

## CHINA WINS WOMEN'S PABF TEAMS

The China Women's Team (Ling Gu, Wenfei Wang, Yu Zhang, Yalan Zhang, Ming Sun, and Hongli Wang) has won the PABF Women's Team Championship. The final score was 104-63. Australia (Felicity Beale, Diana Smart, Lidia Beech, Margaret Bourke, Therese Tully and Toni Bardon) finished second and Indonesia (Lusje Bojoh, Joice Tueje, Elita Syofian, Irne Korengkeng, Sartje Pontoh and Winda Sumenge; Allexander H. Sondakh, npc).



The winners. Left to right: Hongli Wang, Yu Zhang, Ming Sun, Jihong Hu, coach, Yalan Zhang, Ling Gu, and Wenfei Wang.

## CHINA LEADS INDONESIA AT QTR

As we go to press the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter score in the PABF Open Teams Final is China 61, Indonesia 24.

### PABF SCHEDULE/TIMES

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	May 24	10:30-12:50	Open Final 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr
		14:00-16:20	Open Final 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr
		16:40-19:00	Open Final 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr
		10:30-14:00	PABF Open Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> Final Session & Consolation
		15:00-18:30	PABF Open Pairs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Final Session & Consolation

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Date (Day)	Time	Match
May 24 (SUN)	10:30 14:20 17:00	FINAL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr FINAL 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr FINAL 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr

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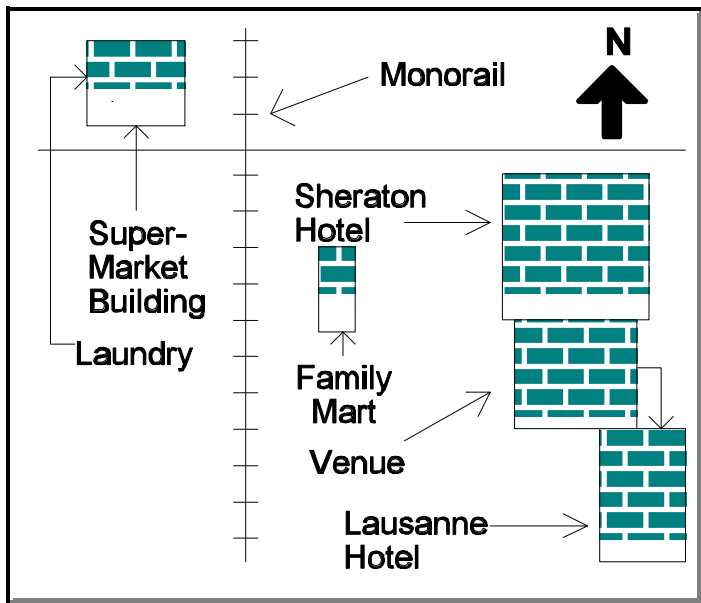
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For those looking for a taste of Japan, without the typical Japanese bite on the pocketbook, the following food sources are located within a short walk of the hotel. We've tried several of them ourselves and can recommend them to the budget-minded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

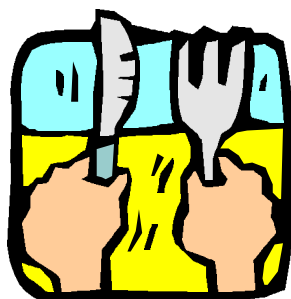
upscale (and expansive) eateries.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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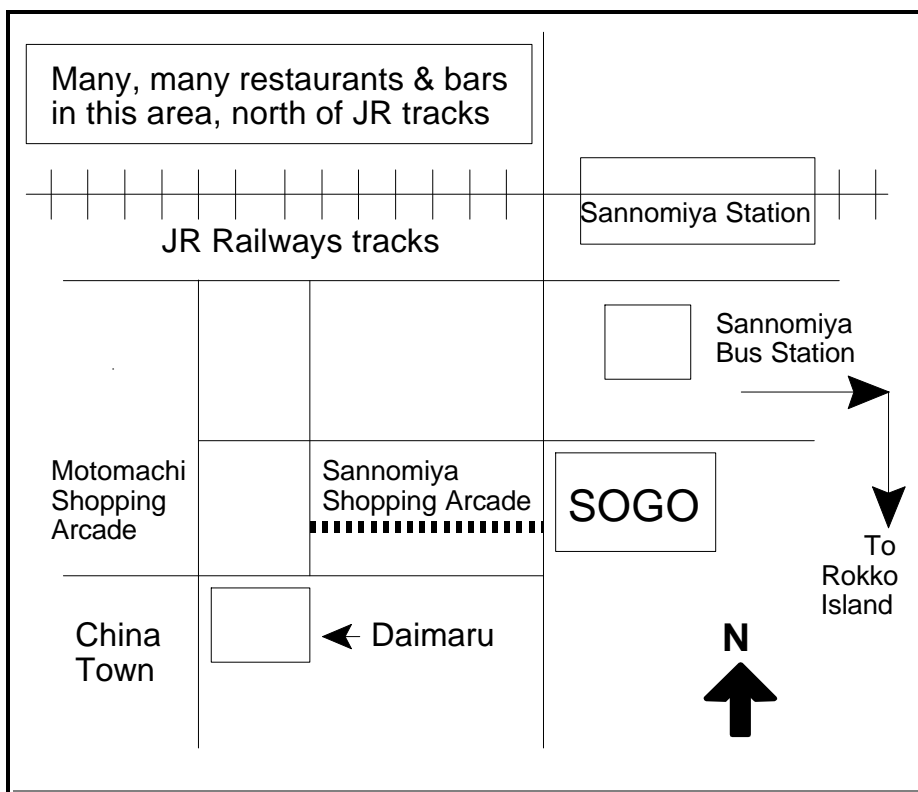
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## BEST SHOPPING AND EATING IN KOBE



