

CHINA FIRST IN BOTH OPEN AND LADIES ROUND ROBINS

Rank	Open Series	VPs	Ladies Series	VPs
1	CHINA	377	CHINA	361
2	NEW ZEALAND	368	AUSTRALIA	335
3	CHINESE TAIPEI	356	INDONESIA	295
4	INDONESIA	333	NEW ZEALAND	273
5	AUSTRALIA	321	JAPAN	257
6	HONG KONG, CHINA	318	CHINESE TAIPEI	181
7	JAPAN	305	KOREA	141
8	MALAYSIA	267		
9	PHILIPPINES	233		
10	MACAU	201		
11	SINGAPORE	170		

PABF SCHEDULE/TIMES

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	May 23	11:30-13:50	Semi-Finals 2 nd Qtr (O); Final 1 st Segment (L)
		14:10-16:30	Semi-Finals 3 rd Qtr (O); Final 2 nd Segment (L)
		16:50-19:10	Semi-Finals 4 th Qtr (O); Final 3 rd Segment (L)
		21:10-23:30	Final 1 st Qtr (O)
		13:30-17:00	PABF Open Pairs 1 st Qualifying Session
		18:30-22:00	PABF Open Pairs 2 nd Qualifying Session
Sunday	May 24	10:30-12:50	Final 2 nd Qtr (O)
		14:20-16:40	Final 3 rd Qtr (O)
		17:00-19:20	Final 4 th Qtr (O)
		10:30-14:00	PABF Open Pairs 1 st Final Session & Consolation
		15:30-19:00	PABF Open Pairs 2 nd Final Session & Consolation

O=Open; L=Ladies

YESTERDAY'S MATCH RESULTS

OPEN Series (RR 2) — Match 10		
JAPAN	(64) 16 - 14 (59)	INDONESIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	(101) 25 - 0 (18)	HONG KONG, CHINA
NEW ZEALAND	(68) 15 - 15 (70)	CHINA
MACAU	(72) 22 - 8 (38)	AUSTRALIA
SINGAPORE	(44) 8 - 22 (76)	MALAYSIA
LADIES Series (RR 3) — Match 6		
INDONESIA	(61) 16 - 14 (54)	CHINA
AUSTRALIA	(31) 11 - 19 (52)	JAPAN
NEW ZEALAND	(85) 21 - 9 (57)	KOREA

RR 2 — MATCH 10 (O); RR 3 — MATCH 6 (L): IN BRIEF

Open Event:

Japan, running just out of the money, took a small step forward by edging by fourth-place **Indonesia**. This figures, however, to be too little too late. Third-place **Chines Taipei** blanked sixth-ranked **Hong Kong, China**, to move into second place and provide yet another example of the rich getting richer. The two top teams, **China** and **New Zealand**, bludgeoned each other to a dead tie, but New Zealand fell to third place in the process. Tenth-place **Macau** upset seventh-place **Australia**, but this one was just for practice as neither team has a chance to be in the big dance. And **Malaysia** beat **Singapore**.

Women's Event:

Third-place **Indonesia** showed first-place **China** that even with the current changes taking place in their country, their bridge is still to be reckoned with. Fifth-place **Japan** also beat second-place **Australia**. But in spite of these losses by the two top teams, this series has become a two-horse race. Oh yes, and fourth-place New Zealand won decisively over last-place **Korea**.

PLAYING AREA CHANGE FOR OPEN AND LADIES' TEAMS SEMI-FINALS & FINALS

The Semi-Finals and Finals of the PABF Open and Ladies' Teams will be held on the 1st floor of the Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel, in the Excelsior Room.

OPEN Series (RR 2) — Match 11		
CHINESE TAIPEI	(26) 10 - 20 (48)	NEW ZEALAND
INDONESIA	(31) 7 - 23 (69)	CHINA
JAPAN	(23) 4 - 25 (80)	HONG KONG, CHINA
MALAYSIA	(8) 4 - 25 (63)	AUSTRALIA
PHILIPPINES	(28) 9 - 21 (56)	MACAU
LADIES Series (RR 3) — Match 7		
CHINA	(45) 18 - 12 (31)	AUSTRALIA
INDONESIA	(49) 14 - 16 (52)	JAPAN
NEW ZEALAND	(69) 21 - 9 (40)	CHINESE TAIPEI

RR 2 — MATCH 11 (O); RR 3 — MATCH 7 (L): IN BRIEF

Open Event:

Well, there was no suspense about who would qualify — only the bragging rights accompanying the final order of finish. The match between number two and number three held to form, as **New Zealand** beat **Chinese Taipei**. The number one versus number four contest was also predictable, with top-ranked **China** readily dispatching **Indonesia**. **Hong Kong, China** scored a surprising upset of fifth-ranked **Japan**, while **Australia** over **Malaysia** and **Macau** over the **Philippines** were as expected.

Women's Event:

Here the two finalists were a foregone conclusion, since the other teams had already mathematically been eliminated. Number one-ranked **China** beat two-ranked **Australia**, while fifth-ranked **Japan** upset third-place **Indonesia**. **New Zealand** held form over **Chinese Taipei**.

ATTENTION: OPEN TEAMS SEMI-FINALISTS & LADIES TEAMS FINALISTS

Losing Semi-Finalists in the PABF Open Teams and Finalists in the PABF Ladies Teams may play in the Finals of the PABF Open Pairs on Sunday, May 24. Pairs consisting of two players who were both members of teams in the Open or Ladies Team events and who wish to play, will be given an automatic bye directly into the Open Pairs Finals. The entry fee will be ¥6.000.

Please advise the Secretariat Office no later than 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, if you intend to play, as arrangements for the proper number of qualifying pairs has to be made.

Vu-Graph Show Schedule					
Date (Day)	Time	Match	Date (Day)	Time	Match
May 23 (SAT)	12:00	SF 2 nd Qtr	May 24 (SUN)	10:30	FINAL 2 nd Qtr
	14:40	SF 3 rd Qtr		14:20	FINAL 3 rd Qtr
	17:20	SF 4 th Qtr		17:00	FINAL 4 th Qtr
	21:10	FINAL 1 st Qtr			

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KOBE BAY SHERATON CUP

Takahiko Hirata and **Hiroshi Kaku** took first place in the Kobe Bay Sheraton Cup Open Pairs with a score of 905.74 (696 was average). That's a smidgen better than 65%. Second were **Kazumi Tsuchisaka** and **Katsuko Matsuo**, with a score of 840.52. Congratulations to all of the contestants. Here are all of the overall places:

Place	Players	Score
1	Takahiko Hirata-Hiroshi Kaku	905.74
2	Kazumi Tsuchisaka-Katsuko Matsuo	840.52
3	Etsuko Naito-Yukiko Umezu	840.00
4	Tadashi Imakura-Kazuko Miura	831.13
5	Hideko Takeuchi-Tomie Koide	830.50
6	Yukie Kajiyama-Chihoko Mizofuchi	808.70
7	Luke Lau-Laurence Kiong	802.96
8	Chieko Notomi-Sachiko Nakatani	796.00
9	Tomoe Nakao-Miho Sekizawa	792.52
10	Nanako Tsuboya-Shuko Umeda	787.00
11	Tomoya Yamaguchi-Yoshiko Sakaguchi	777.50
12	Yasuyoshi Toriumi-Yutaka Hiramatsu	776.87
13	Mitsuko Suyama-Fusako Higashitani	774.50
14	Ikuko Inoue-Emiko Matsuki	766.50
15	Fumiko Asaumi-Yasuko Kosaka	765.00
16	Fusako Ueda-Minako Takahashi	741.39
17	Toyoko Nakakawaji-Toshiko Hiramori	735.50
18	Aiko Miki-Emiko Hibikio	730.96
19	Haruko Koshi-Yoko Osako	729.00
20	Kyoko Maeda-Reiko Yoshida	726.50
21	Sachiko Matsui-Mitsuko Shimizu	726.00



1st Place: Takahiko Hirata — Hiroshi Kaku



2nd Place: Kazumi Tsuchisaka — Katsuko Matsuo

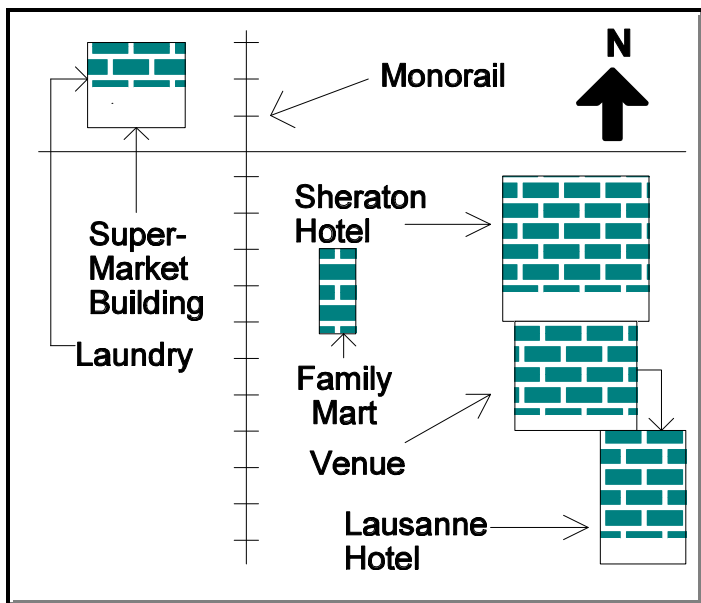


3rd Place: Etsuko Naito — Yukiko Umezu



LESS EXPENSIVE, TASTES GOOD — LAUNDRY AND SUSHI, TOO

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 are located across the monorail, to the North and West of the hotel. A third one, with excellent value sushi (go to fishery section — only ¥1.280 for 8 pieces), is located on the ground floor of the Lausanne 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 (but see the special the Garden Cafe is offering, described below); just don't say we didn't warn you. — Bon appetite!

Once you've eaten, if you're anything like your editors you'll need your laundry done. A good place to go is the laundry located outside of the Supermarkets, West of the monorail. The turnaround is only two days.

STEAK OUT AND THE BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Garden Cafe, located on the 1st floor of the Sheraton Hotel, is offering PABF members two super specials. Breakfast: A sumptuous buffet featuring eggs, ham, bacon, baked items, cereals, coffee, a variety of juices, fresh fruits and vegetables and more. Normally ¥2.400, this buffet is available until May 24 for only ¥1.400. Lunch/dinner: Featuring soup of the day, sirloin steak with madeira wine sauce, bread, a green salad and coffee. Normally ¥2.500, this magnificent feast can be had until May 22 for only ¥1.500. Take it from us, this is well worth it. The breakfast buffet is served from 7:00 to 9:30 am (the regular breakfast menu is available until 10:00 am); the lunch/dinner special is served from 11:30 to 21:00. At prices like this, you'd better get there quick before they run out of food.



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August 14th - 16th

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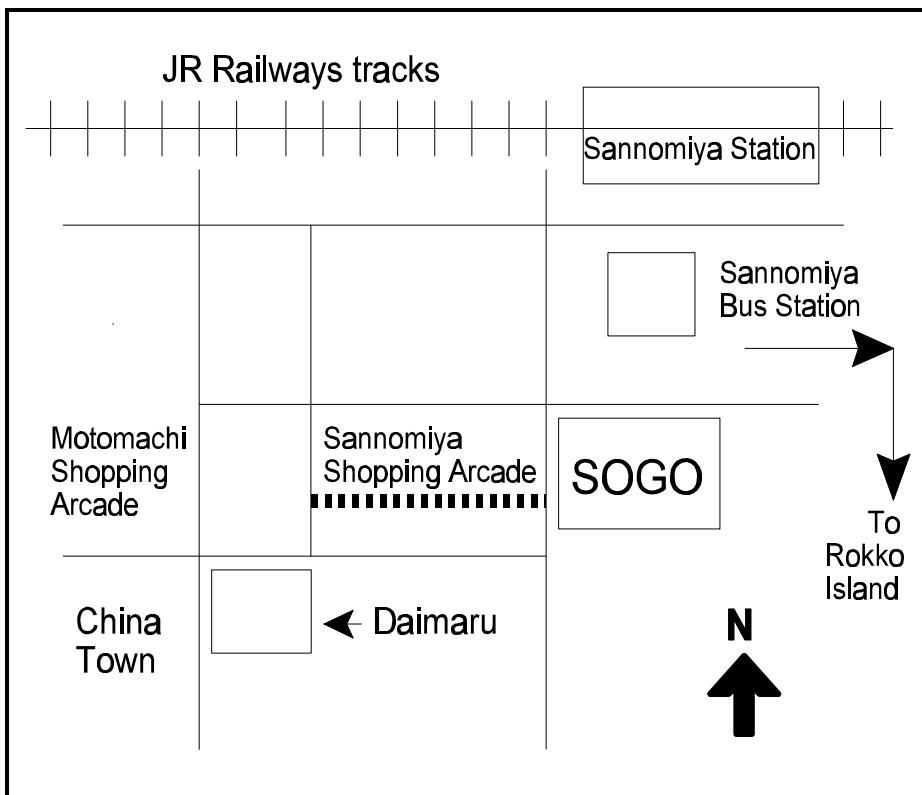
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BEST SHOPPING IN KOBE



Our spy tells us that the best locations for shopping, eating and taking care of business in Kobe are found in the Sannomiya and Motomachi areas, near the center of town. Sogo and Daimaru are the two major department stores and the Motomachi shopping arcade (street) is the most traditional shopping. Just take the hotel shuttle bus, leaving the Kobe Bay Sheraton every hour on the hour, and you will find yourself at the Sannomiya Bus Stop in about 25 minutes. Happy shopping!

