** versus **Macau** contest saw swings on all but a single board, with The Philippines emerging holding a five to two edge in double-digit swings as well as a slight edge in the single-digit category. That was The Philippines' 29-IMP (85-56) margin of victory; 21-9 in VPs. Finally, **Chinese Taipei** won a one-sided match against traditional rival **Singapore**, picking up IMPs on nine boards to Singapore's three. That led to a 45-IMP (64-19) victory; 24-6 in VPs.

## Women's Event:

There were no surprises in two of the three Women's Match 1 contests, with the favorites scoring resounding wins over their underdog rivals. Home-country **Japan** dispatched nearest neighbor **Korea**, scoring IMPs on ten of the twelve swing boards in their contest. The 64-IMP (76-12) victory represented an average pick-up of more than 3 IMPs per board; 25-3 in VPs. **Australia** outscored **Chinese Taipei** on eleven of the sixteen swing boards in their contest, emerging a 52-IMP (73-21) victor; 25-5 in VPs. In the third Women's match powerhouse **China** scored an unexpectedly one-sided victory over a good **New Zealand** team, in what was figured to be the lone close contest of Match 1. China won by a 47-IMP (84-37) margin; 24-6 in VPs.

# RR1— MATCH 2: IN BRIEF

## Open Event:

Everyone will tell you that there are no surprises in an event of this caliber, so perhaps you won't be surprised to learn that **Philippines** defeated **Indonesia** 54-44, 17-13. The Philippines are playing with only four players, so they might tire as the event wears on, but last night they were feeling good and playing well, as the Indonesians discovered. And perhaps you will consider it ho-hum that **Chinese Taipei** shocked **China** 73-19, 25-4 in VP. We, however, are impressed. **Australia** prevailed over **Macau** 74-33, 23-7 in VP; **New Zealand** held **Singapore** to 11 IMPs while chalking up 66 of their own, a 25-4 VP victory; **Japan** defeated **Malaysia** 93-17, 25-1 in VP.

## Women's Event:

Three good matches last night, each of them expected to be close. How did it turn out? Three one-sided victories. **Japan** had the best of **Indonesia**, 61-39, for a 20-10 VP win; **Australia** bested zonemates **New Zealand** 50-12, a 23-7 VP win; and **China** crushed **Chinese Taipei** 69-6, 25-3 in VP.

# GENERALI GEMS

From time to time, we will present for your reading pleasure some of the most interesting deals from recent major championships. Adhering to the usual warnings from Nakatani-san, however, we will aim for pithiness to hold down the page count. Here are a few deals from last month's fabulous Generali Masters Individual(s) in Corsica. The Bulletin Editor was Patrick Jourdain (Wales), who was ably assisted by Barry Rigal (USA) and Anna Gudge (Great Britain).

Marc Bompis and Michel Abecassis of France produced one of the most remarkable auctions in the history of bridge on this deal. The auction went on for six rounds — but no one bid his longest suit until the very final call of the auction. They finished in a marginal slam, but it came home, so all sins were forgiven.

Bd: 24	♠ ---		
Dlr: West	♥ J1073		
Vul: None	♦ K8763		
	♣ K1085		
♠ KJ42		♠ Q108653	
♥ 984		♥ Q52	
♦ 102		♦ 95	
♣ AQ42		♣ 96	
	♠ A97		
	♥ AK6		
	♦ AQJ4		
	♣ J73		
West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Abk6	Chagas	Bompis
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	DBL
RDBL	2♣	Pass	2♠
3♠	4♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Many Easts started with 2♠ or 3♠, but Gabriel Chagas of Brazil was not one of them. His initial silence gave Bompis the opportunity to start with an obscure 1♣ opening, which was apparently designed to confuse everyone (it succeeded). It looked as if N/S were headed to 3NT, but when Chagas came in with 1♠, the auction took on a new dimension.

Bompis showed extras and three trumps, and Abecassis denied five hearts when he bid 2♣; that meant his 4♠ bid showed a three-suiter, and his 5NT bid was a final attempt to put diamonds back on the agenda. When Poland's Apolinary Kowalski led a spade, Bompis ruffed in dummy, drew trumps ending in hand, and led the ♣J, intending to run it. Kowalski took the ace and returned a club, but Abecassis put in the ten and could claim his contract when the nine appeared; he had a proven finesse of the ♣8 to develop a discard for his third heart and did not require the heart finesse.

At Jourdain's table, in a simpler auction, diamonds were also bid for the first time at the six level:

West	North	East	South
Baldrsn	Westra	Lambdi	Jourdain
Pass	Pass	2♠	DBL
4♠	4NT(1)	Pass	5♠(2)
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
(1) Pick a minor; (2) No, you pick a suit			

Berry Westra of the Netherlands won the heart lead in dummy, drew trumps and led the ♣J. Jon Baldursson of Iceland, a former winner of this event, put on the ace and played another club. Westra put in the ten and used dummy's heart entry to take another club finesse — so he too did not have to risk the heart finesse against Pablo Lambardi's queen.

Bd: 26	♠ A72		
Dlr: East	♥ Q764		
Vul: Both	♦ Q1032		
	♣ J3		
♠ Q1065		♠ KJ9843	
♥ AK		♥ 98	
♦ AK54		♦ J7	
♣ A98		♣ Q54	
	♠ ---		
	♥ J10532		
	♦ 986		
	♣ K10762		
West	North	East	South
Multon	Sharif	Zia	Auken
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥(♠)	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Franck Multon of France and Zia Mahmood (Pakistan) did well to stay low here. Zia started things off on the right foot when he did not open a weak two (EOK concurs; RC does not). When Multon jumped to 4♠ to suggest no special feature worth emphasizing, Zia gave it a lot of thought but decided not to try for slam.

Omar Sharif (representing the ever-younger-looking film star delegation) led a low trump, and when Jens Auken (Denmark) discarded the ♥2 Multon began to build a picture of the full deal. He could have led a diamond to the jack early on, but he hoped to create an endplay instead. He cashed his top diamonds and ruffed a diamond, then played off the top hearts and ruffed the last diamond. When he next played a trump, Sharif took the ace and exited with a third trump. At this point Multon was down to three clubs and a trump in each hand, with the lead in West. He had an inferential count from trick one that Sharif had 3-4-4-2 shape, so he played with the odds and led the ♣8 from hand. Whether Sharif covered

or not, the defense was held to one club trick and Multon had his overtrick.

## TWO-TRICK ENDPLAY:

The most interesting play hand of the first session was this one:

Bd: 23	♠ A10974		
Dlr: South	♥ K654		
Vul: Both	♦ 6		
	♣ 643		
♠ 82		♠ KQJ6	
♥ 1032		♥ A987	
♦ AKQ10		♦ 43	
♣ 10875		♣ AQ2	
	♠ 53		
	♥ QJ		
	♦ J98752		
	♣ KJ9		
West	North	East	South
Baldrsn	Westra	Lambardi	Jourdain
Gawrys	Mari	Kholomeev	Bessis
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At every table, East opened 1NT and ended in 3NT, usually after a direct raise from West. Vladimir Kholomeev of Russia was almost the only declarer to succeed. South led a diamond won in dummy. Which suit should declarer tackle at trick two?