Our spy tells us that the best locations for shopping, eating and taking care of business in Kobe are 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. (Note: All of the shopping is south of the JR tracks, but north of the JR there are hundreds of restaurants and bars.) Happy shopping and eating!

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

# MR. TADA'S BIRTHDAY

The Kobe Bay Sheraton's 38<sup>th</sup> PABF coordinator, Mr. Ahihiko TADA, Director of Market Development, will secretly (so nobody read this, okay?) celebrate his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 24, coincidentally on the most memorable day at Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel and Towers, sweet home-like workplace away from home with honorable PABF guests from abroad and home.

## 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.

# THE OPEN SEMIFINALS

## NEW ZEALAND vs INDONESIA

### First Quarter (Board 1-16):

successive double-digit pickups for Indonesia.

Bd: 1		North	
Dir: North		♠ 1083	
Vul: None		♥ K96	
		♦ J9842	
		♣ A4	
West		East	
♠ QJ72		♠ AK9654	
♥ A843		♥ J7	
♦ Q		♦ K6	
♣ J1083		♣ Q95	
		South	
		♠ ---	
		♥ Q1052	
		♦ A10753	
		♣ K762	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lasut	Mace	Munawar	Jacob
	Pass	1♠	1NT(1)
DBL	Pass*	Pass	RDBL
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
4♦(SPL)	Pass	4♠	All Pass
(1) NAT or Comic			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Sacul	Cornell	Waluyan
	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣(FG♠)	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Bd: 2		North	
Dir: East		♠ AJ9762	
Vul: N/S		♥ K63	
		♦ 765	
		♣ Q	
West		East	
♠ 53		♠ Q108	
♥ Q7		♥ A1042	
♦ QJ932		♦ 108	
♣ 10863		♣ K954	
		South	
		♠ K4	
		♥ J985	
		♦ AK4	
		♣ AJ72	

Both Souths declared 4♠ from the short side on the lead of the ♦Q. Jacob won and led a low club, hoping to lose the trick on his right and find a favorable heart position. No, he got a diamond return, took two discards on the clubs, then led a heart, losing two of those and a trump for one down; minus 100. After that start, Jacob could have made at double dummy, ruffing the fourth club to extract **Munawar Sawirudin's** exit card, then playing ♠A, ♠K, diamond ruff in case East held a third diamond. Whether or not East overruffed, he would be given the lead in trumps, fatally. Not exactly the obvious line.

Waluyan won the diamond lead and played ♠K, spade to the . . . ace, ♣Q, covered. He took a diamond discard and played on hearts for two losers, low to the king and ace, then low to the nine; plus 620. 12-0, Indonesia.

Would you prefer to defend 4♠, which you can't help but set at least one, or play in 5♦, where you must guess the ♥J to make? I have the deepest respect for **Ferdy Waluyan**, but I can't see why he wouldn't double 1♠ for takeout with the South cards. 5♦ was long ago and far away. As for **Tom Jacob**, he too could have doubled for takeout, but he preferred to obfuscate with a "comic" 1NT. I doubt whether this hand type was within the realm of expectations. At least diamonds were mentioned at his table. Both Souths led a heart, so there was no club ruff. One down; minus 50. Noi swing.