P.S. Be warned. Our map is approximate. Better ones are available at the Secretariat.

BATTLE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC — PART I: OZ vs NZ (Open)

High-flying New Zealand met their struggling zomemates in Round 17. Do you think that there was anything more than bragging rights at stake here?

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K1074		
Vul: None	♥ ---		
	♦ AQ10842		
	♣ Q94		
West		East	
♠ J2		♠ A953	
♥ QJ1084		♥ 752	
♦ K96		♦ 73	
♣ J65		♣ AK103	
	South		
	♠ Q86		
	♥ AK963		
	♦ J5		
	♣ 872		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
	1♦	DBL	1♥
1NT	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
	1♠(1)	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

I'm not sure why **Bill Jacobs** didn't double 1♥ for penalty, but his 1NT bid didn't hurt him and he finished in the normal contract of 2♥. He got the lead of the ♣4 from **Mike Cornell**, and ran it to his jack to lead the ♥Q, taken. Three rounds of diamonds followed, **Dwayne Crombie** overruffing the third with the nine to return a spade. There was no way to avoid a spade loser now; minus 50.

Avon Wilsmore might have passed **Hugh Grosvenor's** 3♦ had he been sure it was a nonforcing canape, so I'm guessing that there was no firm agreement. **Peter Newell** led the ♣A and switched to a heart. Grosvenor threw both his clubs on high hearts, led the ♦J, covered, and

started trumps. Newell won the second trump and tapped Grosvenor in clubs. He ruffed the third diamond with the ♠9 in front of dummy and drove out the ♠10 with a heart. Dummy's ♠8 was Grosvenor's last trick; minus 50. 3 IMPs to New Zealand, 3-0.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AJ1093		
Vul: E/W	♥ 107		
	♦ K8743		
	♣ 3		
West		East	
♠ Q76		♠ 8542	
♥ 98432		♥ AK6	
♦ J105		♦ A2	
♣ A5		♣ K987	
	South		
	♠ K		
	♥ QJ5		
	♦ Q96		
	♣ QJ10642		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
	2♠	All Pass	Pass
Pass	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
	Pass	DBL	2♣(1)
Pass	Pass	DBL	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
(1) 8-12 HCP, 6+♣, no 4M; or 5+♦/5+M			

Cornell's 2♠ was a weak two-bid, lest you ask. ♥A, ♦A, diamond. When Jacobs won the ♠Q, he gave **Ben Thompson** a diamond ruff. One down; minus 50. Grosvenor led his singleton club against **Martin Reid's** 2♥, seven, ten, ace. Reid played ace-king of hearts, spade, and when Wilsmore won the king and cashed the ♥Q, he was endplayed: a club honor would allow Reid to ruff out the other honor and return to the ♦A to cash the club winner, and when he played a diamond instead, Reid played the ten and could then lead towards the jack for his eighth winner; plus 110. 2 IMPs to New Zealand, ahead 5-1.

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K1064		
Vul: N/S	♥ KJ95		
	♦ Q6		
	♣ 763		
West		East	
♠ A97		♠ 853	
♥ Q1072		♥ 864	
♦ 54		♦ J98	
♣ AQJ5		♣ K842	
	South		
	♠ QJ2		
	♥ A3		
	♦ AK10732		
	♣ 109		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
	Pass	Pass	1♦
DBL	1♥	Pass	1NT(16-17)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
	1♥	Pass	2♣(G/T-R)
DBL	Pass	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J96		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ		
	♦ K10		
	♣ AK9742		
West		East	
♠ 1073		♠ AKQ8	
♥ 864		♥ A5	
♦ A9632		♦ QJ87	
♣ 83		♣ Q105	
	South		
	♠ 542		
	♥ Q109732		
	♦ 54		
	♣ J6		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
		1♣(STR)	2♦(1)
Pass	2♥(P/C)	DBL	Pass(♥)
2NT(2)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		
(1) ♥ or two other suits			
(2) Looks like some form of lebensohl			

We can see that 3NT is not a very good contract, but not every bad contract has to fail. Had Jacobs led a heart or a low spade, for example, our man Dwayne would have written plus 600 in the "We" column. But Jacobs did not lead a major — he led the ♣A, much better than the quack since it caters to king-and-one opposite ten-fourth and singleton king. He got a count card, continued with the queen, which held, then cashed the ♠A before continuing with the ♣J. One down; minus 100. Wilsmore took ten easy tricks in 2♦; plus 130. 6 IMPs to Australia; ahead 8-5.

Reid's 3♦ was an infinitely better contract than Thompson's 3NT and deserved an infinitely better fate; Reid was plus 110. Thompson would not have enjoyed 3NT on a heart or a club lead, but Crombie, guessing, led a spade to the nine and queen. The diamond finesse lost and Cornell, guessing returned the ♥K rather than a high club or a low one. Plus 600. 10 IMPs to Australia, 18-5.



"It's that bloody kiwi bird — broke my concentration."



"Don't jump, mate, anyone could have gone down in that 3NT!"



"I HAVE to read these things, I'm the captain, but you!?"

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q1086		
Vul: Both	♥ Q9876		
	♦ 87		
	♣ Q9		
West		East	
♠ AKJ9		♠ 73	
♥ KJ4		♥ 32	
♦ KJ		♦ AQ9654	
♣ AJ53		♣ K64	
	South		
	♠ 542		
	♥ A105		
	♦ 1032		
	♣ 10872		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
			Pass
2♦(1)	Pass	2♥(P/C)	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
			1♦(0-7)
DBL*	RDBL(T/O)	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
6♦*	All Pass		

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 72		
Vul: None	♥ KJ1043		
	♦ J8		
	♣ 10754		
West		East	
♠ KQ4		♠ J1053	
♥ Q96		♥ 752	
♦ 972		♦ KQ1064	
♣ KQ93		♣ 2	
	South		
	♠ A986		
	♥ A8		
	♦ A53		
	♣ AJ86		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	DBL
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
			1♠
Pass	1♦(0-7)	Pass	
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

In 4NT Jacobs made five; plus 660. In 6♦, Newell got the lead of the ♣2 from Wilsmore, jack, queen, king. That was a bad start for him and he needed some luck. He tried a low spade to the jack. No luck there. He won the club return and ran four rounds of diamonds, played ace-king of spades to discard his club, ruffed a spade, and led a heart . . . ace. One down; minus 100. 13 IMPs to Australia, ahead now 31-5.

Should Cornell have risked a weak jump overcall of 2♥? Ask his analyst. While you're at it you might as well ask about Crombie, whose double, then 2♠ reflects a certain impatience and/or frustration. 2♠, an odious little contract handled reasonably well on a diamond lead. Crombie got a diamond ruff in dummy, a heart ruff in hand, but only six tricks in all when he ducked a club, then never scored the ace; minus 100. In 2♥, Grosvenor took nine tricks on a club lead, ducking to the queen, winning the diamond switch, and drawing trumps; plus 140. 6 IMPs to Australia, 37-5.



"One more comment like that and you're dead meat."



"I still love you, but I would love you more if you raised me . . ."

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K9543		
Vul: Both	♥ 2		
	♦ K86		
	♣ K743		
West		East	
♠ Q2		♠ A106	
♥ QJ64		♥ K10875	
♦ A10932		♦ 75	
♣ A9		♣ J86	
	South		
	♠ J87		
	♥ A93		
	♦ QJ4		
	♣ Q1052		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	DBL*	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
		Pass	Pass(1)
1♥	1NT(2)	3♥(PRE)	All Pass
(1) 17+ any; or 8-12 flat, no M			
(2) 4+♠, 8-12			

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AQ8742		
Vul: None	♥ 95		
	♦ J		
	♣ QJ105		
West		East	
♠ 95		♠ J6	
♥ AKQ3		♥ 10874	
♦ A105		♦ Q98762	
♣ AK87		♣ 3	
	South		
	♠ K103		
	♥ J62		
	♦ K43		
	♣ 9642		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
		Pass	Pass
2♦(1)	2♠	Pass	Pass
DBL	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass
(1) Multi			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
		Pass	1♦(0-7)
DBL*	2♠	Pass	Pass
DBL	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Against 3♥, Grosvenor found the effective lead of the ♣3. Reid won, led the ♥J, ducked, and conceded a club to Wilsmore, who led a third club. Reid ruffed with the ♥Q, and led a second trump, Wilsmore winning to play a third. It was too late for diamonds now; Reid ducked one, ruffed the suit good, and led a spade towards the queen. He lost two spade tricks for one down; minus 100. Not so hot. In 4♥, Jacobs got a spade lead, of course. He won the queen, played ♣A, club, won the diamond switch, played ♠A, club ruff, diamond. The defense gave him his spade ruff, so he drew trumps, and claimed; plus 620. 12 IMPs to Australia, 49-1.



"No, I couldn't believe it either."

"Lead a bloody spade, Dwayne," willed the New Zealand npc Richard Solomon to his gladiator on Vugraph. Nope, Dwayne led a club. Spade discard; plus 400. There was no defeating Newell's superior 4♥; plus 420. 1 IMP to New Zealand, 7-49. Why did Thompson-Jacobs finish in 5♦? Because 4♥ was interpreted as a cue-bid, I believe.

On Board 12, both E/W pairs played in 2♠. Newell ran into a more challenging defense than Thompson and went one down where his counterpart made it, 4 IMPs to Australia; 53-7. New Zealand got an IMP back on Board 13, but they needed more lively deals to get back into the match and retain their lead in the standings.

Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K9		
Vul: None	♥ Q87		
	♦ KJ532		
	♣ 1074		
West		East	
♠ AQ4		♠ 3	
♥ A652		♥ KJ103	
♦ 976		♦ Q104	
♣ J62		♣ AK853	
	South		
	♠ J1087652		
	♥ 94		
	♦ A8		
	♣ Q9		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
		1♣	3♠
3NT	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
		1♥	2♠
DBL*	Pass	3♣(1)	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
(1) canape			

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ J872		
Vul: N/S	♥ 7		
	♦ 876		
	♣ 109653		
West		East	
♠ A643		♠ 5	
♥ 10983		♥ AK654	
♦ 32		♦ J105	
♣ AQ8		♣ KJ72	
	South		
	♠ KQ109		
	♥ QJ2		
	♦ AKQ94		
	♣ 4		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
			1♦
DBL	Pass	4♥	All Pass
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
			Pass(1)
Pass	1♣(2)	1♥	1♠
2♠(♥)	3♠	4♣	4♠
5♥	DBL	All Pass	
(1) 17+ Any; or 8-12, flat, no M			
(2) 0-7 Any			

Crombie's 3♠ buried the E/W heart fit. Alas, 3NT was tough to beat. Cornell led the ♠K, taken. Club to the ace, low club. Crombie scooped in the queen gratefully and returned the ♠J. Jacobs guessed the ♥Q; plus 430. In 4♥, Newell got the lead of the ♠J. He tried the queen with considerable hope. Hope, schmope, nope. ♠K, diamond to the ace, ♦K, diamond ruff, spade exit, misguess the ♥Q. Two down; minus 100. 11 IMPs to Australia, 65-7.

How would you like to double 5♥ with the North hand. Forcing pass and all that. No interest in 5♠. Wilsmore knew what to lead, but it didn't matter. One down; minus 100. Pretty good to get to 4♠, though. Harder for Crombie-Cornell, although Crombie might have risked it at considerable risk to limb and life. 4♥ was quite cold; plus 420. 11 IMPs more to Australia, 76-7.

One more swing to come . . .



"Long ago, in a far away kingdom,, there lived a beautiful princess and a fierce, fire-breathing dragon . . ."



"He asked me to the big dance and I said yes."

Bd: 17	North		
Dlr: North	♠ Q86		
Vul: None	♥ 762		
	♦ 6		
	♣ KQ10542		
West		East	
♠ AJ52		♠ 10	
♥ 109		♥ KQJ843	
♦ 753		♦ Q94	
♣ J973		♣ A86	
	South		
	♠ K9743		
	♥ A5		
	♦ AKJ1082		
	♣ ---		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Cornell	Thmpsn	Crombie
	Pass	1♥	2♥(♠+m)
Pass	2NT(INQ)	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Grsvnr	Newell	Wilsmore
	2♣(1)	2♥	DBL*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
(1) 8-12, 6+♣, no M; or 5+♦/5+M			

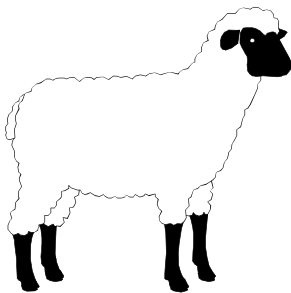
At both tables, North declared 4♠ from the short side to the lead of the ♥K. Both won the ♥A. Cornell played ace-king, jack of diamonds, discarding hearts. Thompson scooped in the ♦Q and forced a trump from Cornell's hand with a second heart. The ♠6 went to the ten, king, and ace, and Jacobs switched to the ♣J, covered all around and ruffed. When Thompson showed out on the second spade, Cornell was able to cash two clubs but couldn't avoid forcing dummy himself, giving Jacobs two trump tricks. One down; minus 50.