Take first the play at Patrick Jourdain's table. At trick two Pablo Lambardi took a club finesse. Jourdain won and led a second diamond, the eight, which was consistent with a holding that did not include the jack, so Lambardi put up the king. Berry Westra threw a spade. Declarer could not afford to cash his top diamond, so he now led a heart to the nine and jack.

Jourdain exited with the ♥Q and Lambardi won and led a high spade from his own hand. Westra won, cashed the ♥K, and exited with a spade. Declarer cashed his major-suit winners and, destined to go at least one off, had now to guess who had ♣J. If he plays ace and another club South has to

concede the last trick to dummy. But Lambardi took the inference that Westra's failure to play a club when in with ♠A meant he held ♣J, so he threw North in with the fourth spade to go two off for a shared bottom.

The declarers who played on hearts at trick two also usually failed. South won and played a second diamond and again the finesse was refused. Perhaps declarer should finesse at trick one, so he has

no worries later. If declarer now finesses hearts again South can exit with a spade; and if North wins the heart he can play a club.

By contrast Kholomeev as declarer led a spade at trick two. The king won and he ducked a heart. Michel Bessis (France) led a second diamond. Kholomeev refused the finesse and led a second spade off dummy. Christian Mari (France) ducked again so the queen won. Now Kholomeev led another low heart which was won by Bessis, who had only minor-suit cards left. Bessis knew that if he exited with the ♣K he would be endplayed again to lead a diamond, so he had to play a diamond first. Declarer therefore not only got back his two diamond tricks in dummy — he also was able to take a winning heart finesse. This gave him nine tricks.

This was well-played, but there were some other points of interest. On the second heart, when South played the queen, declarer made the technical play of unblocking the ten from dummy. This gave Mari the chance to overtake his partner's heart to play a club. Now declarer can only succeed by playing the queen. South cannot avoid giving dummy the lead. Note that declarer fails if he ducks the club — South wins the jack and exits carefully with the ♣K to end-play declarer into conceding two spade tricks to North. Note also that if Mari plays his ♠A on the second round and then plays a club South will win and play a second heart. Declarer lets this hold and South is endplayed.

Suppose, finally, North takes his ♠A on the first round of the suit in order to play a club. Declarer must finesse the queen. South wins this and plays a second diamond, declarer refusing the finesse. Declarer can cash two more spades before exiting with ace and another heart. North cannot afford to overtake because of dummy's ♥10, but if South is left on play he is finished.

Bd: 15	♠ 1032		
Dlr: South	♥ J107643		
Vul: N/S	♦ 832		
	♣ A		
♠ Q9		♠ AKJ7654	
♥ K92		♥ A	
♦ A109		♦ Q765	
♣ KQ863		♣ 5	
	♠ 8		
	♥ Q85		
	♦ KJ4		
	♣ J109742		
West	North	East	South
Delmouly	Richman	Gawrys	Hackett
			Pass
1♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The two early leaders of the tournament, Poland's Piotr Gawrys and Australia's Bobby Richman, were involved in a series of interesting exchanges, with Gawrys coming off far the better.

Piotr had reached a delicate slam, and Justin Hackett led the ♣J to trick one. Gawrys naturally covered this (although he considered not doing so) and Richman had to shift to a diamond to beat the contract legitimately. When instead he played a heart, declarer was in with a chance.

The winning line is to cross to dummy's ♠Q, cash the ♥K, then ruff a club to run the trumps and squeeze South in the minors. Gawrys followed a different approach; if South had only four clubs without the ♦K, the winning line was very different. Gawrys led a spade to the nine (intending to ruff a club, go back to the ♠Q, ruff another club and claim). He made the fine decision to play low from dummy, saying "spade" and not "nine of spades." Richman followed low, in sleep, and Gawrys ruffed a club and reverted to the winning

minor-suit squeeze when Hackett showed out, to make his slam.

Jourdain commented in a footnote that . . . "The Laws of Bridge do NOT say that 'spade' must mean 'low spade.' Players who use this lazy description are contravening one Law and running a major risk. An Appeals Committee has the right to decide that 'spade' means 'high spade' depending on the context." This strikes us as wrong, since Law 46B2 says exactly what Jourdain says it does not: "Spade" means "lowest spade" — unless declarer's intention can be incontrovertibly demonstrated to be otherwise.

Eric Kokish of Canada was not as lucky as Gawrys. He chose the same line — low spade to dummy's nine — but lacked the foresight to say “spade.” He named the nine and his opponent cruelly won the jack.

### DESCHAPPELLES COUP:

Poland's Apolinary Kowalski provided this tale of an imaginative switch by France's Claude Delmouly in the second session of the Men's event, but it was Norway's Geir Helgemo at another table who found the most accurate defense.

Bd: 6	♠ J6		
Dlr: East	♥ AJ1083		
Vul: E/W	♦ Q62		
	♣ KJ8		
♠ 5432		♠ KQ1087	
♥ Q5		♥ K962	
♦ J		♦ K97	
♣ 1097532		♣ A	
	♠ A9		
	♥ 74		
	♦ A108543		
	♣ Q64		
West	North	East	South
Lantaron	Hackett	Delmly	Kowalski
		1♠	2♦
2♠	3♥	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Kholm	Chemla	Helgemo	Perron
		1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
3♠	4♦	All Pass	

Luis Lantaron (Spain) led a spade against Kowalski's 4♦. Declarer won and returned a spade to East. Delmouly found the good switch to the ♥K. Declarer won this and also did well by leading the ♦Q, covered by the king and ace. When the jack fell from West, Kowalski tried to get back to dummy by playing a club. Delmouly won, put his partner in with the ♥Q and received a club ruff to defeat the partscore.

Note that it does no good for declarer to duck ♥K when it is led. East will cash the ♣A and play a second heart. Declarer wins and plays trumps: queen, king, ace, jack, but now he cannot get back to dummy. However, as Kowalski spotted he did have a chance to make.

After winning the ace of trumps he must play a heart. West wins and plays a club, but now East is end-played into conceding an entry for the trump finesse.

This reveals a flaw in Delmouly's defense. He should have cashed the ♣A before making the switch to the ♥K — then declarer cannot succeed. And that is exactly how Helgemo defended against America's Dick Freeman after the same start. Freeman won the

heart switch, began trumps by playing the ♦Q, king, ace, jack, but when he tried to get back to dummy with a club, Helgemo ruffed, put his partner in with the ♥Q and received a second ruff. Two off!

## NOT FORGOTTEN

These Championships will not be the same without two dear friends. Both Tony Chong of Chinese Taipei and Frans Waleleng of Indonesia passed away recently. Both were dedicated administrators and very capable players whose efforts greatly improved the quality of bridge in their countries for many, many years. Tony truly loved the game and tried to play internationally as often as he could, but his business interests made that increasingly difficult for him in recent years. He and his wife Fanny brightened every tournament they attended and the Chong family's presence will be missed throughout the world. Frans surely could have pursued a playing career with distinction, but he turned his attention to organizing GABSI and developing bridge in his country. Most of the current crop of Indonesian experts owe Frans a debt of thanks for his assistance in their formative years. He was an optimistic man whose sudden crippling illness did not drag him down. His many friends will remember him fondly.