The next deal ushered in a string of four



"Ask me if I'm having fun."

Bd: 3	North		
Dlr: South	♠ KQ10		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q3		
	♦ AQJ53		
	♣ 742		
West		East	
♠ 53		♠ AJ984	
♥ AK104		♥ 9752	
♦ K102		♦ ---	
♣ J1065		♣ AQ98	
	South		
	♠ 762		
	♥ J86		
	♦ 98764		
	♣ K3		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lasut	Mace	Munawar	Jacob
			Pass
1♣	1♦	1♠	3♦(PRE)
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Sacul	Cornell	Waluyan
			Pass
Pass	1NT	DBL(1)	Pass
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		
(1) ♠+another suit			

Bd: 4	North		
Dlr: West	♠ Q10985		
Vul: Both	♥ AKJ5		
	♦ 1085		
	♣ 10		
West		East	
♠ AJ3		♠ K2	
♥ Q9872		♥ 43	
♦ 4		♦ K9762	
♣ J842		♣ K953	
	South		
	♠ 764		
	♥ 106		
	♦ AQJ3		
	♣ AQ76		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lasut	Mace	Munawar	Jacob
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥(1)
Pass	2♥(2)	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
(1) 4+♣, 12+ HCP; (2) 5+♠, 8-11 HCP			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Sacul	Cornell	Waluyan
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
DBL	RDBL	2♣	DBL
All Pass			

Munawar would have had to play for a while in 4♥ on a diamond lead, but Jacob decided to start with his best card. Mun took the ♣K with his ace, led to the ♥A, and played a spade, king, ace. Now a second trump to . . . the ten. This may not be the safety play that Mun thought it would be. **Brian Mace** won the queen and played a club, but Jacob disappointed him by following. With the spades sitting pretty (they may not have been), Munawar made five; plus 650. Nice result. I don't see why Mike Cornell had to do anything at all over 2♦ since his partner would normally be bidding again after passing the conventional double, and his choice of calls — 2♠ — didn't do much for the heart fit. 2NT was no picnic, even with a low diamond lead around to the ten. When the club finesse, the defenders ran diamonds, and there was a trick to lose in the wash for one down; minus 100. 13 IMPs to Indonesia, who led 25-0.

With everything onside, Jacob made 4♠ easily enough, ruffing hearts in hand after a diamond lead. The diamond ruff didn't hurt him. **Dwayne Crombie's** reopening double didn't have to turn out so badly, but this time it would truly have been better not to mess with those sleeping tigers. Picked off in 2♣, **Mike Cornell** got a spade lead and tried the jack, covered all around. A heart to the nine lost to the jack and the defenders played three rounds of trumps. Cornell won in hand, lost another heart to **Denny Sacul**, and had a diamond come back, ducked to the jack. When Waluyan played the fourth trump, Cornell was back in his hand, having kept the ♣K. He could not set up hearts by conceding one since dummy had only one entry, so he went four down; minus 1100. 10 IMPs to Indonesia, when it might have been 10 to New Zealand. 35-love.

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ ---		
Vul: N/S	♥ K6		
	♦ A1076532		
	♣ AK92		
West			East
♠ AKQ642			♠ J108
♥ Q4			♥ 10982
♦ 4			♦ QJ8
♣ QJ54			♣ 863
	South		
	♠ 9753		
	♥ AJ753		
	♦ K9		
	♣ 107		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lasut	Mace	Munawar	Jacob
	1♥(1)	Pass	1NT(2)
Pass	2♠(3)	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠(4)	Pass	6♥
All Pass			
(1) 4+♣, 12+HCP; (2) 7-9 HCP BAL?			
(3) ♣+♦; (4) SPL			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Sacul	Cornell	Waluyan
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
DBL	3♣	Pass	3♦
3♠	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	DBL	All Pass

Crombie, playing a deep game, waited until his opponents had come to rest in 2♦ before making his move. And what a move it was — double, then free 3♠. Do you hear me, Mike? Suddenly, there was new life for the sleeping tigers. Waluyan's last bid was well-reasoned, even though Sacul was very strong for his sequence of diamonds, diamonds, clubs. That 4♦ bid was unusual enough to suggest seven-four, short spades. Wouldn't it have been something if Denny had bid six? Cornell, misguessing everyone's hand, thought it reasonable to double. It didn't turn out that way. Sacul ruffed the spade lead, took a club ruff after leading to the ♦K, Cornell splitting. He ruffed himself in and conceded a trump, then ran the trumps and eventually dropped the ♥Q for an overtrick; plus 950. 15 IMPs to Indonesia, ahead 50-0 after only five deals.