Grosvenor elected to lead a trump to the queen at trick two, continuing with the ♣Q to discard dummy's heart loser when Newell followed low. Now ♦A, diamond ruff, club ruff, ♦K, and a high diamond, ruffed low by Reid and overruffed, N O W a heart ruff and a good diamond, and Reid could take only his two trump winners; plus 450. 11 IMPs to Australia, 87-10.

Which is how it ended. Aussie rules. For a moment. The Kiwis will enjoy the last laugh in this tournament, however, going on to the knockout phase.

NOT THE SHEEP, MATE

Emma Barrack of the New Zealand Women's Team has a lovely white sheepskin rug, reputedly once directly related to some lovely white New Zealand sheep. Ms Barrack is willing to part with said rug for the paltry sum of 6000 yen.



Parties interested in examining the rug or its lineage, but not (necessarily) Ms Barrack, are invited to ring Room 1018.

BATTLE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC — PART II: OZ vs NZ (Women's)

It is undeniable that the preceding anecdote from "Bondage" will be tough to top, but hey, we gotta give it the old college try. Chicks and cars and rock 'n roll. It's Australia vs New Zealand again, but this time in the Women's Series, the Aussies coasting into the final, New Zealand more-or-less out of it despite the best efforts of our buddy, the schizophrenic kiwi bird. Heard any good wombat jokes lately?

unless you are confident that 4♠ could not be natural. I can't see anything wrong with the jump to 4♥. Beale was one down in her slam; minus 50. **Sue Weal** was plus 450 in 4♥. NZ struck first, 11-0.

Full marks to both N/S pairs for coming to the table with an opening bid in their bags to describe the North hand.

Only 1 IMP exchanged hands on the next deal, but it might have been significantly more had **Kathy Yule** played with less skill . . .

Bd: 1	North		
Dlr: North	♠ Q9865		
Vul: None	♥ 3		
	♦ K9742		
	♣ K2		
West		East	
♠ K7		♠ AJ	
♥ Q87642		♥ AK1095	
♦ 108		♦ AJ3	
♣ A94		♣ Q73	
	South		
	♠ 10432		
	♥ J		
	♦ Q65		
	♣ J10865		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
	2NT(1)	3NT	4♣(P/C)
4♥	All Pass		
(1) 5+/5+, ♠+♦ or ♥+♣			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
	2♦(1)	DBL	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
(1) 5+M/4+m, weak; or STR BAL			

6♥ is a slam with no future, save perhaps a singleton ♣K in tandem with the ability to take two diamond tricks. Is the East hand worth a slam drive opposite a big jump to 4♥? Or is the 4♥ bid an overstatement? Or is it just bad luck that beset **Felicity Beale-Di Smart**? The East hand is not as good as it seems, and it is really worth a cooperative slam try. Unfortunately, there is no such bid available without discussion,

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 7		
Vul: N/S	♥ AKQ108		
	♦ QJ975		
	♣ A9		
West		East	
♠ K652		♠ AJ1083	
♥ 53		♥ J742	
♦ K1064		♦ A	
♣ K54		♣ 832	
	South		
	♠ Q94		
	♥ 96		
	♦ 832		
	♣ QJ1076		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♦	3♠	All Pass
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣(STR)	1♠(1)	DBL*
2♦(P/C)	2♥	All Pass	
(1) Long spades or short spades			

Normally, you'd want to reach at least 2♠ with the E/W cards, but Beale-Smart had to sort out their longs and shorts and (apparently) did not do it. Fortunately for them, **Arleen Schwartz** was unable to find a way home in 2♥: club lead, the queen winning, diamond to the jack and ace,

second club, ducked to the ace, ♠A/K/Q, ♦Q to the king, spade to the ace, ♠J ruffed, diamond to the ten (club), ♣K, ruffed and overruffed, spade to the queen and king, and Beale had left herself with a diamond to give declarer in the end. One down; minus 100.

Yule, in 3♠, had lots of work to do. Two rounds of hearts and a switch to the ♦Q. ♦A, ♠A, the ♠J, running it, spade to the king, ♦K to pitch a club, low club from dummy, ducked to South, diamond to force declarer, low club, ducked to the ace. Yule had a trick now with the ♣K, and cashed it when she ruffed a heart with dummy's last trump. Belissima. Plus 140. 1 IMP to New Zealand, 12-0.

the king-jack of trumps are offside and guarded, just two combinations. 3NT might go down with diamonds four-one. Arrrgggh. New Zealand won the board, plus 600, plus 100. 12 IMPs. New Zealand, 24-1.

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 7		
Vul: Both	♥ AQ1095		
	♦ AKQ86		
	♣ A7		
West		East	
♠ K108653		♠ QJ4	
♥ —		♥ KJ76	
♦ 93		♦ J54	
♣ Q9642		♣ J108	
	South		
	♠ A92		
	♥ 8432		
	♦ 1072		
	♣ K53		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
			Pass
2♠	DBL	Pass	3♥(1)
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦(1/4)
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
(1) Constructive			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
			Pass
2♠	DBL	Pass	2NT(1)
Pass	3♦(STR)	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) Puppet to 3♣, usually weak hand			

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 76		
Vul: None	♥ ---		
	♦ KQ6532		
	♣ K9874		
West		East	
♠ AK93		♠ J54	
♥ AK1043		♥ QJ965	
♦ J74		♦ 1098	
♣ 3		♣ 65	
	South		
	♠ Q1082		
	♥ 872		
	♦ A		
	♣ AQJ102		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
1♥	3♣(♣+♦)	4♥	5♣
5♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
1♥	2NT(♣+♦)	3♥	5♣
DBL	All Pass		

Beale was right not to go on to 5♥ because she couldn't make it, but she was wrong to "take the money" from 5♣ doubled because there wasn't any money ("honey," as the Big Bopper would have said in *Chantilly Lace*). No tricks either, on a heart lead. Schwartz quickly wrapped up all thirteen of the little devils for plus 750. We suspect that Weal bid 5♥ because she thought it might make. She was wrong about that, but brought in a big swing for her side nonetheless. She went three down after ♦K to the ace, club over, ♦Q, diamond ruff, with a spade to come. Minus 150. 12 IMPs more to New Zealand, who were ahead 36-1.



This was very unlucky deal for Australia, with **Margaret Bourke-Lidia Beech** comprehensively outbidding Schwartz-Barrack. 6♥ fails only when

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 963		
Vul: E/W	♥ 63		
	♦ 8765		
	♣ KQ84		
West		East	
♠ —		♠ 1042	
♥ A9872		♥ KQJ5	
♦ KQ102		♦ AJ94	
♣ J1093		♣ A7	
	South		
	♠ AKQJ875		
	♥ 104		
	♦ 3		
	♣ 652		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
	Pass	1NT	4♠
DBL	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
	Pass	1♦	4♠
5♦	All Pass		

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K109876		
Vul: Both	♥ 4		
	♦ A543		
	♣ 96		
West		East	
♠ A		♠ QJ5	
♥ Q6532		♥ AJ1097	
♦ QJ962		♦ ---	
♣ 43		♣ AKJ85	
	South		
	♠ 432		
	♥ K8		
	♦ K1087		
	♣ Q1072		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
	Pass	1♣(STR)	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♠(SPL)	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

There was a certain random element to the swing on this one, because vagaries of notrump range dictated that Smart would open 1♦, Yule 1NT. That made it easy for Beale to think exclusively in terms of offense over 4♠ where Weal, whose negative double limit is 4♥ in this position, had to choose between a somewhat amorphous double and 4NT. There were eight tricks in 4♠ doubled; down 300. There were thirteen tricks available in 5♦ on a spade lead, but Smart played safely for eleven; plus 600. 7 IMPs to Australia, 8-36.

Playing in 4♥, Weal made five on a spade lead when she took the trump finesse and got a trump return. Smart, declaring the excellent 6♥, also got a spade lead. She too took the trump finesse, and the trump return left her a trick short. Alas, a trump to the ace makes the slam in comfort on two-one trumps. Plus 650 for Weal, minus 100 for Smart. 13 IMPs to New Zealand, 49-8.



"0-7, any shape. Bad luck, mate, so is partner."

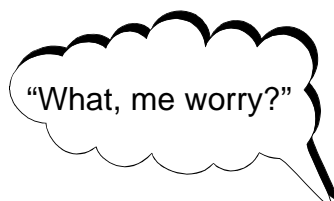


"Look here, it's a tiny message. It says, 'Help, I'm being held captive in a sushi restaurant.'"

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 10842		
Vul: N/S	♥ AQJ94		
	♦ 10		
	♣ K87		
West		East	
♠ 7		♠ KJ965	
♥ K106		♥ 852	
♦ A3		♦ 876	
♣ AJ96542		♣ Q3	
	South		
	♠ AQ3		
	♥ 73		
	♦ KQJ9542		
	♣ 10		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
2♣	Pass	3♣	3♦
4♣	DBL	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♦
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 98652		
Vul: Both	♥ 83		
	♦ J1053		
	♣ 96		
West		East	
♠ QJ10		♠ AK73	
♥ AQ107		♥ 654	
♦ AQ4		♦ 82	
♣ 1072		♣ J543	
	South		
	♠ 4		
	♥ KJ92		
	♦ K976		
	♣ AKQ8		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1NT	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
	Pass	Pass	1♣(STR)
Pass	1♦(Neg)	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥(♠)	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

With both major-suit kings inside, and the ♦A with the singleton spade, there are eleven tricks available in diamonds. **Emma Barrack**, with her lovely ¥6000 white sheepskin rug on her lap, took them; plus 150. I like Yule's 3♣ and Weal's re-raise with a seventh trump doesn't look unreasonable. Nonetheless, Bourke's double, whatever it meant (they do not play responsive doubles at this level although North has one this time), netted 500 points. Three down. 8 IMPs to Australia, 17-49.



I'm not sure why Yule did not try for game. Beech threw two hearts on the run of the spades, so Weal made four; plus 180.

If the South hand must be opened with a strong club, I think the system stinks. Colker-san says that I must come out my shell and tell you what I really think. Sorry, Ems. You could almost see it coming: rebid 1♥ artificial, 19+ so unavailable, rebid a minor and get the lengths wrong, rebid 1NT and have partner bid spades. I'm all for bidding notrump with bad patterns but only when it's necessary. 1♦, even with another queen, will work much better. 2♠ went two down; minus 200. Just 1 IMP to Australia, however, 18-49.



"Yes, it was pretty awful defense."

Plus 480. 11 IMPs to Australia, 29-49.

Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KJ876		
Vul: None	♥ K63		
	♦ 10875		
	♣ 5		
West			East
♠ A32			♠ Q4
♥ AJ1094			♥ Q75
♦ A2			♦ KJ6
♣ KJ8			♣ AQ973
	South		
	♠ 1095		
	♥ 82		
	♦ Q943		
	♣ 10642		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
		1♦(0+♦)	Pass
1♥	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
		1NT	Pass
2♦(♥)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Bd: 16	North		
Dlr: West	♠ AJ872		
Vul: E/W	♥ AQ8		
	♦ K83		
	♣ 82		
West			East
♠ 65			♠ 3
♥ K10973			♥ J642
♦ 2			♦ AJ10974
♣ KQJ105			♣ A3
	South		
	♠ KQ1094		
	♥ 5		
	♦ Q65		
	♣ 9764		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
1♥	1♠	3♦(♥+♦)	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♠
DBL	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
Pass	1♠	2♦	4♠
All Pass			

Against 5♠ doubled, Yule led a heart, so Bourke was out for one down; minus 100. Against 4♠, Smart had to do something important to defeat the contract, and she was equal to the occasion, leading ♦A, diamond. She overtook the ♣K with the ace and gave Beale another diamond ruff, and the ♣Q was the second undertrick; minus 100. No swing.



"Arrrggh! It still, doesn't add up!"

If you're going to play 6♥, you'd like to play it from the side where the spade lead won't threaten the contract. As it happens, this is again somewhat random when different notrump ranges are being played, and Beale-Smart, who bid the slam, got there from the "wrong" side. It's a fine slam anyway, of course, since the ♥K might be onside if the spades go badly on the go, and here, when Schwartz did not double 4♠, Barrack led a reasonable diamond; plus 980. In the other room, where Weal-Yule would have played from the "right" side with the spade threat (again randomly) revealed, Weal knew a lot about her partner's hand after relaying five times: exact patten, 3 controls, high honors everywhere, no second high honor in spades. Not enough to bid slam with complete confidence, however.

Bd: 17	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 65		
Vul: None	♥ AQJ105		
	♦ Q963		
	♣ A6		
West		East	
♠ J84		♠ KQ109	
♥ 63		♥ 9742	
♦ J8742		♦ 5	
♣ 874		♣ KQ53	
	South		
	♠ A732		
	♥ K8		
	♦ AK10		
	♣ J1092		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

		Open Room	
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
		Pass	1♣
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	3♠	All Pass	
		Closed Room	
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
		Pass	1♦(1+♦)
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣(INQ)	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Better to be in 2♠ than three. But in the higher partscore, Beech made four on ace and another diamond; plus 170. In 2♣, Barrack made two after two rounds of clubs and (if the record is correct) a switch to the ♦J. Plus 110. 2 IMPs to Australia, 31-49.