# PABF CHAMPIONSHIPS ON THE INTERNET

We are happy to announce that our Daily Bulletins are available on the Internet. Call your family and friends and tell them to follow the adventures of some of the best players from Asia and the Pacific rim (including yourself) by surfing the net to the following address:

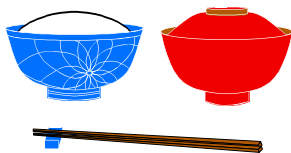
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## DOMO ARIGATO, FROM TWO VAGABOND EDITORS

On a scale of 1 to 10, Thursday night's Delegates' Dinner rated a 12 . . . 11 for the exquisite food, and an extra one for the good company and ambiance. The JCBL organizers really outdid themselves as course after course of the most wonderful and exotic Chinese delicacies paraded before us. Drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic (for those who had duties to attend at the Delegates' Meeting afterward), flowed from the attendant wet bar in a never-ending stream. If they hadn't rolled us out at 9:00 pm, we might still be there now.

As if that weren't enough, yesterday's Opening Ceremony luncheon buffet was another triumph for JCBL. Rarely have we seen such an exhaustive array of scrumptious dishes. One of us (guess which) was headed back for a fourth helping of "everything" when the other had to catch him in mid-attack and drag him away from the table . . . kicking and screaming. You see what a state the JCBL has reduced two grown men to.

Now, Nakatani-san, what time did you say the Victory Dinner was next Sunday?



## PAUL'S WORLD, PART ONE: WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE . . .

Concerned that their teammates were obtaining more than their fair share of sleep, two members of the Australian Youth team decided to wake their teammates Matthew Raisin "Toast" and Paul "The Wildman" Brayshaw. Determined not to proceed in half measures, the considerate (but unnamed) "Samaritans" knocked loudly on Matthew and Paul's door and rang the doorbell for upwards of three minutes before departing in haste. The door opened and, finding only a newspaper before him, Paul Brayshaw, "hero to many Australian youth players," was heard cursing loudly the poor hotel staff member who had gone to such an extreme to "announce" the arrival of his morning paper. Who ever said that heroes had to be intelligent?



# PABF OPEN TEAMS ROUND ONE: INDONESIA vs JAPAN

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K98732		
Vul: None	♥ A4		
	♦ Q865		
	♣ K		
West			East
♠ 6			♠ 105
♥ 10762			♥ QJ85
♦ 10			♦ AJ932
♣ J1098642			♣ 75
	South		
	♠ AQJ4		
	♥ K93		
	♦ K74		
	♣ AQ3		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
	1♠	Pass	2NT(1)
Pass	3♣(2)	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥(3)	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
(1) FG ♠ Raise; (2) SPL ♣; (3) 2KC, no ♠Q			

The match between embattled Indonesia and the host country held great promise, with both nations fielding capable teams.

The first deal was an eminently biddable slam for N/S. Although it is not easy to reach, 6NT is laydown while 6♠ on this lie runs the risk of a ruff in diamonds.

**Denny Sacul-Ferdy Waluyan** for Indonesia did very well to reach 6NT after Ferdy started with a natural game-forcing 2NT. 3♦ and 3♠ were natural and 4♠ showed a minimum (Denny was maximum for his minimum in context). Had Denny known of Ferdy's fourth spade, he would have shown the queen of spades in his keycard

response, and Ferdy would then have known about the sixth spade opposite. As it was, Ferdy had to guess, and tried 6NT to protect his rounded-suit tenaces. Somewhat serendipitously, this got him to the safest slam. He won the club lead in dummy, led a diamond to his king and ran winners. In the end, the ♥9 was a winner; plus 1020.

All for naught. **Hiroya Abe-Dawei Chen** for Japan reached 6♠, but **Santje Panelewen** for Indonesia led the ♥J. Abe drew trumps, unblocked the ♣K, and showed his cards, losing only to the ♦A; plus 980. Just 1 IMP to Indonesia.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ J752		
Vul:E/W	♥ 63		
	♦ J864		
	♣ AQ5		
West			East
♠ 964			♠ 108
♥ 42			♥ AKJ1097
♦ Q10932			♦ ---
♣ 1082			♣ KJ974
	South		
	♠ AKQ3		
	♥ Q85		
	♦ AK75		
	♣ 63		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
			1♣(1)
Pass	1♠	2♥	DBL(2)
Pass	2♠	3♣	4♠
All Pass			
(1) Polish-style; (2) Strong hand, "3♠"			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
			1♣(1)
Pass	1NT	2♥	3NT
All Pass			
(1) Precision			

On Board 3, Sacul-Waluyan had the misfortune to locate their four-four spade fit. Three rounds

of hearts killed the queen, and Sacul had to lose both a diamond and a club for one down, minus 50. At the other table, Abe-Chen did not find spades and fetched up in 3NT with one thin heart stopper. Panelewen elected to start the suit from the top, and Abe won the third heart, cashed spades, then safely built a third diamond trick for plus 400. At first glance it looks as if Panelewen might have defeated 3NT by leading the jack or ten of hearts, giving Abe his heart trick while **Franky Karwur** retained a heart to get back to his partner. This is something of an illusion; Abe simply cashes spades and the ace-king of diamonds, forcing Panelewen to make four discards. Three clubs are easy, but if he discards a fourth club, Abe can drop the king (“can” does not necessarily mean “will,” of course), and if he throws a heart, Abe exits with a heart and gets a club lead from the king at trick twelve to give him his ninth trick. 10 not unfortunate IMPs to Japan, who took the lead, 10-1.

weak hearts and a depreciated  $\diamond Q$ , but opposite a limit raise based on at least four trumps, it is cutting it very fine to stay out of game, vulnerable. Karwur did just that, however, and paid a heavy price for his delicacy. He got a spade lead to the jack and ace and led a trump to the ace, then a diamond (a second spade would not have helped at that point) to the queen and king. He had to guess the clubs for his contract, but that was no hardship on the auction; plus 170.

**Koji Ito** accepted **Yasuhiro Shimizu’s** invitation at the other table, so there was going to be a swing on the deal. Sacul also led a spade, but in  $4\heartsuit$ , Ito’s priorities were not the same as Karwur’s. He took the  $\spadesuit J$  with the ace and returned the suit immediately. Waluyan won the king and returned the  $\diamond 10$ . Waluyan won the king and switched to diamonds, but Ito took the  $\diamond A$ , crossed to the  $\heartsuit A$ , and discarded his remaining diamonds on the queen-nine of spades. Sacul ruffed the fourth spade with the  $\heartsuit K$  and exited with a diamond, but Ito guessed clubs for the contract; plus 620.