New Zealand stopped the bleeding with a 3-IMP undertrick pickup on Board 6, but the match turned quiet for a while.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AK7532		
Vul: Both	♥ 74		
	♦ J82		
	♣ KJ		
West			East
♠ J			♠ Q
♥ 985			♥ AQJ63
♦ KQ4			♦ 1053
♣ AQ9872			♣ 6543
	South		
	♠ 109864		
	♥ K102		
	♦ A976		
	♣ 10		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lasut	Mace	Munawar	Jacob
		Pass	2♦(1)
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
(1) 4+♠/4+m, 3-8 HCP			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Sacul	Cornell	Waluyan
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	DBL
All Pass			

Ladies and gentlemen, this morning we have a special feature for you: it's called "choose the weirdest auction." Your contestants are all from New Zealand. Let's call them North, South, and West, for lack of anything more colorful. You've seen the two sample auctions. Now make your choice. Send your choices on small pieces of paper to **Richard Grenside's** room. He will be our official tabulator since **Nobu Hayashi** is on special assignment elsewhere.

Perhaps Mace and Jacob knew what they were doing on this one, but we need convincing. 6♥ got a spade lead, ruffed. ♥K, diamond to the king, ♥A, ♥J, ♦A, diamond ruff, ♣10, queen, king, and a good diamond, ruffed by Munawar as Mace discarded a spade. He lost only two more spades for minus 200.



Ah, the exquisite beauty of that destructive two-bid, landing Mace in the perfect contract of 3♠. No fuss, no muss, no undertricks; plus 140.

Ah, the practical beauty of that game raise by Ferdy Waluyan, which goaded Cornell into an indiscretion at the five-level. 5♣ doubled lost one of each for minus 500. 8 IMPs to Indonesia, who led now 58-4.

Bd: 11	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 987		
Vul: None	♥ Q42		
	♦ KJ82		
	♣ K52		
West			East
♠ KJ6			♠ 102
♥ 10			♥ A765
♦ AQ10763			♦ 954
♣ AQ7			♣ J1093
	South		
	♠ AQ543		
	♥ KJ983		
	♦ ---		
	♣ 864		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lasut	Mace	Munawar	Jacob
			1♦(1)
2♦	DBL*	Pass	2♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♥!
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
DBL	All Pass		
(1) 4+♠, 12+ HCP			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Crombie	Sacul	Cornell	Waluyan
			1♠
1NT	2♠	DBL*	Pass
3♦	DBL	All Pass	

Lasut stuck out his neck to bid 3♦ and was going to buy a nice dummy, but Jacob surprised everyone with a delayed jump to game. On the lead of the ♦A, Jacob discarded a club loser. He eventually lost the ♣A, the ♥A, and two trumps in addition for two down; minus 500.

I am convinced that it's right to pass hands like South's since you will usually get to show both suits wholesale later without overstating your assets, but I haven't convinced too many middle-

of-the-road experts of this. Ferdy had to guess whether to sit for Denny's penalty double and guessed wrong. The hand was easy on a spade lead; plus 470. 5 IMPs to New Zealand, their biggest gain of the set, 9-58.

Although there were some interesting deals in the last sample, the teams did more-or-less the same thing with them. The first quarter ended with Indonesia 46 IMPs ahead, 61-15. Everyone went to bed tired, preparing for the final 48 deals of the semifinals today.

### Second Quarter (Boards 17-32):

Indonesia gained 2 IMPs on Board 17 when Sacul took a slightly risky finesse for a couple of overtricks in 3NT while Mace did not, 63-15, Indonesia.

Bd: 18	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J		
Vul: N/S	♥ A2		
	♦ 9762		
	♣ KJ9753		
West			East
♠ AKQ1054			♠ 8
♥ 973			♥ QJ85
♦ 85			♦ AQJ103
♣ 106			♣ Q82
	South		
	♠ 97632		
	♥ K1064		
	♦ K4		
	♣ A4		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
		1♣(1)	Pass
1♠(NF)	Pass	1NT(2)	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
(1) 4+♥, 12+ HCP; (2) not on card			

Jacob's 3NT looks like a reasonable bid. Until you look at the sort of opening bid East might have. **Franky Karwur** led a spade, and Mace,

who needed the whole spade suit unless there were a miracle in diamonds, put up the ace (the ten gains against jack-fourth, loses to doubleton or tripleton jack offside). He cashed four spades, discarding three hearts, then took the losing diamond finesse. Four down; minus 200. Nothing ventured.