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 763		
Vul: E/W	♥ A93		
	♦ Q6		
	♣ A7654		
West		East	
♠ K4		♠ 10982	
♥ 8742		♥ KJ10	
♦ 109754		♦ 82	
♣ K8		♣ J1092	
	South		
	♠ AQJ5		
	♥ Q65		
	♦ AKJ3		
	♣ Q3		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Weal	Bourke	Yule	Beech
			1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Beale	Schwartz	Smart	Barrack
			1♣(STR)
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Were Bourke and Beech on the same page on this one? 5♥ made on the nose when Yule showed out on the second diamond, leaving a proven finesse for the jack. 3NT, in no jeopardy, made five too. No swing.

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ K953		
Vul: N/S	♥ A10952		
	♦ 10		
	♣ J104		
West		East	
♠ 2		♠ 10764	
♥ KJ73		♥ Q64	
♦ AJ9762		♦ 853	
♣ KQ		♣ A62	
	South		
	♠ AQJ8		
	♥ 8		
	♦ KQ4		
	♣ 98753		

It looks as if Beech's 4NT was quantitative, but Bourke showed aces. 6NT was a dreadful contract and went three down on a spade lead when the only card right for declarer was the ♥K; minus 150.

That left an opening for New Zealand and it looked like a big loss to Australia when Schwartz-Barrack finished safely in 3NT. Safe, schmafe. With 29 combined HCP, you'd usually be laughing in 3NT, but here there is no ninth trick on top and enough lurking danger to beat you if you choose the wrong suit to attack. Schwartz lost the ♠J to the king at trick one, and Beale did well not to switch to hearts, playing back a spade to the six, nine (an essential play to leave declarer a guess in spades), queen.

Diamond to the queen, club to the queen and king (deuce from Smart), diamond. Schwartz ducked a club to Smart, who returned the ♠2. Schwartz went wrong now, calling for the ace. She cashed her diamonds, throwing two hearts. That enabled Smart to blank the ♥K. She played it perforce under the ♥A, but Schwartz, down to nothing but clubs, had to give Smart the rest for one down; minus 50. 3 IMPs to New Zealand, 52-31.

And so it ended, with a 52-31 Kiwi victory, 19-11 in VP.

Baaaah, humbug.

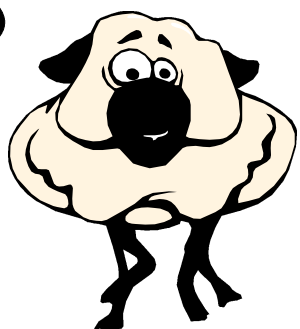
PASSING COMMENT

by "Bondage"

Bd: 20	North		
Dir: West	♠ 962		
Vul: Both	♥ K1075		
	♦ 1095		
	♣ Q106		
West		East	
♠ AJ1083		♠ 754	
♥ AJ2		♥ 986	
♦ K		♦ J762	
♣ J873		♣ K42	
	South		
	♠ KQ		
	♥ Q43		
	♦ AQ832		
	♣ A95		
West	North	East	South
Mace	Lee	Jacob	Ng
1♦(1)	Pass	1♥(2)	1NT
All Pass			
(1) 4+♠, 12+ HCP; (2) Negative			

We know that kibitzers aren't meant to pass comment on the play, but does this extend to players at another table? Witness the defense on the following hand, with Lily Lee (North) and Thomas Ng (South) against Brian Mace (West) and Tom Jacob (East).

The opening lead was the ♠J, which ran to South's queen. Then came the ♦A, king, five, four, low heart to dummy's king, and the ♦10, jack, queen, ♣3. Declarer crossed back to the ♦9 and led a club, intending to take his ace and cash out. Jacob had other ideas: After some serious thought, he rose with the king (playing partner for the ace of clubs) intending to lead one major or the other through declarer. This was not a success. South, at the next table, immediately expressed his opinion on this play by passing wind, long and loud, an opinion with which West concurred. In spirit at least.



"I'm begging you — please turn over the last trick."

THE INDO-KIWI SHOWDOWN: NEW ZEALAND vs INDONESIA (O)

Round 20. It was getting down to the wire. The second-place Kiwis were up against the fourth-place Indonesians, and the sparks were sure to fly . . . but not immediately.

The first board saw both E/W pairs bid 4♠. When trumps split two-two, and the defense couldn't find a ruff with ♥K2 opposite ♥A86, both sides chalked up plus 420.

Then came this little gem.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 1043		
Vul: N/S	♥ K854		
	♦ Q65		
	♣ K74		
West		East	
♠ AKJ		♠ 9765	
♥ 932		♥ Q1076	
♦ AK73		♦ 94	
♣ 1086		♣ AQ3	
	South		
	♠ Q82		
	♥ AJ		
	♦ J1082		
	♣ J952		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Munawar	Cornell	Lasut
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT(1)	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) 15-17 HCP			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Newell	Panelewen	Reid
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

In the Open Room **Dwayne Crombie-Mike Cornell** overbid to the poor 3NT game, while in the Closed Room **Franky Karwur-Santje Panelewen** stopped sensibly in 2NT. But as if to validate their opponents' bidding, the defense in the Open Room was porous. **Munawar Sawirudin** led the ♣4, 3, J 8, and **Henky Lasut**

returned a low club ducked around to the queen. Crombie took the spade finesse, cashed the ♠AK and played a heart to dummy's ten and Lasut's jack. A play of either minor-suit now would have scuttled the pretentious contract (a club would set up the fifth trick for the defense immediately, while a diamond now and another when South comes in with his ♥A, North unblocking the queen, would lead to the same conclusion), but Lasut, as if fearful of being endplayed, cashed his ♥A before exiting the ♦J, giving Crombie the time to set up his ninth trick in hearts; plus 400. In the other room **Peter Newell** led a heart to **Martin Reid's** jack who shifted to the ♦J. Karwur won to play another heart to Reid's ace, and a low diamond was ducked to Newell's queen. On the diamond return Karwur pitched a spade from dummy and eventually came to eight tricks when Reid pitched spades and the club finesse came home; plus 120. 7 IMPs to New Zealand, 7-0.

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ ---		
Vul: E/W	♥ J9763		
	♦ 10642		
	♣ Q753		
West		East	
♠ Q543		♠ AKJ72	
♥ 52		♥ KQ104	
♦ KQ7		♦ J8	
♣ AK64		♣ J10	
	South		
	♠ 10986		
	♥ A8		
	♦ A953		
	♣ 982		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Munawar	Cornell	Lasut
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Newell	Panelewen	Reid
			2♦(1)
Pass	3♣(2)	Pass	3♦
All Pass			
(1) 4♠ & 4+♣/♦ (often 4-4 nv); (2) P/C			

Germ warfare at its ugly best. In the Open Room Lasut passed in first seat (who could blame him) and Crombie-Cornell had no problem getting to their spade game. When Lasut led the ♠A eleven tricks were easy; plus 650. But in the Closed Room Karwur-Panelewen hadn't reckoned with Newell-Reid. Reid's 2♦ bid froze them like deers in the headlights of an oncoming car. When the car had passed Newell and Reid were down four at 50 per, minus 200, — not much to compensate a lost vulnerable game. 10 IMPs to New Zealand, leading 17-0.

♣A against Panelewen's 6♠, 2, 8 (discouraging), 7, there was still a lot of work to do, But the ♦4 shift, 8,9 Q made success a better proposition. Now Panelewen could afford to take the discovery play in trumps, provided the clubs were no worse than four-two or the ♥Q was doubleton. When trumps were negotiated successfully and clubs proved to be three-three, the slam was in the bag; plus 1430.

Since good bidding is its own reward, we won't comment further on Crombie's choice of rebids in the Open Room. Even on the ♥Q lead the spade game made only five; plus 650. 13 IMPs to Indonesia, trailing 13-17.

After a push on Board 5, followed by an overtrick IMP to Indonesia on Board 6 and 3 undertrick IMPs to New Zealand on Board 7, the following gem arose with New Zealand leading 20-14.

Bd: 4	North		
Dlr: West	♠ J862		
Vul: Both	♥ Q10		
	♦ 9752		
	♣ 865		
West		East	
♠ K54		♠ AQ1093	
♥ AK85		♥ J96	
♦ 8		♦ AQ3	
♣ Q9432		♣ K7	
South			
♠ 7			
♥ 7432			
♦ KJ1064			
♣ AJ10			
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Munawar	Cornell	Lasut
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	NewellPanlwn	Reid	
2♦(1)	Pass	2NT(2)	Pass
3♥(3)	Pass	3♠(4)	Pass
3NT(5)	Pass	4♦(6)	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass
(1) Precision (short ♦); (2) Relay, FG			
(3) 4-3-1-5; (4) Sets ♠ as trumps, relay			
(5) Min; (6) Cue-bid			

Bd: 8	North		
Dlr: West	♠ AK10		
Vul: None	♥ 10642		
	♦ AJ532		
	♣ 4		
West		East	
♠ J8732		♠ ---	
♥ AJ		♥ K9873	
♦ K4		♦ 7	
♣ 10652		♣ AKQJ983	
South			
♠ Q9654			
♥ Q5			
♦ Q10986			
♣ 7			
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Munawar	Cornell	Lasut
Pass	1♦	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♠	4♥	4♠
DBL	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	NewellPanlwn	Reid	
Pass	1♥(1)	2♣	DBL
2♠	3♦	4♣	Pass
5♣	DBL	All Pass	
(1) Canape style			

Slam on the E/W cards is certainly no picnic (with or without ants), but it's nice to see that there is a quaint sort of justice in this world. While the auction in the Closed Room is typical of the Indos' shotgun approach to bidding, one can't quarrel with success. When Reid led the

We must admit that we would have chosen different actions at both our second and third

turns with the West hand than were taken in the Open Room. An immediate raise of clubs (how high and how strong is debatable). But even holding five trumps doesn't make the third-round double appeal to us. Conversely, the spade weakness makes a probe for 6♣ quite attractive. Although Crombie's double did net him plus 500, it was pawltry compensation for what happened (and what might have happened if Panelewen had chosen to redouble) in the Closed Room. Karwur and Panelewen's plus 650 brought 4 insufficient IMPs to Indonesia, to close to 18-20.

A string of small swings occurred on Boards 9-14, making the score New Zealand 33, Indonesia 23, when this wild affair arose.

forcing (which it isn't). So it's no surprise to us that Cornell scored up 650. The auction in the Closed Room was more in accord with what we believe the North and West hands are worth. East has a tough decision over 6♥. One of us has a very slight preference for pass, but that double is certainly reasonable, while the other thinks double is clearly superior. This just underscores our belief in the wisdom of North bidding to the six-level. Of course Panelewen had no reason to expect Karwur to save again once he (presumably) pushed N/S beyond their level. The minus 300 he got for his effort was another appropriate touch of justice dealt by the Great Shuffler. 13 well-judged IMPs to New Zealand, 46-23.

Bd: 15		North	
Dir: South		♠ Q10	
Vul: N/S		♥ AJ10865	
		♦ J8432	
		♣ ---	
West		East	
♠ AJ863		♠ K97542	
♥ 93		♥ K	
♦ 105		♦ AK96	
♣ 8652		♣ Q9	
		South	
		♠ ---	
		♥ Q742	
		♦ Q7	
		♣ AKJ10743	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Munawar	Cornell	Lasut
			1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♣ (♣+♥)
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	DBL	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	NewellPanlwn	Reid	
			1♥(canape)
Pass	4♥	4♠	5♣
5♠	6♥	Pass	Pass
6♠	DBL	All Pass	

Munawar's double of 4♠ comes in last on our list of actions warranted by the North hand. 4NT (a general slam try), 6♥ (let them guess who can make what) and 5♥ are all reasonable. Even a pass would be acceptable if we thought it was

Bd: 17		North	
Dir: North		♠ A4	
Vul: None		♥ 975	
		♦ AK2	
		♣ AK1062	
West		East	
♠ Q1085		♠ J92	
♥ Q106		♥ J843	
♦ QJ87		♦ 10654	
♣ Q8		♣ 74	
		South	
		♠ K763	
		♥ AK2	
		♦ 93	
		♣ J953	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Munawar	Cornell	Lasut
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	NewellPanlwn	Reid	
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

After a game push on Board 16 came this swing board. In the Open Room Munawar-Lasut had

an (effectively) natural auction to 4NT; plus 460. In the Closed Room the Kiwis took seven rounds of bidding to arrive at the very reasonable (we've been in far worse) 6♣. Newell's 1♣ was big, and Reid's 1♠ was positive: either balanced or a heart one-suiter. The rest of the auction seems to indicate an 18-plus notrump by North and a version of Stayman by South. Plus 920 added another 10 IMPs to New Zealand's total, leading 56-23.

New Zealand overbid to game on the next board and Indonesia picked up 5 IMPs, to trail 28-56. The final board saw New Zealand bid a cold slam (twelve top tricks) that Indonesia stayed out of to pick up another 12 IMPs and win the contest 68-28.

This would be a tune up for the head-to-head match between these two teams in the Semi-Finals, which started last night. "Step right up and put your money on the table."

VICTORY DINNER PROGRAM

The Victory Dinner is a dark-suit affair. The Banquet Room will open at 8:00 p.m. and all players should take their seats by 8:15.

8:30 Prince Hitachi will arrive.

8:35 Kagami-wari Ceremony: a traditional Japanese ceremony to celebrate a special occasion by opening sake barrel(s).