10 IMPs to Japan, ahead now 20-1.

Bd: 4	North		
Dlr: West	$\spadesuit$ 852		
Vul: Both	$\heartsuit$ K6		
	$\diamond$ KJ7632		
	$\clubsuit$ A7		
West			East
$\spadesuit$ A10			$\spadesuit$ Q943
$\heartsuit$ 98743			$\heartsuit$ AJ1052
$\diamond$ AQ5			$\diamond$ 84
$\clubsuit$ KJ8			$\clubsuit$ 95
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ KJ76		
	$\heartsuit$ Q		
	$\diamond$ 109		
	$\clubsuit$ Q106432		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
1 $\heartsuit$	2 $\diamond$	3 $\diamond$ ( $\heartsuit$ )	Pass
4 $\heartsuit$	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
1 $\heartsuit$	2 $\diamond$	3 $\diamond$ ( $\heartsuit$ )	Pass
3 $\heartsuit$	All Pass		



The West hand is not particularly attractive, with

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K87		
Vul: N/S	♥ K8		
	♦ QJ97		
	♣ Q1072		
West		East	
♠ A32		♠ J109	
♥ AQJ62		♥ 7543	
♦ 10643		♦ AK52	
♣ J		♣ 85	
	South		
	♠ Q654		
	♥ 109		
	♦ 8		
	♣ AK9643		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♥	2NT	3♣(♥)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♥	2NT	3♣(♥)	DBL
3♥	3NT	All Pass	

caught Waluyan without a four-card fit, and Ferdy elected to take his chances against 2♣ doubled. He led a diamond to the queen and ace and Yasu continued with the ace, then jack of spades, running it when Ferdy did not cover. A third spade ruffed away the king and a low heart from dummy brought the king from Denny, who cashed the ♦K before reverting to hearts. Yasu won the ♥Q and continued with the ♠Q, ruffed and overruffed. He eventually lost a trick to the ♣9, but was safe for his contract; plus 180.

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 7532		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ63		
	♦ KQ75		
	♣ A		
West		East	
♠ 6		♠ AQJ84	
♥ A1098		♥ Q5	
♦ 9864		♦ AJ	
♣ Q1074		♣ J853	
	South		
	♠ K109		
	♥ 742		
	♦ 1032		
	♣ K962		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
		1♠	Pass
1NT(F1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
		1NT	Pass
Pass	2♣(1)	Pass	2♥
All Pass			
(1) ♠+♥			

When Panelewen chose to start with a strong notrump, the auction took on a different flavor. Here, Abe's Landy 2♣ got Chen to the shaky contract of 2♥. The play proved fascinating, if imperfect. Karwur led a club to dummy's ace and Dawei found the good shot of a low diamond towards his ten. Santje was dealt a holding that would not induce him to put up the ace; he won the ♦J and switched to the ♥5. That was a good idea, in a way, but Franky could not read the position and put in the eight. Dawei scored the

Two similar auctions on this board. Perhaps the difference should not have been significant, but when Chen doubled (gratuitously in our opinion) for the lead, both Karwur and Abe took him seriously and the final contract was 3NT by North rather than 4♥ by West. This had no chance on a heart lead and Abe was duly two down; minus 200.

At the other table, Ito might have made a return game try, but he took the short route to game and escaped undoubled. He got a club lead and a diamond switch, won the king, and took the trump finesse. The defenders ruffed away the ♦A and Ito had to go three down from there; minus 150.

8 IMPs to Indonesia, 9-20.

Board 6 was an exciting little partscore at both tables. In the Open Room, where Shimizu bid his hand normally, the club fit came to light (although Yasu might have had only three) but Sacul refused to go quietly. His reopening double

♥J and continued with the ♦K to Santje's ace. The sight of the ♥Q brought Franky no cheer, but he took the ♥A and knocked out the ♥K. Dawei crossed to the ♦10 as Santje looked on helplessly, cashed the ♣K, ruffed a club with dummy's last trump, cashed the ♦Q, and led a spade. Santje judged to follow with the jack, so Dawei scored the ♠K for his eighth winner and a satisfying plus 110. That was 7 IMPs to Japan, 27-9.

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: W	♠ J97		
Vul: None	♥ A974		
	♦ KJ75		
	♣ K8		
West			East
♠ KQ532			♠ A8
♥ 32			♥ KQJ108
♦ 2			♦ A63
♣ 109653			♣ Q74
	South		
	♠ 1064		
	♥ 65		
	♦ Q10984		
	♣ AJ2		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
2♠(1)	Pass	2NT(2)	Pass
3♣(2)	All Pass		
(1) 7-10 HCP, ♠+minor; (2) INQ			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
Pass	1NT(1)	DBL	All Pass

Board 8 provided a graphic example of "truth or dare." In the Closed Room, where Chen refused to run from Panelewen's double of 1NT, Karwur decided to take his chances on defense. It was not Abe's party, so he passed too, and this time Chen's mildly aggressive decision cost him dearly, albeit in a curious way. Santje knocked out the ace of hearts, Hiroya ducking twice (low club from Franky). The ♦J held and Hiroya continued with the ♦K. When Santje ducked that too, Hiroya could have taken two or three club tricks to cut his losses, but instead he played a third diamond. Franky discarded two more clubs, and when Santje cashed his hearts, continuing downwards to show the ♠A, he discarded his

remaining clubs. The defenders took five spades now and poor Hiroya was a cool four down; minus 800. Something about discretion and valor comes to mind, but that will not do Japan any good.

At the other table, Shimizu-Ito found 3♣ uncontested, and Koji lost three trumps and the ♥A for plus 110. He must have been surprised later to learn that he had lost 12 IMPs on that one. Indonesia moved closer at 21-27.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KQ		
Vul: Both	♥ A86542		
	♦ Q4		
	♣ 954		
West			East
♠ AJ976			♠ 108432
♥ J7			♥ KQ10
♦ AK865			♦ 2
♣ 7			♣ 10632
	South		
	♠ 5		
	♥ 93		
	♦ J10973		
	♣ AKQJ8		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
1♠	Pass	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♠	DBL	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
2♠	3♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	DBL	All Pass	Pass

Style played a major role on Board 10. Waluyan, reluctant to either distort his distribution or start with a weak suit on a marginal hand, preferred to pass in second seat. When it next came around to him, the opponents were in 4♠, but Ferdy refused to take his medicine sitting down. He tried 4NT and succeeded in pushing Ito to 5♠ (that does not look at all unreasonable does it?), which Sacul doubled. There were three tricks for the defense, so Ito had to go one down; minus 200. At the other table, where Chen preferred to

start with a natural 2♣, the auction was once more of a different species. Abe doubled 4♠, perhaps not unreasonably, but he could not defeat the contract. Plus 790 for Karwur and 14 IMPs for Indonesia, who took the lead at the halfway mark, 35-27.

Bd: 12	North		
Dir: W	♠ AK102		
Vul: N/S	♥ KQ42		
	♦ Q7		
	♣ A105		
West		East	
♠ 765		♠ Q3	
♥ J86		♥ A10953	
♦ A1065		♦ KJ	
♣ K62		♣ J743	
	South		
	♠ J984		
	♥ 7		
	♦ 98432		
	♣ Q98		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
Pass	1♣(1)	1♥	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
(1) Polish-style			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
Pass	1♣(1)	1♥	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
(1) Precision			

Both N/S certainly know what they're doing, but it strikes us as wrong for the Souths to sell out to 2♥.

That didn't matter much for Abe-Chen, who were able to defeat 2♥ despite the best efforts of Panelewen, who was able to force a club trick; minus 50. Sacul-Waluyan did considerably worse with the N/S cards when Waluyan led the ♣8 against Shimizu's 2♥, ducked to the jack. Yasu played a second club to the king and ace and Sacul played a third. Ferdy switched to diamonds now so Yasu was in control. He won in dummy to pass the ♥8, and picked up trumps for one loser; plus 110. 4 IMPs to Japan, 31-36.