8:38 Toast followed by dinner.

9:08 Shishimai (Lion Dance). The Lion Dance is performed by a single person with a lion's mask carrying a drum, or by two or more people in line with the leader carrying a lion's head and the remaining dancers covered with a strip of cloth forming the lion's body. The lion often accompanies a Mikoshi (a portable shrine) at festivals. The shrine is "Kami" and the lion also represents "Kami." The dance is performed for a number of reasons including: to bring a good harvest/rain, to keep away evil spirits, to prevent fire, etc. In the Spring Festival at the Ikuta Shrine in Kobe, on April 16, lions accompany a Mikoshi around the boundary of the parish (for the protection of the parishioners).



9:20 Speech by the President of the JCBL.

9:25 Address by H.I.H. Prince Hitachi.

9:29 Speech by the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture.

9:33 Speech by the Mayor of Kobe City.

9:40 Awarding of prizes.

10:21 Speech by the President of PABF followed by the representative of the Indonesian Bridge Association.

10:27 Prince Hitachi leaves.

10:30 Ceremony ends.

END OF THE YOUTH (AS WE KNOW IT) — ROUND 19: INDONESIA vs AUSTRALIA

Those poor kids. Deprived of the right to play a knockout, they had to be content with three round robins to produce a winner. With one round to play, three teams still had a chance for the crown. Chinese Taipei led with 235 VP, with Indonesia on 229, Japan on 225. As luck would have it, none of those teams was playing one of its near-rivals.

Our Vugraph match for the final round featured Indonesia and the ever-dangerous Australia, whose 1998 PABF had been characterized by dramatic ups and downs. Mood swings, if you will. Despite the best efforts of Matthew McManus, his troops could not seem to hold a note for two matches in a row. Repeat after Matt: "Do, a deer . . ."

The California Raisins are known for their singing. **Matthew Raisin**, however, is aiming for fame through silence. Colker-san notes that if anyone was going to do any raisin' on this hand, Matt's reticence deprived **Paul "World" Brayshaw** of the opportunity to do so. 2♠ made four when the defense started: ♦A, ♣A, ♦K; plus 170. Meanwhile, **Kurnia Gandhi** settled for a quiet 3♦ but when **Martin Tijoe** volunteered to reach the four-level, he raised himself to five. Baker led the ♥A and Gandhi ruffed, played ♣AK to throw a spade, took a club ruff, a heart a ruff, and led a spade down. Nunn won the ace and led the ♦Q but it was too late; ♦A, club ruff, heart ruff, spade ruff, heart ruff, ♦K, lose a spade in the end; plus 600. 13 IMPs to Indonesia, who earned them. Well sort of. They were ahead, 13-2.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 753		
Vul: N/S	♥---		
	♦ AK8654		
	♣ AK52		
West			East
♠ K109862			♠ AJ
♥ A73			♥ KJ85
♦ 3			♦ QJ
♣ Q63			♣ J10874
	South		
	♠ Q4		
	♥ Q109642		
	♦ 10972		
	♣ 9		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
		1♥	Pass
2♠(NF)	DBL	Pass	3♦
3♥	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Bd: 4	North		
Dlr: West	♠ Q108		
Vul: Both	♥ AJ7		
	♦ 964		
	♣ K932		
West			East
♠ AK64			♠ J
♥ K85			♥ 10642
♦ AK872			♦ 3
♣ 5			♣ AQJ8764
	South		
	♠ 97532		
	♥ Q93		
	♦ QJ105		
	♣ 10		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
1♣(STR)	Pass	1♦(Neg)	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Once in a few years, you catch king-and-one club onside and the ♠A onside and chalk up plus 1370. On the other hand, should you feel aggrieved to go minus 300, as **Reza Muhammad** and **Hidayattullah** did? Nah. **Tony Nunn** was plus 130 in 3♣, and Australia gained 10 IMPs, 12-13.

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 96		
Vul: Both	♥ AK632		
	♦ KJ86		
	♣ 109		
West		East	
♠ AQJ		♠ 1084	
♥ 854		♥ 1097	
♦ 952		♦ 73	
♣ 7542		♣ AKQ63	
	South		
	♠ K7532		
	♥ QJ		
	♦ AQ104		
	♣ J8		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
			1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
			1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Two unattractive contracts, with the higher one going down 300, the lower 200. 3 IMPs to Australia, ahead 16-14. You'd like to play a diamond partial, or perhaps a heart partial, and on a good day, you might make 4♥. It's particularly awkward if you start with 2♥, but if you begin: 1♠-1NT(F1); 2♦, what should North rebid? A quiet trump-short 3♦? A fit-showing 3♥ (if you play those)? A craven 2♥? Magazine editors may wish to test their victims with this combo in the future.

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AJ10		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ108		
	♦ J9765		
	♣ 8		
West		East	
♠ Q9873		♠ K652	
♥ Q2		♥ A65	
♦ A3		♦ 84	
♣ 9762		♣ A1043	
	South		
	♠ 4		
	♥ 9743		
	♦ KQ102		
	♣ KQJ5		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
	Pass	1♦(2+♦)	Pass
1♠(1)	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
(1) ART, weak INQ, about 6-11 HCP			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
	1♦	DBL	RDBL
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

We believe that Gandhi should have reopened 2♠ with a takeout double, but when he passed, **Colin Baker** had his work cut out for him. Club lead, ducked to the jack, heart switch to the queen, king, ace, heart to North, heart ruffed in West, ♦A, diamond to South, who played a third diamond. Oops. That was one ruff and discard for Baker, who played trumps, then threw North back in with his remaining trump winner for a further ruff and discard; plus 110. How unusual.

Meanwhile, Raisin's carefree 1♦ opening got him to 3♦, which yielded plus 130. Well, once you're going to bid at all, why not 4♥? Well, of course it's pushy. But, then, so is 1♦. 6 IMPs to Australia, 22-14.



"Take a left at the bridge . . ."

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ A53		
Vul: Both	♥ A985		
	♦ A83		
	♣ 963		
West		East	
♠ KQ98		♠ J10	
♥ 7		♥ KQJ1042	
♦ KJ4		♦ 10752	
♣ QJ1042		♣ A	
	South		
	♠ 7642		
	♥ 63		
	♦ Q96		
	♣ K875		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
		1♥	Pass
1♠(1)	Pass	2♣(2)	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
(1) 12+ HCP Relay; (2) ♦+♥			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ A974		
Vul: None	♥ Q3		
	♦ 109		
	♣ AQ865		
West		East	
♠ Q8632		♠ KJ5	
♥ 10754		♥ A92	
♦ J3		♦ AK7642	
♣ K3		♣ 2	
	South		
	♠ 10		
	♥ KJ86		
	♦ Q85		
	♣ J10974		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
			Pass
Pass	2♣	2♦	DBL*
Pass	2♠	DBL	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♦	4♣
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
			Pass
Pas	2♣	2♦	4♣
Pass	Pass	DBL	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Reza took nine tricks in 2NT on a low diamond lead to the nine and jack; plus 150. Baker, in 3NT, got the lead of the ♣6 from Tijoe. He won the ace, knocked out the ♥A (Tijoe won the first heart, an error), and saw a club come back to the king (Gandhi had signaled with the eight). Gandhi played a third club, so Baker took his clubs and played a spade. With the ace in North there were no problems; plus 600. 10 IMPs to Australia, ahead 32-14.



"We are a well-oiled machine."

Tijoe's 4♣ yielded an easy plus 130. Reza's 4♠ was touch-and-go. Raisin led the ♣A, then shifted to the ♦10, Brayshaw's ♣J seemingly proving irrelevant to that decision. ♦A, spade to the nine, queen, ace. Now a heart, Matthew. No, a second club. Reza discarded a heart from dummy, won the king, went to the ♠J, played ♦K, diamond ruff. Raisin overruffed, but it was all too late. He played a third club, but Reza threw dummy's ♥9, ruffed in hand, led his last trump to the king, and claimed; plus 420. 11 IMPs to Indonesia, 25-32.



Portrait of the artist as a young man.

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 2		
Vul: N/S	♥ KQ10854		
	♦ 5		
	♣ 87642		
West		East	
♠ 107		♠ KQJ953	
♥ AJ632		♥ 97	
♦ J74		♦ 863	
♣ KJ10		♣ AQ	
	South		
	♠ A864		
	♥ ---		
	♦ AKQ1092		
	♣ 953		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
1♥	Pass	1♠(1)	2♦
Pass*	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass
(1) 12+ HCP, INQ-R			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
Pass	2♦(1)	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AKQ943		
Vul: Both	♥ 3		
	♦ A652		
	♣ 93		
West		East	
♠ 1086		♠ J	
♥ KJ10		♥ AQ9765	
♦ K3		♦ Q1094	
♣ AJ542		♣ 86	
	South		
	♠ 752		
	♥ 842		
	♦ J87		
	♣ KQ107		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
4♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
4♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
DBL	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
	DBL	All Pass	

Nunn's 3♠ could have been defeated. ♦A, ♦K. Gandhi had to decide whether his partner held a trump. If so, he could continue with the ♦10 for him to ruff, then get a heart ruff. Gandhi played the ♦Q. Really, Tijoe should have ruffed this to play the ♥K since the play couldn't cost and might gain, but he did not; plus 140.

Reza's 3NT was slightly flawed, but he only discovered how serious that flaw really was when he took the opening lead of the ♥K with the ace and played a spade. Three down; minus 150. 7 IMPs to Australia, 39-25.



"Take a left at the bridge . . ."

Nunn, in a peaceful 4♥, got the lead of the ♣K. He won, took two trumps ending in hand, and led his remaining club up. Gandhi won and switched to the ♦J; plus 620. Had the defenders taken their spade trick early, Gandhi would have been able to exit with his remaining trump to leave Nunn to guess the ♦J. At the other table, Brayshaw's raise to 2♠ made it easy for his side to reach 4♠. Reza's double would have netted his side a 200-point penalty, but Hidayattulla, fearing 4♠ would make, removed to 5♥, where he was doubled. Spade lead to the king, then ace of spades. Hidayattullah ruffed, led a diamond to the king and ace, won the diamond return with the queen, and ruffed away the ♦J. He had to lose a club, however, and so was one down; minus 200. 13 IMPs to Australia, ahead 52-25.

Bd: 16	North		
Dlr: West	♠ K87		
Vul: E/W	♥ 942		
	♦ AK974		
	♣ 106		
West		East	
♠ J94		♠ Q62	
♥ J108		♥ 7653	
♦ Q108		♦ J2	
♣ AJ42		♣ KQ98	
	South		
	♠ A1053		
	♥ AKQ		
	♦ 653		
	♣ 753		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦(3+♦)
Pass	1NT	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Bd: 20	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 962		
Vul: Both	♥ K1075		
	♦ 1095		
	♣ Q106		
West		East	
♠ AJ1083		♠ 754	
♥ AJ2		♥ 986	
♦ K		♦ J764	
♣ J873		♣ K42	
	South		
	♠ KQ		
	♥ Q43		
	♦ AQ832		
	♣ A95		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Baker	Tijoe	Nunn	Gandhi
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♦
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reza	Raisin	Hidaya	Brayshaw
1♠	Pass	Pass	DBL
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Good spot, 1NT. Heart lead, three rounds of diamonds, Nunn discarding a heart, club shift; plus 120. Brayshaw's 3NT was not without hope, since it might be possible to lose a diamond to West, who might not play a club. Or the clubs might block. Nah, Reza led the ♣2 on the go. Brayshaw tried for queen-jack doubleton spade, then lost both a diamond and a spade. Two down; minus 100. 6 IMPs to Indonesia, 31-54.

Australia led 54-33 going into the last board, so it looked bleak for an Indonesian gold meda . . .



"It's lonely at the top . . ."

Baker found the unfortunate lead of a low club against Gandhi's 3♦, and Nunn put up the king, which made life easier for declarer. ♦A, felling the king, ♣9, jack, queen, ♦10, covered, diamond to the nine, spade to the king and ace, club. From here it looks as Gandhi had to take at least ten tricks, but he is credited with nine; plus 110. Reza found the infinitely more effect defense of ace and another spade. Heart to the . . . king, ♦10 to the king, third spade to force declarer. Mr World exited in hearts, but Reza took two of those and played a fourth spade. Paul discarded a club from dummy, ruffed in his hand, and finished two down; minus 200. 7 IMPs to Indonesia, who lost the match by 14 IMPs, 40-54, 12-18 in VP.

Remarkably, both the other contenders lost too, Japan 12-18 to Singapore, Chinese Taipei 14-16 to Hong Kong. That left Chinese Taipei clear winners, with Indonesia edging Japan for the Silver.

PABF OPEN TEAMS— ROUND 21: INDONESIA vs JAPAN

With two rounds remaining, Japan was in fifth place, 12 VP behind the Indonesians, who were clinging to the fourth and final qualifying position. Hong Kong was 10 VP further behind. This was a critical match for both teams, featured on Vugraph, with Geller-san and Miyakuni-san keyed up for the occasion at the commentators' desk.

Lasut, got a heart lead to the king and ace, then led the $\diamond J$ from hand, just as if he held the eight to go with the nine. Lasut covered. He won the ace and led the $\clubsuit K$ from Dummy. **Munawar Sawirudin** covered that. Abe no longer had to guess hearts; plus 550. 12 IMPs to Japan, 12-1.