Bd: 13	North		
Dir: North	♠ AJ62		
Vul: Both	♥ 86		
	♦ J98653		
	♣ 5		
West		East	
♠ 5		♠ Q873	
♥ KQ1042		♥ J3	
♦ A102		♦ KQ4	
♣ KQ108		♣ A976	
	South		
	♠ K1094		
	♥ A975		
	♦ 7		
	♣ J432		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	DBL	1♠	Pass
2♦(4SF)	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
	Pass	1♦(1)	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣(4SF)	Pass	2♠(2)	Pass
3NT			
(1) Limited, 2+♦; (2) BAL, not 3♥			

Ito-Shimizu outbid Karwur-Panelewen on this one and deserved to gain a swing, but had the defenders started spades, they might have beaten 4♥ on a forcing defense. Sacul led a club however, and when Waluyan took the first heart and switched to spades, it was too late. The club ruff disappeared too, so Ito took eleven tricks for plus 650.

Karwur's 3NT could have been beaten on the go with a spade lead, but Abe led a diamond. Franky won the king, following with the ten, and led the ♥J, which held. Chen played low on the second heart too, so Franky had only to guess clubs for nine tricks. He did so and escaped with plus 600. Just 2 IMPs to Japan, who closed to within 3 IMPs, 33-36.

A couple of deals later, Sacul found a good speculative double of a normal, but pushy 3NT

(with ace-ten-eight-fifth of an opponent's hearts and out after Waluyan had opened 1♠), and found that his partner had both a source of tricks and two entries. He was plus 300 for his trouble against 100 at the other table when no one doubled the same contract. Those 5 IMPs left Indonesia ahead 41-34 with five deals to play.

Bd: 16	North		
Dir: West	♠ Q53		
Vul: E/W	♥ AQJ9		
	♦ K9		
	♣ AK105		
West		East	
♠ 987		♠ AJ104	
♥ 5432		♥ K7	
♦ J82		♦ A1054	
♣ J97		♣ 642	
	South		
	♠ K62		
	♥ 1086		
	♦ Q763		
	♣ Q83		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
Pass	1♣(1)	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
(1) Polish-style			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
Pass	1♣(1)	Pass	1♦(2)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) Precision; (2) Negative			

Waluyan, declaring 3NT from the weak side, got the effective lead of the ♠9 from Ito. He put up the queen in case the suit was two-five, but Shimizu won the ace and cleared the suit. When Ferdy won the third spade to finesse in hearts, Yasu had five winners for one down; minus 50. Abe declared from the strong side, so Panelewen could not lead spades without costing himself a trick. He tried a club instead, which was his best shot. Hiroya took the jack with the ace, crossed to the ♣Q, and ran the ♥10. Santje won the king and exited safely with his remaining club, but the run of the rounded suits killed him. He discarded diamond, spade, diamond, but Hiroya could build a trick in both

spades and diamonds to secure his contract; plus 400 and 10 IMPs to Japan, back in front, 44-41.

Bd: 17	North		
Dir: North	♠ 8		
Vul: None	♥ 865		
	♦ 9832		
	♣ 109863		
West		East	
♠ 976		♠ AKJ43	
♥ AQJ42		♥ 7	
♦ AK54		♦ J76	
♣ J		♣ AQ75	
	South		
	♠ Q1052		
	♥ K1093		
	♦ Q10		
	♣ K42		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠(FG)	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣(1)	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
(1) 0 or 3 keycards			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The 6♠ reached by Ito-Shimizu is not a great contract, but it's far from hopeless. Shimizu got the lead of the ♦Q from Waluyan. He won the ace, played ♣A, club ruff, ♥A, heart ruff, club ruff, felling the king. He continued with another heart ruff and the master club. Waluyan ruffed in with the ♠10 and played a second diamond. Yasu won and tried the high spades with some hope, but the bad trump break defeated him; minus 50.

Karwur-Panelewen were less ambitious at the other table, but even 4♠ was in some jeopardy, as Santje discovered, much to his chagrin. Chen found the challenging lead of the ♥9 and Santje won the ace to run the ♣J. Dawei won the king and exited with the ♦10. Santje won the ace,

cached ace-king of trumps, ruffed his losing club and ran the ♥Q. Dawei scooped in the king and waited for his trump tricks. One down; minus 50. No swing!

Two less exciting flat boards followed, bringing us to the final deal of the match . . .

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Abe	Panlwen	Chen
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♦	All Pass	

The 3NT reached by Sacul-Waluyan in the Open Room is an excellent contract, but the bad diamond break figured to defeat it on the lead of the quack of spades. Ito chose to start with the ♥2, however. Shimizu won and switched accurately to the ♠7, to the eight and nine. When Ito won and switched again, to the ♣J, Ferdy put on the ace and led a diamond to his ten for a gratifying plus 600. He reasoned that Ito would hold no more than two diamonds and might well have one, and that he must have had some reason to believe that his partner would regain the lead to justify his line of defense. Bravo, Ferdy. When Karwur did not open at the other table, the nature of the ensuing auction made it difficult for Chen to determine whether Abe was as strong as he was. Three diamonds was not cold either and after a spade lead and club switch, Hiroya led a heart to the jack. He soon lost a second heart, a club, and a trump trick to for one down; minus 100. 12 IMPs to Indonesia, who pulled out the match at the eleventh hour, 53-44, or 17-13 in VP.

Bd: 20	North		
Dir: West	♠ 3		
Vul: Both	♥ 53		
	♦ AK8753		
	♣ AK84		
West		East	
♠ AQJ942		♠ 765	
♥ Q942		♥ A87	
♦ 4		♦ J962	
♣ J7		♣ Q105	
	South		
	♠ K108		
	♥ KJ106		
	♦ Q10		
	♣ 9632		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Ito	Sacul	Shimizu	Waluyan
1♠	2♦	2♠	2NT
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

## WHO'S THAT GIRL?

**Derek Zen**, like many of his counterparts in the North seat, fetched up in 3NT. The defenders seem to be behind the eight ball on this layout, since East cannot lead spades without blowing a trick and cannot defeat the contract without leading spades. Well, perhaps . . .

East, **Elizabeth Havas** of Australia, hit on the interesting lead of the ♠4, expecting her partner to turn up with very little. Derek played low from dummy, took **Barbara Travis's** nine with the queen, played ♣A, club to the queen, and ran the ♥10. Liz won the ♥K and returned the ♠J, smooth as Michael Jordan's pate. Derek looked at the jack, looked at Liz, and called for the six. Liz took two more spades and the ♦A and entered 50 on the WE side of her scorecard. Derek began to wonder how he would explain this one in the post mortem.

Sure enough, that was a 10-IMP loss, but Hong Kong won the match, 20-10 in VP.

Bd: RR1-1-16	North		
Dir: West	♠ Q53		
Vul: E/W	♥ AQJ9		
	♦ K9		
	♣ AK105		
West		East	
♠ 987		♠ AJ104	
♥ 5432		♥ K7	
♦ J82		♦ A1054	
♣ J97		♣ 642	
	South		
	♠ K62		
	♥ 1086		
	♦ Q763		
	♣ Q83		
West	North	East	South
Travis	Zen	Havas	Chun
Pass	1♦(1)	Pass	1♥(2)
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) STR, ART; (2) Neg			

## PABF OPEN TEAMS ROUND TWO: CHINA vs CHINESE TAIPEI

There is always a great deal of pride at stake when these two nations meet, and this match was no exception. After a quiet first deal came:

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AK4		
Vul: N/S	♥ K10942		
	♦ AQ6		
	♣ A6		
West		East	
♠ 109632		♠ Q75	
♥ Q8		♥ AJ73	
♦ K		♦ J52	
♣ QJ1075		♣ 843	
	South		
	♠ J8		
	♥ 65		
	♦ 1098743		
	♣ K92		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weimin	SR Wu	Xiaojing	CH Wu
		Pass	Pass
1♠	DBL	1NT(♠)	Pass
2♠	DBL	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Dai	YH Chen	Shi
		Pass	Pass
2♥(1)	DBL	2♠(2)	Pass
Pass	DBL	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
(1) Weak: long ♥ or 5/5+ ♠+minor			
(2) Pass or correct			

Both N/S pairs did a lot of bidding on this one, and the 4♥ reached at both tables is not a thing of beauty. **SR Wu** got the lead of the ♠5 from **Xiaojing Wang**. He won the jack and led the ♥5 to the eight, king, and ace. Xiaojing continued spades, but when SR played on trumps, the defenders played on clubs, killing any potential squeeze threats and SR had to lose three trumps and a diamond for one down. **YH Chen** led a club against **Jianming Dai**,

who took a spade ruff in dummy to lead a trump to the eight, nine, and jack. A second club knocked out dummy's king, and Dai ruffed a club in hand, cashed the ♦A, and led the ♥K to squash **CC Chen's** queen. YH won the ♥A and led . . . a diamond away from the jack. Ouch! Dai lost only a third trump trick now for plus 620 and a 13-IMP gain to China, the first swing of the match.

That was a handsome start for the mainlanders but it was too much, too soon. Chinese Taipei struck back with a small swing on the next deal (Xiaojing guessed a key suit for declarer in 3♠ with his opening lead) to initiate a long and fruitful rally that saw them outscore their opponents 68-1 before China could stop the bleeding for a moment on the penultimate deal. Here are some of the highlights from Chinese Taipei's hot run . . .

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ J8		
Vul: N/S	♥ J953		
	♦ Q987		
	♣ 1097		
West		East	
♠ K9643		♠ 10752	
♥ 108		♥ K74	
♦ J5		♦ AK1043	
♣ Q653		♣ 8	
	South		
	♠ AQ		
	♥ AQ62		
	♦ 62		
	♣ AKJ42		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weimin	SR Wu	Xiaojing	CH Wu
		1♦	DBL
1♠	Pass	2♠	DBL
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Dai	YH Chen	Shi
		Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	4♠	DBL
All Pass			



Whether or not you open the East hand is a matter of style. As is so often the case, the player who opened it did not reach game while the player who passed it did. Whether or not that was a good thing to do turned on the opening lead. Dai led the ♣10 against CC Chen and suddenly the defense was without resource, at least in theory (declarer can take the diamond finesse). Shi won the ♣K and shortened the play by switching to a low heart, playing declarer for three hearts without a favorable holding or winning guess. CC won the ♥K and led a trump. Shi won and tried the ace-queen of hearts, but CC ruffed and cashed the ♠K, then set up the long diamond for plus 590. The Wu's found their heart fit at the other table when the Wangs left them much more room, and on the lie of the cards, there was no chance to get home. ♦A (jack), spade switch to the queen and king, diamond return to the ten, low diamond. SR discarded and **Weimin Wang** scored the ♥8. SR picked up the trumps but lost to the ♣Q for two down; minus 200. 9 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

got the lead of the ♥2 from SR Wu. He played low and when CH Wu won the queen, he shifted to the ♦4. Weimin elected to win the ace and pass the ♦J, discarding dummy's spade. CH won the ♦K and had a trump trick coming for one down; minus 50. With neither side vulnerable, must West really open that hand? CC Chen thought not, and here YH Chen declared 5♣ from the East side. Shi led a heart too, but here the lead cost a trick in the suit, low, king, ace. YH cashed the ♣A, got the bad news, and took the straight diamond finesse to discard his spade. Later, a heart towards the jack brought in the contract. Plus 400 and 10 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A754		
Vul: None	♥ K62		
	♦ 1098763		
	♣ ---		
West		East	
♠ Q1063		♠ 8	
♥ J85		♥ A97	
♦ AQJ		♦ 2	
♣ J64		♣ AQ1098732	
	South		
	♠ KJ92		
	♥ Q1043		
	♦ K54		
	♣ K5		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weimin	SR Wu	Xiaoqing	CH Wu
1♣	Pass	2♦(♣)	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Dai	YH Chen	Shi
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Bd: 15	North	
Dlr: South	♠ Q10965	
Vul: N/S	♥ J1082	
	♦ 4	
	♣ A93	
West		East
♠ K743		♠ J2
♥ 5		♥ KQ64
♦ KJ52		♦ Q963
♣ J852		♣ Q107
	South	
	♠ A8	
	♥ A973	
	♦ A1087	
	♣ K64	

Both Souths declared 4♥ after a simple Stayman sequence. Weimin Wang led his third-best club against CH Wu, who took the queen with the king to play ace and another spade, low . . . queen. He cashed the ♣A, played ♦A, diamond ruff, ♠10. Xiaoqing discarded a diamond, so CH ruffed, ruffed another diamond, and led another spade. Xiaoqing threw his remaining club, so CH ruffed again and ruffed his last diamond with the ♥J. Xiaoqing overruffed to play a trump, but CH played low and finished with an overtrick when he lost the last trick to both the high trump and the high club; plus 650.

CC Chen found the interesting lead of his singleton heart, deuce, queen, ace. ♦A, diamond ruff, ♠A, diamond ruff, ♣K, diamond ruff, ♣A, club. YH won the queen, led to his partner's ♠K, and, down to king-six-four of trumps, ruffed the thirteenth club with the six.

Weimin Wang, playing 5♣ from the West side,

Shi overruffed with the seven, but then had to lead from the nine-three into YH's king-four. One down; minus 50. 13 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J5		
Vul: N/S	♥ A3		
	♦ K97543		
	♣ Q87		
West		East	
♠ Q8742		♠ AK96	
♥ QJ1087		♥ 9542	
♦ —		♦ QJ8	
♣ 1032		♣ A5	
	South		
	♠ 103		
	♥ K6		
	♦ A1062		
	♣ KJ964		