Bd: 2		North	
Dir: East		\spadesuit Q65	
Vul: N/S		\heartsuit K1074	
		\diamond 8	
		\clubsuit AJ852	
West		East	
\spadesuit 43		\spadesuit A972	
\heartsuit 982		\heartsuit AJ6	
\diamond AQ74		\diamond J96532	
\clubsuit KQ74		\clubsuit ---	
		South	
		\spadesuit KJ108	
		\heartsuit Q53	
		\diamond K10	
		\clubsuit 10963	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
		Pass	Pass
1 \diamond	DBL	RDBL	1 \spadesuit
Pass	Pass	3 \spadesuit *	Pass
4 \clubsuit	Pass	5 \diamond	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
		1 \diamond	Pass
2 \diamond (F1)	DBL	2 \spadesuit	DBL
3 \clubsuit	Pass	5 \diamond	DBL
All Pass			

Bd: 3		North	
Dir: South		\spadesuit J764	
Vul: E/W		\heartsuit 864	
		\diamond A4	
		\clubsuit KQ108	
West		East	
\spadesuit 10953		\spadesuit AQ2	
\heartsuit K		\heartsuit QJ9	
\diamond KJ83		\diamond 965	
\clubsuit A642		\clubsuit J953	
		South	
		\spadesuit K8	
		\heartsuit A107532	
		\diamond Q1072	
		\clubsuit 7	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
			All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
			Pass
1 \diamond (1+ \diamond)	Pass	1NT	Pass
2 \clubsuit	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 \clubsuit	Pass	Pass	3 \heartsuit
All Pass			

Makoto Hirata led the $\spadesuit 5$ against **Ferdy Waluyan's** 5 \diamond , ducked to the king. **Takeshi Hanayama** switched to a heart to eight (a dangerous play in the suit in isolation, removing the secondary finesse against the ten), king, ace. Ferdy led a trump to the . . . ace, crediting Hirata with the $\diamond K$ for his takeout double. One down; minus 50.

Hiroya Abe, doubled for penalty by **Henky**

Dawei Chen was not going to enjoy himself in 3 \clubsuit , but Lasut, who had waited long enough, could hardly stay out of the auction. He was not going to make 3 \heartsuit , but Chen led a diamond; plus 140. 4 IMPs to Indonesia; 5-12.



Victim of the Sominex Coup.

Bd: 4	North			
Dlr: West	♠ 9			
Vul: Both	♥ 3			
	♦ AQJ87642			
	♣ Q63			
West			East	
♠ 1084			♠ QJ65	
♥ AQJ96542			♥ 87	
♦ 93			♦ 5	
♣ —			♣ KJ10984	
	South			
	♠ AK732			
	♥ K10			
	♦ K10			
	♣ A752			
	Open Room			
West	North	East	South	
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama	
4♥	5♦	Pass	6NT	
All Pass				
	Closed Room			
West	North	East	South	
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut	
4♥	Pass	Pass	DBL	
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass	
DBL	All Pass			

It's an old story. You have a long suit but not much in the way of high cards. You've got to decide whether to come into the auction at a high level or whether to pass and hope partner has enough shape to act. When you have both a good suit and shortage in the enemy suit, you hate to put pressure on your partner, but if you act, partner may take you seriously. Here we see the problem graphically stated. Hirata risked 5♦ and Hanayama, with a whale of a hand, tried 6NT, in case the ♥K needed to be protected. Waluyan found the good lead of the ♠4, which destroyed Hanayama's communications and gave **Denny Sacul** some useful information. Hanayama took the jack with the ace and cashed the ♠K (club from dummy), then ran diamonds, discarding two spades, two clubs, a heart, and finally his remaining spade. Both East and West kept a high spade. Hanayama shrugged, led a club to his ace, and conceded defeat.

Munawar bit the bullet hard and passed 4♥. When Lasut was able to protect with a double, Munawar might well have bid 6♦, but once again

he adopted a conservative stance. Much to his surprise, he was doubled on the way out by Chen, who was thinking in terms of Lightner. Abe, however, was thinking in terms of a trump stack, so he led a heart. Munawar ruffed the second heart high, drew trumps, isolated the spade guard with a third-round ruff, and squeezed Abe in the black suits for an overtrick; plus 950. 14 IMPs to Indonesia, 19-12.

Bd: 5	North			
Dlr: North	♠ A98643			
Vul: N/S	♥ 10			
	♦ 10876			
	♣ 72			
West			East	
♠ 7			♠ K2	
♥ KJ87			♥ Q542	
♦ J3			♦ AKQ94	
♣ KJ9853			♣ 104	
	South			
	♠ QJ105			
	♥ A963			
	♦ 52			
	♣ AQ6			
	Open Room			
West	North	East	South	
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama	
	Pass	1NT	Pass	
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass	
4♥	All Pass			
	Closed Room			
West	North	East	South	
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut	
	Pass	1♦(1+♦)	DBL	
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass	
3♣	3♠	All Pass		

Sacul's strong notrump (a good piece of evaluation) worked well in theory when it got him to a good 4♥ from the right side. Spade lead, diamond switch. Sacul won the jack and play ♥K, heart to the queen, both ducked. A third heart was taken and a second diamond tucked declarer back in hand. Hanayama rose on the lead of the ♣10 and led his remaining trump to dummy's jack. When the ♣K did not drop the queen, Sacul had to go one down; minus 50.

Hearts were never a factor at the other table. Munawar lost two black finesses to make only 3♠; plus 140. 3 well-deserved IMPs to Indonesia.

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 1083		
Vul: E/W	♥ A64		
	♦ KQ43		
	♣ Q106		
West		East	
♠ J942		♠ Q765	
♥ 10752		♥ 8	
♦ J65		♦ A87	
♣ K4		♣ A8753	
	South		
	♠ AK		
	♥ KQJ93		
	♦ 1092		
	♣ J92		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT(F1)	DBL	Pass
2♠	3♥	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠(1)	DBL	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

(1) Forcing notrump equivalent

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ K10		
Vul: None	♥ Q942		
	♦ Q8643		
	♣ J2		
West		East	
♠ 32		♠ QJ87654	
♥ AK10653		♥ ---	
♦ K75		♦ J10	
♣ 108		♣ KQ54	
	South		
	♠ A9		
	♥ J87		
	♦ A92		
	♣ A9763		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
			1♣
1♥	1NT	2♠	All Pass
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
			1♣
1♥	1NT	4♠	DBL
All Pass			

In 3♥, Hanayama got a spade lead, won, drew trumps, led a diamond to the king and ace, won the spade continuation, played on clubs, and survived when spades were four-four; plus 140. In 4♥, Lasut got the lead of the ♦5, king, ace, deuce. A club switch would have beaten him now, but Abe returned a spade. Lasut won, drew trumps, and had the tempo. He built a club trick and finessed against the ♦J for plus 420. 7 IMPs to Indonesia, ahead 29-12. I confess that I would have been sorely tempted to bid 3NT over 3♥, and that would turn on the opening lead and perhaps the guess in diamonds.



"Do I look as tired as I feel?"

Hanayama led a low club against 2♠, ten (similar to nine from nine-eight-small on Board 2), jack, king. ♠J to the ace, low diamond, king, high hearts to throw a diamond and a club, trump; plus 140.

Abe, in 4♠ doubled, got a heart lead from Lasut. He threw two clubs, then guessed diamonds late in the day to get out for one; minus 100. 6 IMPs to Indonesia, 36-14.



"It is useless to resist."

Bd: 12	North		
Dlr: West	♠ KJ753		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q10		
	♦ 64		
	♣ AKQ8		
West		East	
♠ Q84		♠ 6	
♥ AK52		♥ J943	
♦ AK5		♦ J9873	
♣ J63		♣ 1094	
	South		
	♠ A1092		
	♥ 876		
	♦ Q102		
	♣ 752		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
1NT	2♥(♠)	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
1♣(STR)	DBL(1)	Pass	1♦(P/C)
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
DBL	RDBL	2♦	2♠
All Pass			
(1) Reds or Blacks			

Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ Q754		
Vul: None	♥ 952		
	♦ J73		
	♣ 1032		
West		East	
♠ A9		♠ K83	
♥ A		♥ K108763	
♦ KQ9852		♦ A106	
♣ 9874		♣ 6	
	South		
	♠ J1062		
	♥ QJ4		
	♦ 4		
	♣ AKQJ5		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
All Pass		2♥	2NT
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
		Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♥	All Pass

4♠ was too high. Hanayama lost the first four tricks, but guessed trumps to go minus 50. Lasut might have raised to 2♠ at little cost, but when he didn't there was no chance that his side would overcompete. Chen won the opening diamond lead and underled the ♥AK. Munawar, a seasoned veteran, played the queen and turned the card vertically in front of him before Abe followed. Lost in the stars, he misguessed the ♠Q, however; plus 140.6 IMPs to Indonesia, 42-14.



"Director, my redouble cards are missing."



"I can't afford do this to Patrick . . . or can I?"

Bd: 19	North		
Dlr: South	♠ AK1065		
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ109		
	♦ K4		
	♣ 53		
West		East	
♠ 4		♠ Q8	
♥ KQ64		♥ 8	
♦ A1076		♦ J9852	
♣ AK104		♣ QJ986	
	South		
	♠ J9732		
	♥ 7532		
	♦ Q3		
	♣ 72		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
			Pass
1♦	DBL	2NT(♦)	Pass
5♦	DBL	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
			Pass
1♣(STR)	1♠	Pass	3♠
DBL	Pass	4♣	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Hirata	Sacul	Hanayama
Pass	Pass	2♣	DBL
RDBL	Pass	Pass	2♦
DBL	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Chen	Munawar	Abe	Lasut
Pass	Pass	1♣(STR)	1♦(1)
DBL	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
(1) Majors or minors			

Hanayama did well to take five tricks in 2♦ doubled, but minus 800 was not the result he wanted to bring back to the comparison. I like to double with the right shape, but that's going a bit too far at the two-level, vulnerable. Munawar led a spade against Chen's 3NT, ducked to the king. Lasut switched to the ♦J and Chen won, led a club to the queen, cashed two hearts and two spades, and led another club. Munawar won the ace and led a diamond over to the ace. Lasut cashed the long spade and played a heart and Munawar got a club for one down; minus 100. 14 IMPs to Indonesia, who won the match 57-20, 23-7 in VP, cementing their hold on the fourth qualifying position.

West has the wrong heart holding for five-of-a-minor but it is tempting to bid it first and ask questions later, as Waluyan did. Both 5♦ doubled and 4♠ had to go one down. Minus 200 and minus 50. 6 IMPs to Japan, who had not scored significantly since Board 2. Indonesia, 43-20.

Bd: 20	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 765		
Vul: Both	♥ 542		
	♦ 973		
	♣ A1092		
West		East	
♠ Q43		♠ A98	
♥ KJ10		♥ AQ3	
♦ KQ654		♦ 2	
♣ 84		♣ KQ7653	
	South		
	♠ KJ102		
	♥ 9876		



"... o'er the la- and of the free , , , and the home . . . of the . . . brave."

THE LAST ROUND: NOTHING MUCH TO PLAY FOR

The four qualifiers in the Open Series had been determined, but it was still possible for New Zealand to catch China for first place, earning the right to choose their semifinal opponents. As it happened, China bested Indonesia 23-7, so New Zealand and Chinese Taipei were playing for drill on Vugraph.

Nonetheless, reportorial integrity forces us to mention the odd titbit from this round to ensure equal coverage and justice for all. Colker-san tells me that our Bulletin runneth over, but I scoff at him. We are the cutting edge of bridge journalism. We cannot be denied. We will seek to be paid by the word, if not by the caption.

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K1054		
Vul: N/S	♥ K8		
	♦ Q62		
	♣ Q543		
West		East	
♠ A		♠ 97	
♥ 109652		♥ AJ74	
♦ 10973		♦ AJ854	
♣ J108		♣ K2	
	South		
	♠ QJ8632		
	♥ Q3		
	♦ K		
	♣ A976		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	SR Wu	Mace	CH Wu
	Pass	1♣(1)	1♠
3♥(PRE)	3♠	All Pass	
(1) 4+♥, 12+ HCP			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Cheng	Newell	Kan	Reid
	Pass	1♦	1♠
DBL*	2♦(♠)	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

CH Wu stole the ♦K and guessed the clubs for a nice plus 170. **Kao Cheng** guessed clubs to make 4♥; plus 420. 11 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, ahead 11-8.

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 76543		
Vul: N/S	♥ 1087		
	♦ AK		
	♣ K103		
West		East	
♠ Q982		♠ AJ10	
♥ AJ32		♥ Q654	
♦ J84		♦ 6	
♣ 64		♣ QJ872	
	South		
	♠ K		
	♥ K9		
	♦ Q1097532		
	♣ A95		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	SR Wu	Mace	CH Wu
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
All Pass			2♦
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Cheng	Newell	Kan	Reid
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	DBL	RDBL
2♥	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
DBL	All Pass		

Wu made a peaceful plus 110 in 2♦. The closed Room auction, however, was anything but peaceful. Kan's reopening double looks unbelievably clear-cut (where was **Brian Mace**, we wonder?), as does **Peter Newell's** 3♦ (I am, of course, at a loss to explain why both he and **SR Wu** passed 2♦). Cheng's 3♥, however, is a sparrow of a different feather. Its effect to convince **Martin Reid** that it was worthwhile to try a last minute shot at 3NT, which the whole world doubled, of course.

A spade lead would have left Reid to wonder whether his "flair" bid deserved to cost him 1100 points, but Cheng led . . . a club. Reid remembered to win this in dummy, and soon had the plus 750 he had anticipated when he made his bid. 12 IMPs to New Zealand, 26-21.

Bd: 17	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K7654		
Vul: None	♥ AQ102		
	♦ 93		
	♣ 109		
West		East	
♠ Q3		♠ 108	
♥ K864		♥ J973	
♦ J8		♦ AQ10542	
♣ QJ653		♣ 4	
	South		
	♠ AJ92		
	♥ 5		
	♦ K76		
	♣ AK872		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	SR Wu	Mace	CH Wu
	Pass	2♣(1)	DBL
3♥	DBL	Pass	5♣
All Pass			
(1) Weak, 4+♥/4+m, 3-8 HCP			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Cheng	Newell	Kan	Reid
	1♥(1)	3♦	DBL
4♦	4♠	All Pass	
(1) Lowest of 4+ majors			

Bd: 20	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 9642		
Vul: Both	♥ J63		
	♦ Q10843		
	♣ 7		
West		East	
♠ K10		♠ J53	
♥ AQ10854		♥ 92	
♦ AK		♦ J976	
♣ K106		♣ 9853	
	South		
	♠ AQ87		
	♥ K7		
	♦ 52		
	♣ AQJ42		

Last deal of the OpenTeams for both Australia and Malaysia, who could not qualify for the semifinals. Malaysia had been pushed around by the dread NOVA system for 19 deals. **Derek Maggs** and **Alan Sia** were tired of the whole thing. "Mind if we don't play the last deal?" they asked **Avon Wilsmore** and **Hugh Grosvenor**. "Wouldn't be proper," stated Avon, correctly. "Well, then, let's pass it out," offered someone, brightly. "Can't do that," said Avon, ruefully, "We play a forcing pass system." Amid general grumpiness laced with hilarity, Wilsmore, the dealer, passed, according to his system, 17+ HCP. Pass from Maggs. With a twinkle in his eye, up popped Grosvenor . . . with a green card, breaching all discipline. And, true to his word, Alan Sia threw in the best hand he had held all session.

The Conduct Committee knows who you are, gentlemen. Do not leave town without clearing it with us.

Nice, easy 4♠ or even 6♠. Right? Not with the intrepid men from "Bondage" Junction at your table. Messrs Wu were three down in 5♣ and wondered why this should have happened to them. Newell-Reid made short shrift of this one; plus 450. 12 IMPs to New Zealand, 43-21.

Those were the lowlights from the light-hearted last round. The Kiwis won 48-26, 20-10 in VP, and finished second in the round robin phase.

Speaking of lowlights, consider this . . .

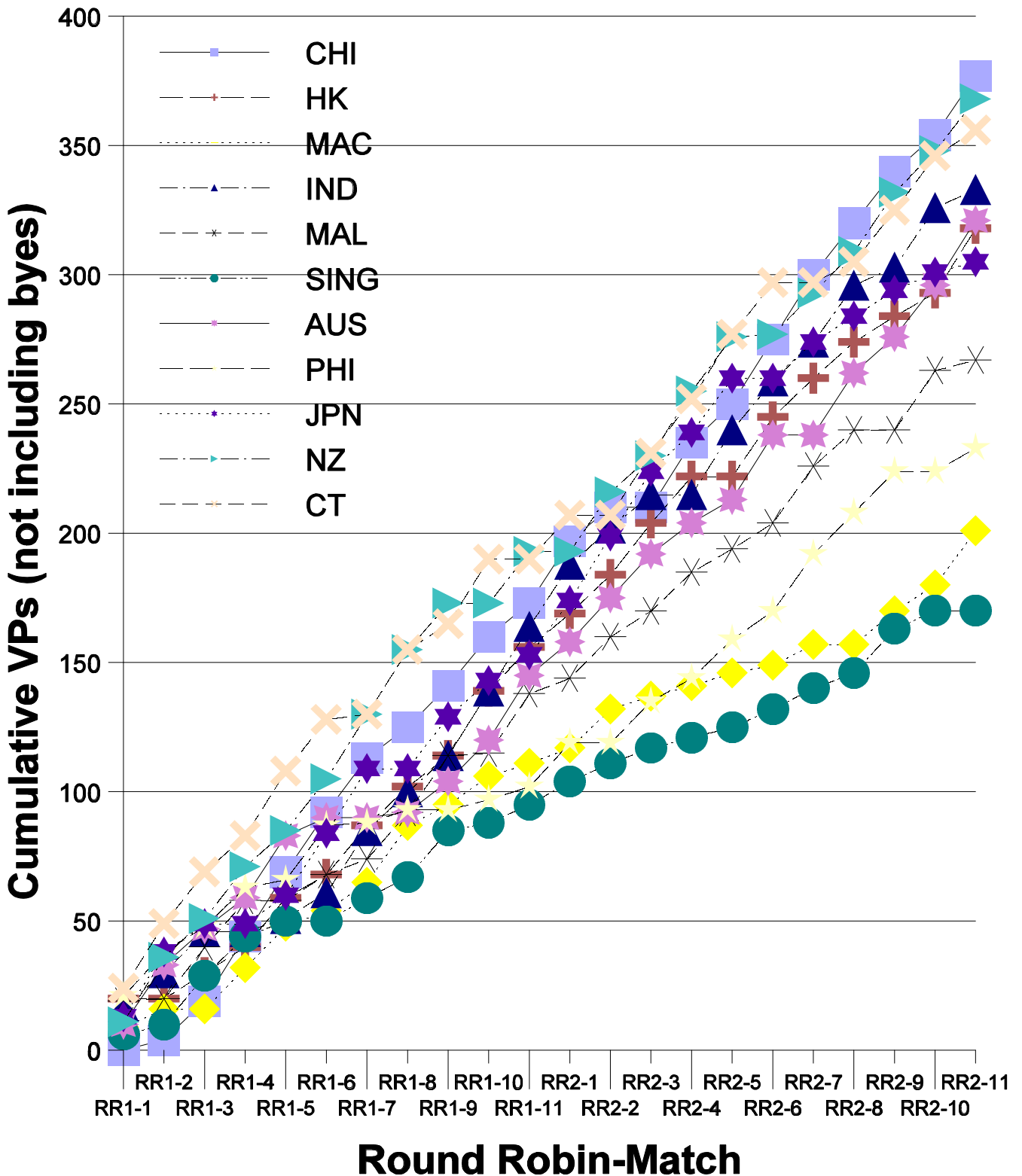


Nice outfit!



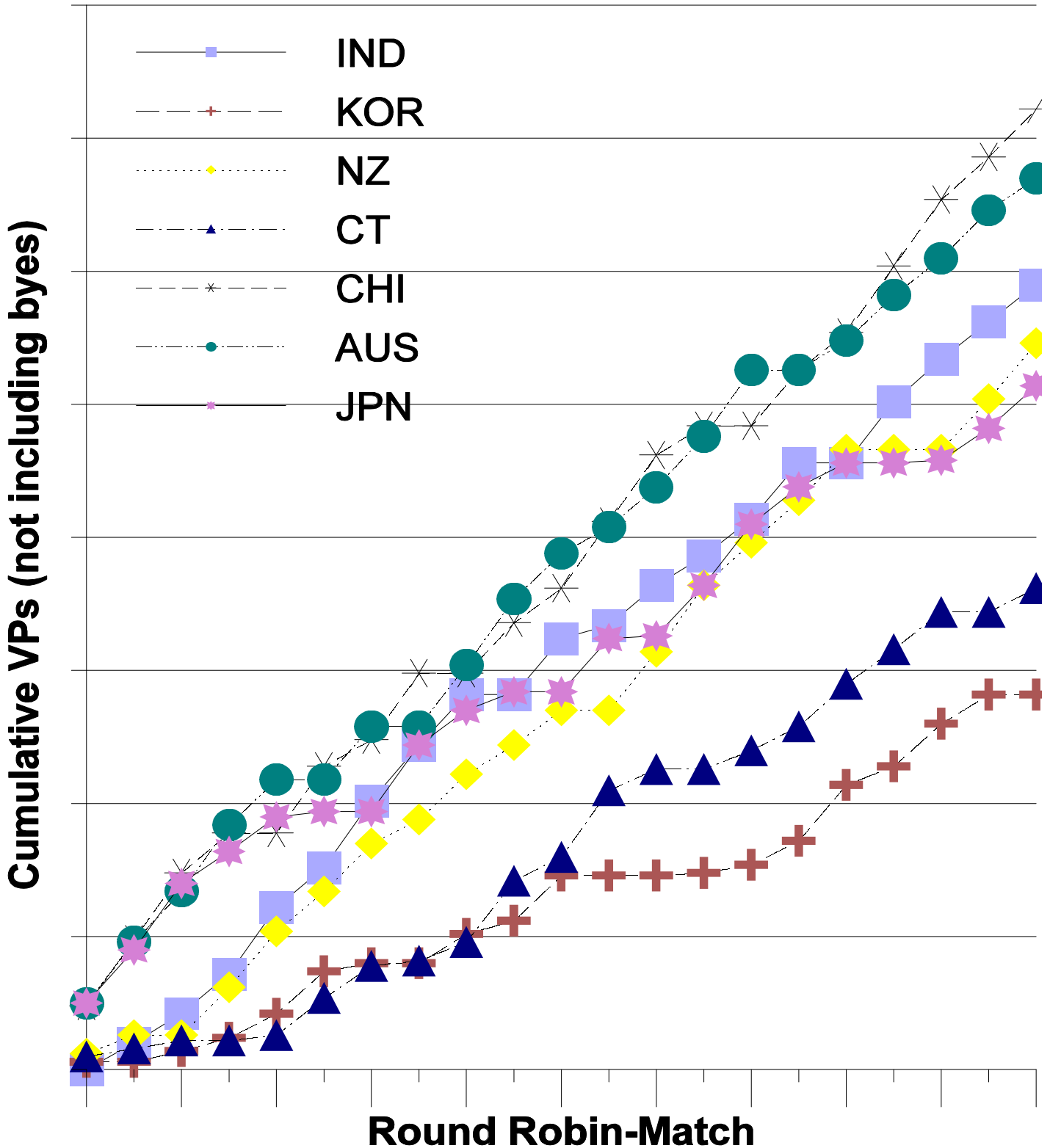
"Not this time, sweetie."

OPEN Series



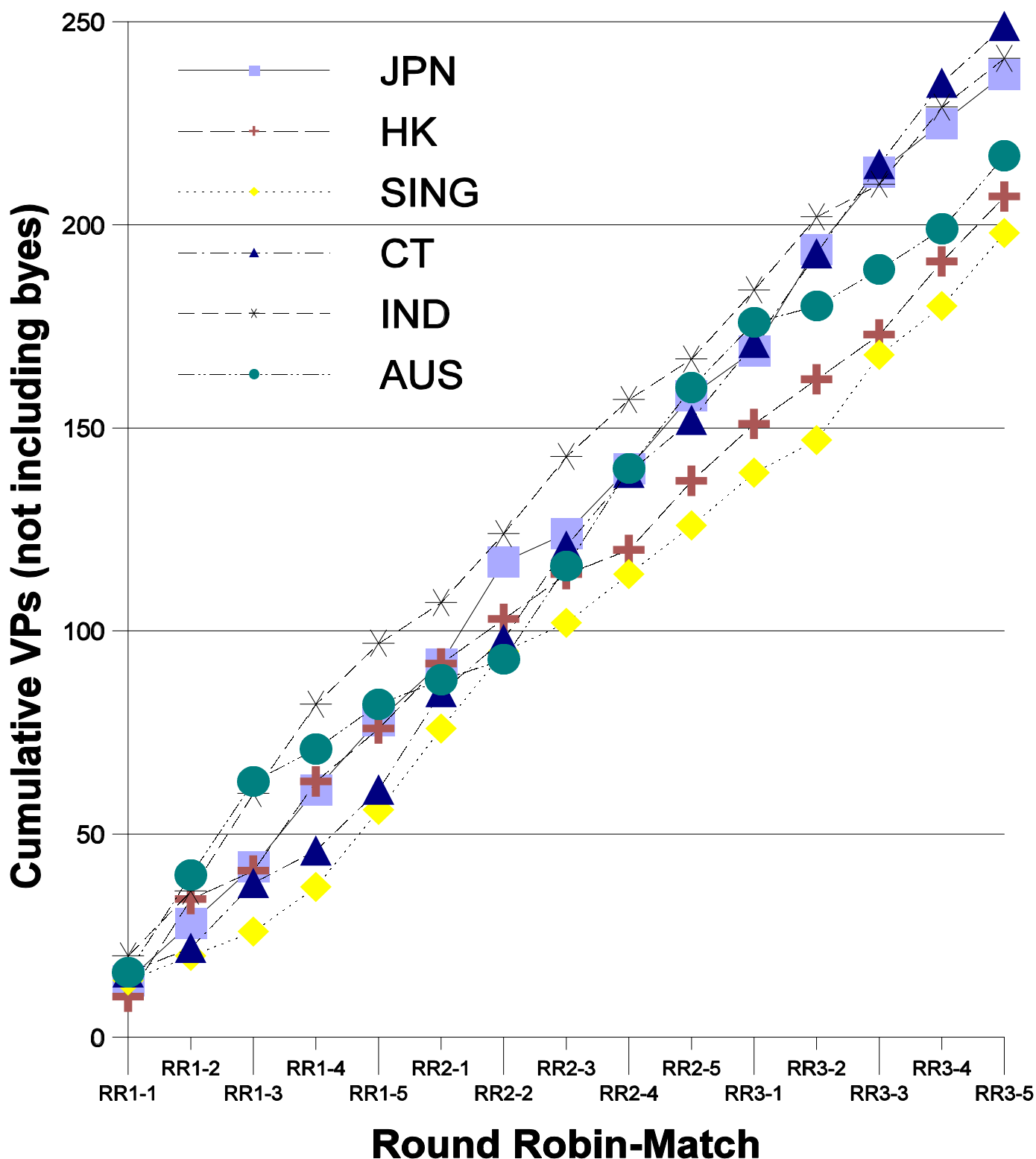
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Two buses will leave for Kyoto at 8:30 am sharp. Registered participants are advised to be at the hotel main entrance ten minutes early. The tour includes visits to Kinkakuji (or Golden Pavilion), Heian Shrine, lunch and shopping at Kyoto Handicraft 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.