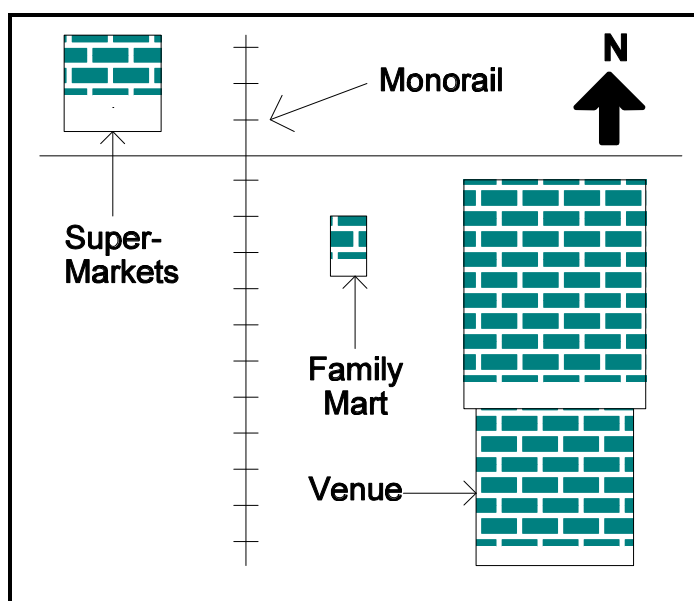
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weimin	SR Wu	Xiaojing	CH Wu
		1♦	2♣
DBL(1)	3♣	All Pass	
(1) Neg			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Dai	YH Chen	Shi
		1♦	Pass
2♥(1)	Pass	2NT(2)	Pass
3♣(3)	Pass	4♥	
(1) 5/5 ♠+♥, 5-9 HCP; (2) INQ;			
(3) Longer clubs			

CC Chen had no trouble at all in 4♥; plus 420. CH Wu had no trouble in 3♣ either after a heart lead; plus 110. Do you think that Xiaojing should have bid over 3♣? 11 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

It ended 73-19 for the islanders, 25-4 in VP. Not in the script, perhaps.

## LESS EXPENSIVE — TASTES GOOD

For those looking for a taste of Japan, without the typical Japanese bite on the pocketbook, the following food sources are located within a short walk of the hotel. We've tried several of them ourselves and can recommend them to the budget-minded among you.



The Family Mart, just in front of and to the West of the hotel, is a small convenience store with many items (soft drinks, ice cream, candy, chips, sundries, other food snacks, etc.) on which bridge players have been known to subsist — often for extended periods of time.

Two jumbo supermarkets across the monorail, to the North and West of the hotel.

Fifteen restaurants are located in the *Urban Gourmet Port*. These range from Wendy's hamburgers and Vie de France to other more upscale (and expansive) eateries.

Of course, for those dining with the benefit of a generous expense account there's always the high-priced restaurants in the hotel; just don't

say we didn't warn you. — Bon appetite!

# DATUM

## OPEN (1st RR Match 1)

No	DATUM	CHINA		HONG KONG		MACAU		INDONESIA		MALAYSIA		SINGAPORE		AUSTRALIA		PHILIPPINES		JAPAN		NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI	
		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	N-S	E-W
1	790	0	0	-13	7	5	13	6	-5	5	-5	5	-5	-7	13	-13	-5	5	-6	5	-5	5	-5
2	1410	0	0	-1	1	-12	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	12	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
3	0	0	0	9	2	-3	2	-2	-9	-2	3	-2	2	-2	-9	-2	3	9	2	-3	2	-2	2
4	-440	0	0	7	5	-5	-7	-5	-7	7	5	-5	5	-5	-7	7	5	7	5	-5	-7	-5	5
5	40	0	0	2	4	2	4	3	6	2	-3	3	4	-4	-2	-4	-2	-6	-3	3	-2	-4	-3
6	-100	0	0	-7	0	0	-7	-2	-5	5	0	-12	2	0	7	7	0	5	2	0	-5	-2	12
7	-610	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	12	1
8	-10	0	0	4	4	-4	-2	-3	13	3	-4	-3	-4	-4	-4	2	4	-13	3	4	-3	4	3
9	140	0	0	0	5	2	6	4	-4	-1	1	-1	-2	-5	0	-6	-2	4	-4	-1	1	2	1
10	-380	0	0	10	-10	-12	-10	11	9	-6	3	-9	6	10	-10	10	12	-9	-11	-3	6	-6	9
11	60	0	0	2	-2	-5	5	2	-2	-5	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-5	5	2	-2	2	5	2	-2
12	50	0	0	-4	-3	2	-2	-4	0	1	-3	-8	-2	3	4	2	-2	0	4	3	-1	2	8
13	-430	0	0	-5	5	-5	-11	-6	5	12	5	-6	-11	-5	5	11	5	-5	6	-5	-12	11	6
14	-140	0	0	2	0	-1	-1	-1	0	1	-5	0	1	0	-2	1	1	0	1	5	-1	-1	0
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16	320	0	0	-9	-2	3	-2	-9	-2	2	3	2	-2	2	9	2	-3	2	9	-3	-2	2	-2
17	0	0	0	2	-2	-9	-3	2	-2	3	10	2	-3	2	-2	3	9	2	-2	-10	-3	3	-2
18	510	0	0	3	-3	-10	18	3	-3	3	5	3	-3	3	-3	-18	10	3	-3	-5	-3	3	-3
19	80	0	0	1	-1	-5	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	12	1	-1	1	5	1	-1	1	-1	-12	-1
20	-100	0	0	6	5	-12	14	12	0	5	-13	-3	3	-5	-6	-14	12	0	-12	13	-5	-3	3
IMP +		0	0	51	41	17	65	53	33	51	36	18	38	23	39	47	84	44	32	38	18	47	54
IMP -		0	0	39	23	84	47	32	44	18	38	54	47	41	51	65	17	33	53	36	51	38	18

## OPEN (1st RR Match 2)

No	DATUM	CHINA		HONG KONG		MACAU		INDONESIA		MALAYSIA		SINGAPORE		AUSTRALIA		PHILIPPINES		JAPAN		NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI	
		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	N-S	E-W
1	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	-7	0	0	0	0
2	230	9	10	0	0	-3	-10	9	8	-3	-9	-8	8	10	3	-8	-9	9	3	-8	8	-10	-9
3	120	-5	-1	0	0	-5	-10	5	-2	-5	-2	-1	-1	10	5	2	-5	2	5	1	1	1	5
4	220	-2	2	0	0	9	2	-2	3	-12	-9	-9	-10	-2	-9	-3	2	9	12	10	9	-2	2
5	-190	-9	0	0	0	7	9	7	-13	-7	-1	1	-3	-9	-7	13	-7	1	7	3	-1	0	9
6	-50	-1	-4	0	0	-3	1	4	2	-1	-4	-3	0	-1	3	-2	-4	4	1	0	3	4	1
7	80	-7	-2	0	0	2	-1	2	5	1	-11	-5	-3	1	-2	-5	-2	11	-1	3	5	2	7
8	-210	-5	-6	0	0	-7	-6	-13	-2	-7	-3	2	-8	6	7	2	13	3	7	8	-2	6	5
9	-60	0	0	0	0	-1	1	-2	-4	-2	0	-1	-4	-1	1	4	2	0	2	4	1	0	0
10	660	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	-420	1	-1	0	0	0	-1	11	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-11	0	0	0	-1	1	-1
12	-90	-2	-4	0	0	4	2	-3	2	-2	2	0	-5	-2	-4	-2	3	-2	2	5	0	4	2
13	-350	-7	7	0	0	4	-4	4	-5	5	-4	-6	6	4	-4	5	-4	4	-5	-6	6	-7	7
14	-20	2	-4	0	0	-2	7	2	-3	2	3	-7	-3	-7	2	3	-2	-3	-2	3	7	4	-2
15	430	-11	-6	0	0	5	-5	-6	-5	-11	-6	6	6	5	-5	5	6	6	11	-6	-6	6	11
16	-630	0	0	0	0	-10	1	0	0	4	1	-1	0	-1	10	0	0	-1	-4	0	1	0	0
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18	-210	-5	-8	0	0	1	-8	0	-1	-5	-1	-6	0	8	-1	1	0	1	5	0	6	8	5
19	-10	3	2	0	0	-2	-3	-2	1	-3	-3	-2	-5	3	2	-1	2	3	3	5	2	-2	-3
20	180	-7	2	0	0	-13	-10	12	-10	-7	7	1	-1	10	13	10	-12	-7	7	1	-1	-2	7
IMP +		15	28	0	0	40	23	56	26	19	18	19	20	66	46	45	39	53	72	51	49	36	66
IMP -		66	36	0	0	46	66	39	45	72	53	49	51	23	40	26	56	18	19	20	19	28	15