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The Sports Pub Arena will return to its normal 11:00 pm closing time beginning May 18.

CONTACTING THE PABF SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat, located in the I-Hall on the 4th 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 5th 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.)

DATUM

OPEN (2nd RR Match 10)

No	DATUM	NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI		CHINA		INDONESIA		HONG KONG,CH		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		MALAYSIA		MACAU		PHILIPPINES		SINGAPORE	
		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	420	-1	0	0	-2	0	1	0	1	2	0	-1	0	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	1
2	-250	3	5	6	-3	-5	-3	-7	-7	3	-6	7	7	-4	7	7	4	-7	4	0	0	-4	-7
3	80	2	-2	2	11	2	-2	2	2	-11	-2	-2	-2	2	4	-4	-2	-4	-2	0	0	2	4
4	330	-10	10	15	-15	-10	10	12	10	15	-15	-10	-12	-11	10	-5	-5	-10	11	0	0	5	5
5	-30	5	2	-2	-2	-2	-5	5	-2	2	2	2	-5	-9	5	8	5	-5	9	0	0	-5	-8
6	120	7	6	7	5	-6	-7	7	-1	-5	-7	1	-7	-5	-2	-5	5	2	5	0	0	-5	5
7	620	2	1	1	1	-1	-2	0	1	-1	-1	-1	0	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	1
8	-430	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1
9	340	3	-3	-9	10	3	-3	3	-4	-10	9	4	-3	4	-3	9	3	-4	0	0	-9	-3	
10	50	3	-3	2	-3	3	-3	-4	4	3	-2	-4	4	12	4	3	6	-4	-12	0	0	-6	-3
11	-110	4	0	0	10	0	-4	5	1	-10	0	-1	-5	6	0	-7	0	0	-6	0	0	0	7
12	100	1	5	1	-1	-5	-1	1	5	1	-1	-5	-1	1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1
13	250	-3	8	-3	-9	-8	3	-8	8	9	3	-8	8	6	3	9	-9	-3	-6	0	0	9	-9
14	-430	-10	1	1	10	-1	10	6	-6	-10	-1	6	-6	6	0	-1	0	0	-6	0	0	0	1
15	-520	1	-2	-9	-2	2	-1	-9	9	2	9	-9	9	1	-2	11	-11	2	-1	0	0	11	-11
16	-620	0	-10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	100	-4	0	0	-1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-2	0	4	2	-1	0	0	-4	0
18	860	11	-11	-4	-11	11	-11	-5	5	11	4	-5	5	-5	-11	-14	14	11	5	0	0	-14	14
19	10	3	2	3	7	-2	-3	-2	-5	-7	-3	5	2	5	3	-2	3	-3	-5	0	0	-3	2
20	-320	-7	-11	9	5	11	7	9	10	-5	-9	-10	-9	-7	7	11	7	-7	7	0	0	-7	-11
IMP +		45	40	47	59	42	35	50	56	49	28	26	35	46	45	54	58	20	41	0	0	27	40
IMP -		35	42	28	49	40	45	35	26	59	47	56	50	41	20	40	27	45	46	0	0	58	54

OPEN (2nd RR Match 11)

No	DATUM	NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI		CHINA		INDONESIA		HONG KONG,CH		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		MALAYSIA		MACAU		PHILIPPINES		SINGAPORE	
		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	-70	3	1	-1	-3	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	3	0	0	-3	-2	2	-2	2	0	0
2	120	5	-2	2	-5	-6	2	-2	6	2	7	-7	-2	2	6	-6	-2	11	-5	5	-11	0	0
3	-30	-2	2	-2	2	-1	-4	4	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	2	-2	1	11	-4	4	-11	0	0
4	-550	-3	3	-3	3	-3	-12	12	3	12	2	-2	-12	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	0	0
5	-70	-8	-6	6	8	-2	8	-8	2	5	-5	5	-5	-8	4	-4	8	6	-6	6	-6	0	0
6	60	-3	3	-3	3	2	3	-3	-2	2	3	-3	-2	-4	3	-3	4	8	-8	8	-8	0	0
7	50	3	-3	3	-3	3	12	-12	-3	3	4	-4	-3	3	-3	3	-3	-6	2	-2	6	0	0
8	-40	4	2	-2	-4	0	2	-2	0	-3	-3	3	3	3	2	-2	-3	4	2	-2	-4	0	0
9	60	1	-1	1	-1	-5	-1	1	5	-8	-1	1	8	1	3	-3	-1	8	-1	1	-8	0	0
10	-20	-2	-3	3	2	-2	-3	3	2	-2	2	-2	2	4	-4	4	-4	-2	3	-3	2	0	0
11	-30	2	-5	5	-2	10	1	-1	-10	-3	2	-2	3	-3	5	-5	3	2	1	-1	-2	0	0
12	-70	-1	1	-1	1	5	-3	3	-5	-1	1	-1	1	-2	4	-4	2	-4	-5	5	4	0	0
13	-630	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	-4	0	13	-13	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0
14	-100	4	-5	5	-4	4	-2	2	-4	-1	1	-1	1	-1	9	-9	1	-5	2	-2	5	0	0
15	410	8	7	-7	-8	6	-5	5	-6	6	11	-11	-6	6	11	-11	-6	5	7	-7	-5	0	0
16	-120	6	-1	1	-6	-1	10	-10	1	14	1	-1	-14	-1	1	-1	1	-2	1	-1	2	0	0
17	390	2	11	-11	-2	3	-2	2	-3	2	10	-10	-2	2	-2	2	-2	3	-1	1	-3	0	0
18	-10	2	-3	3	-2	12	3	-3	-12	-10	5	-5	10	2	-2	2	-2	-4	-4	4	4	0	0
19	-100	-2	-2	2	2	0	2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	0	-2	2	0	0	0
20	40	2	4	-4	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	4	-4	-2	2	1	-1	-2	2	8	-8	-2	0	0
IMP +		43	34	31	21	48	44	34	20	53	55	9	29	30	67	11	23	60	32	36	28	0	0
IMP -		21	31	34	43	20	34	44	48	29	9	55	53	23	11	67	30	28	36	32	60	0	0

DATUM

LADIES (3rd RR Match 6)

No	DATUM	CHINA		AUSTRALIA		INDONESIA		JAPAN		NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI		KOREA	
		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	430	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	-70	-2	-5	2	-2	5	2	2	-2	-8	2	0	0	-2	8
3	120	-3	-7	-5	-2	7	3	2	5	1	-1	0	0	1	-1
4	830	12	14	-14	6	-14	-12	-6	14	12	-11	0	0	11	-12
5	-130	1	-10	1	-1	10	-1	1	-1	-2	10	0	0	-10	2
6	170	0	1	6	6	-1	0	-6	-6	-6	-6	0	0	6	6
7	610	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	0	-2
8	-420	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	1	6	-1	0	0	1	-6
9	330	4	-3	4	9	3	-4	-9	-4	4	10	0	0	-10	-4
10	-70	5	-5	-2	1	5	-5	-1	2	-4	2	0	0	-2	4
11	-160	-6	-1	5	-1	1	6	1	-5	1	1	0	0	-1	-1
12	130	0	0	-1	6	0	0	-6	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1
13	200	-2	-9	-1	7	9	2	-7	1	-2	-3	0	0	3	2
14	-280	5	12	8	4	-12	-5	-4	-8	-5	-4	0	0	4	5
15	-460	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	-380	14	6	-6	6	-6	-14	-6	6	5	-7	0	0	7	-5
17	60	1	4	1	-3	-4	-1	3	-1	2	3	0	0	-3	-2
18	860	11	5	-5	-11	-5	-11	11	5	-5	5	0	0	-5	5
19	50	2	-4	-3	-4	4	-2	4	3	-3	3	0	0	-3	3
20	-130	-10	-6	6	0	6	10	0	-6	6	11	0	0	-11	-6

IMP +		56	42	35	46	51	24	24	38	39	47	0	0	33	36
IMP -		24	51	38	24	42	56	46	35	36	33	0	0	47	39

LADIES (3rd RR Match 7)

No	DATUM	CHINA		AUSTRALIA		INDONESIA		JAPAN		NEW ZEALAND		CH. TAIPEI		KOREA	
		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	-90	-1	1	-1	1	4	0	0	-4	-2	-1	1	2	0	0
2	90	0	0	0	0	0	7	-7	0	5	1	-1	-5	0	0
3	-100	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	-6	-2	0	0	2	0	0
4	-520	-4	4	-4	4	-4	-12	12	4	8	3	-3	-8	0	0
5	110	0	-12	12	0	-7	0	0	7	2	2	-2	-2	0	0
6	50	3	-3	3	-3	-3	3	-3	3	9	3	-3	-9	0	0
7	80	2	5	-5	-2	3	-2	2	-3	-7	-2	2	7	0	0
8	-40	0	-1	1	0	-3	-3	3	3	3	3	-3	-3	0	0
9	110	-4	0	0	4	3	6	-6	-3	9	-3	3	-9	0	0
10	-90	0	-5	5	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	0
11	40	-3	3	-3	3	2	-2	2	-2	8	6	-6	-8	0	0
12	-50	-6	2	-2	6	-2	2	-2	2	4	-4	4	-4	0	0
13	-870	6	6	-6	-6	6	6	-6	-6	-6	-5	5	6	0	0
14	-120	2	1	-1	-2	-1	-5	5	1	-1	1	-1	1	0	0
15	130	-1	8	-8	1	-1	0	0	1	1	-11	11	-1	0	0
16	-130	-1	5	-5	1	-2	-6	6	2	1	-2	2	-1	0	0
17	470	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	1	0	0
18	100	-5	15	-15	5	11	0	0	-11	12	7	-7	-12	0	0
19	-130	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	0	0
20	140	0	1	-1	0	-6	-10	10	6	-1	-2	2	1	0	0

IMP +		13	51	22	26	36	25	40	30	63	27	30	21	0	0
IMP -		26	22	51	13	30	40	25	36	21	30	27	63	0	0

38th PABF Championships: Final RR Standings

OPEN Series	Rank	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Penalty	1 st RR
1.NEW ZEALAND	2	368		20	16	23	16	16	1	21	25	14	23		193
2.CHINESE TAIPEI	3	356	10		0	8	21	20	17	20	25	21	24		190
3.CHINA	1	377	14	25		23	20	20	13	24	25	15	25		173
4.INDONESIA	4	333	7	22	7		15	23	13	14	24	19	25		164
5.HONG KONG, CHINA	6	318	14	9	10	15		25	18	20	15	13	23		156
6.JAPAN	7	305	14	10	10	7	4		21	15	25	25	21		153
7.AUSTRALIA	5	321	25	13	17	17	12	9		25	20	14	24		145
8.MALAYSIA	8	267	9	10	6	16	10	15	4		22	14	23		138
9.MACAU	10	201	4	5	3	6	15	5	10	8		21	13		111
10.PHILIPPINES	9	233	16	9	15	11	17	0	16	16	9		22		102
11.SINGAPORE	11	170	7	6	4	4	7	9	6	7	17	8			95

LADIES Series	Rank	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Penalty	1 st RR	2 nd RR
1.CHINA	1	361		18	16	25	25	14	21		124	118
2.AUSTRALIA	2	335	12		14	18	11	17	25		129	109
3.INDONESIA	3	295	14	16		14	14	21	23		101	92
4.JAPAN	5	257	1	12	16		14	23	9		97	85
5.NEW ZEALAND	4	273	0	19	16	16		21	19		85	97
6.CHINESE TAIPEI	6	181	16	13	9	7	9		14		39	74
7.KOREA	7	141	9	3	7	21	11	16			40	34

YOUTH Series	Rank	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Penalty	1 st RR	2 nd RR
1.INDONESIA	2	241		12	18	8	19	17		97	70
2.AUSTRALIA	4	217	18		4	10	16	9		82	78
3.JAPAN	3	237	12	25		11	19	12		78	80
4.CHINESE TAIPEI	1	249	22	20	19		14	22		61	91
5.HONG KONG, CHINA	5	207	11	14	11	16		18		76	61
6.SINGAPORE	6	198	13	21	18	8	12			56	70