# DATUM

## LADIES (1st RR Match 1)

No	DATUM	INDONESIA		KOREA		NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI		CHINA		AUSTRALIA		JAPAN	
		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	730	0	0	6	-6	-13	-6	-13	-6	6	13	6	13	6	-6
2	1440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	0	0	0
3	70	0	0	-3	-8	-3	-8	-3	3	8	3	-3	3	8	3
4	-200	0	0	-9	-2	2	-7	-9	-7	7	-2	7	9	2	9
5	10	0	0	-5	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	3	3	3	3	3	5
6	-70	0	0	-2	-5	-1	-4	-2	2	4	1	-2	2	5	2
7	-600	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0
8	-220	0	0	2	5	2	-5	-5	-3	5	-2	3	5	-5	-2
9	70	0	0	-5	-4	-11	-1	1	-12	1	11	12	-1	4	5
10	-460	0	0	2	4	-4	-6	-8	-7	6	4	7	8	-4	-2
11	40	0	0	-4	-2	0	-2	2	5	2	0	-5	-2	2	4
12	30	0	0	-4	4	2	-1	3	-2	1	-2	2	-3	-4	4
13	-610	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
14	-120	0	0	0	0	6	1	-2	0	-1	-6	0	2	0	0
15	30	0	0	-4	4	2	-1	2	-3	1	-2	3	-2	-4	4
16	400	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
17	-290	0	0	-4	-10	9	4	-4	4	-4	-9	-4	4	10	4
18	290	0	0	-3	-8	8	13	-6	0	-13	-8	0	6	8	3
19	130	0	0	-1	1	-6	-2	2	1	2	6	-1	-2	-1	1
20	-10	0	0	-3	-5	-7	-3	4	5	3	7	-5	-4	5	3
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IMP -		0	0	48	53	48	50	55	43	19	31	22	14	18	10

## LADIES (1st RR Match 2)

No	DATUM	INDONESIA		KOREA		NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI		CHINA		AUSTRALIA		JAPAN	
		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	110	0	-1	0	0	-4	2	1	-1	1	-1	-2	4	1	0
2	510	-8	-3	0	0	3	-3	-9	-3	3	9	3	-3	3	8
3	150	1	5	0	0	0	-7	0	0	0	0	7	0	-5	-1
4	160	0	0	0	0	-1	-10	-8	-1	1	8	10	1	0	0
5	-80	5	-12	0	0	-3	1	-3	1	-1	3	-1	3	12	-5
6	-90	1	-5	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	1	0	1	5	-1
7	130	0	6	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	0	-6	0
8	-240	4	5	0	0	5	-7	-4	4	-4	4	7	-5	-5	-4
9	-80	-1	-1	0	0	5	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-5	1	1
10	660	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	-420	0	-10	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	10	0
12	-50	3	3	0	0	-3	-3	4	3	-3	-4	3	3	-3	-3
13	-190	-1	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-3	3	0	1	1	-1	1
14	-30	-2	-4	0	0	-6	-5	-10	-4	4	10	5	6	4	2
15	630	-10	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	10
16	-610	0	1	0	0	-1	-3	-1	-13	13	1	3	1	-1	0
17	-210	2	-7	0	0	-5	5	2	-2	2	-2	-5	5	7	-2
18	-250	2	-4	0	0	2	5	-5	-2	2	5	-5	-2	4	-2
19	110	0	0	0	0	0	-3	-1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
20	490	4	9	0	0	4	-4	-9	-4	4	9	4	-4	-9	-4
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IMP +		22	30	0	0	20	13	7	9	34	53	47	25	48	22
IMP -		22	48	0	0	25	47	53	34	9	7	13	20	30	22

## **NO SMOKING ALERT!**

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the fourth floor of the *Urban Gourmet Port*, including the playing areas, the Secretariat, the foyer and the rest rooms. Please be considerate of others and refrain from smoking in these areas. Smoking is permitted in hotel rooms and outside.



## **AIRPORT LIMOUSINE AND RETURN FLIGHT RECONFIRMATION**

It is advisable to reconfirm your return flight and to reserve a seat on the airport limousine bus to Kansai International Airport (KIX) as soon as possible during your stay here. Should you require assistance, please contact the Business Center (ext. 3780) located on the second floor of the Sheraton. The Business Center's hours are 8:00 am to 7:00 pm every day.

## **KYOTO ONE-DAY TOUR ON MAY 25**

Two buses will leave for Kyoto at 8:30 am sharp. Registered participants are advised to be at the hotel main entrance ten minutes early. The tour includes visits to Kinkakuji (or Golden Pavilion), Heian Shrine, lunch and shopping at Kyoto Handicraft Center, Hekiunso Garden and Sanjusangendou Temple. Buses will return to the hotel by 5:30 pm. Anyone interested in this trip must reconfirm as soon as possible at the Secretariat. Those wishing to leave the buses and travel around Kyoto on their own are advised to declare their intentions in advance.

## **DELAYS IN ROOM SERVICE**

The hotel advises that, due to the expected heavy use of room service during this tournament, there may be delays in food delivery. Please be patient.

## **ACCESS BETWEEN HOTEL AND PLAYING AREA**

Be advised that there are two access routes between the Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel and the Urban Gourmet Port Building. One is located on the fourth floor and the other on the second floor.

## **COMPLIMENTARY BUS SHUTTLE TO SANNOMIYA OR SHIN KOBE**

The Kobe Bay Sheraton offers complimentary shuttle bus service between the hotel and Sannomiya or Shin Kobe. Tickets may be obtained at the desk on the fourth floor of the Urban Gourmet Port Building. Schedules are available in your room, guest packet, the hotel Business Center, or the desk.

## **SPORTS PUB ARENA**

To welcome PABF attendees, the Sports Pub Arena will remain open until 12:00 midnight instead of its usual 11:00 pm. Light meals will be available.

## **CONTACTING THE PABF SECRETARIAT**

The Secretariat, located in the I-Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the *Urban Gourmet Port*, can be contacted as follows: From your hotel room dial 6060 or 6061; from the Kobe City area dial 857-5585; from outside the City area dial 078-857-5585; and from overseas (for our Internet readers) dial +81-78-857-5585 (voice) or +81-78-857-5584 (fax).

## **DISCOUNT ON USE OF TENNIS COURTS**

The Bay Club on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel is offering 50% off tennis court rentals. Please book all reservations directly to #3891 in order to receive the discount. (Note: rental items do not qualify for the discount.)