When Sacul rebid 2♦ rather than 1NT, Waluan's choices were 2♠ or 3♠, with the latter seemingly more attractive. 3♠ wasn't much fun either, going three down after ace and another heart; minus 150. 2 IMPs to Indonesia, 65-15.

Bd: 19		North	
Dir: South		♠ AKJ	
Vul: E/W		♥ K86	
		♦ 982	
		♣ 10742	
West		East	
♠ Q1082		♠ 643	
♥ A32		♥ QJ109	
♦ AQ64		♦ 1053	
♣ Q6		♣ KJ8	
		South	
		♠ 975	
		♥ 754	
		♦ KJ7	
		♣ A953	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
			Pass
1NT	All Pass		

**Peter Newell** led the ♠A and switched to a club against Waluyan's humble 1♠. Waluyan won the second club with the queen and led the ♠Q. Newell won and led a third club, Waluyan discarding a diamond. The heart finesse lost and Newell switched to a diamond, but Waluyan won and played hearts, discarding his diamond loser on the fourth as **Martin Reid** ruffed in with the ♠9; plus 80.

**Santje Panelewen** led the ♠A against Jacob's

1NT, got a count card, and switched to the ♣7, Karwur ducking dummy's jack. The first heart finesse won, but the second lost, and a second club was ducked to the queen. Jacob cashed the ♥A and exited with the ♠Q, which Panelewen took to finish the clubs, Jacob discarding two diamonds. Panelewen exited with the ♦9 to the king and ace, and now a spade would have brought home the contract. Jacob cashed the ♦Q first, however. Minus 100. 5 IMPs to Indonesia, 70-15.

Bd: 20		North	
Dir: West		♠ K54	
Vul: Both		♥ K543	
		♦ Q96	
		♣ K32	
West		East	
♠ A9872		♠ J10	
♥ AQJ82		♥ 10976	
♦ AK		♦ 103	
♣ 6		♣ AQ1087	
		South	
		♠ Q63	
		♥ ---	
		♦ J87542	
		♣ J954	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
1♠	Pass	1NT(F1)	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
(1) Polish-style			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
1♦(1)	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Slam is certainly playable on this E/W combination, but if you're not going to bid it, you'd prefer to be in 4♥ rather than five. All was well for the "Bondage" bearers this time. No swing at plus 650.

Bd: 22	North		
Dlr: East	♠ QJ		
Vul: E/W	♥ 92		
	♦ AK7		
	♣ AJ8654		
West		East	
♠ K86		♠ A97432	
♥ Q843		♥ K5	
♦ 9532		♦ QJ4	
♣ 73		♣ KQ	
	South		
	♠ 105		
	♥ AJ1076		
	♦ 1086		
	♣ 1092		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
		1♠	Pass
1NT(F1)	2♣	2♠	3♣
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
		1♦(1)	Pass
1♥(2)	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			
(1) 4+♠, 12+ HCP; (2) 0-6, or 7-9 UNBAL			

Bd: 24	North		
Dlr: West	♠ Q9743		
Vul: None	♥ Q64		
	♦ KJ7		
	♣ 109		
West		East	
♠ AJ		♠ 10865	
♥ AK1072		♥ J8	
♦ AQ3		♦ 10982	
♣ AK5		♣ 842	
	South		
	♠ K2		
	♥ 953		
	♦ 654		
	♣ QJ763		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
1♣(1)	1♠	Pass	2♠
DBL(2)	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
(1) Polish-style; (2) The strong version			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
1♣(1)	1♠	Pass	Pass
DBL	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
(1) 4+♥, 12+ HCP			

Both Easts led ace and another spade against 3♣. Declarer won the diamond shift and advanced the ♥2. Mace followed low and the jack lost to the queen. Panelewen won the diamond return, cashed the ♣A, and led another heart, collecting the king. He discarded his diamond on the ♥10 as Mace ruffed with his trump winner; plus 110. Sacul put up the ♥K on the first heart play. Newell ducked, won the diamond continuation, cashed the ♣A, and finessed the ♥J. Two down, minus 100. Well done, Denny-san. 5 IMPs to Indonesia, 75-15.

On the next deal, Reid went two down in 3NT, Panelewen only one. 3 IMPs more to Indonesia, who had run off 17 IMPs without reply over the first seven deals of the second segment. New Zealand ended that run on the next deal . . .

The 3NT reached by Jacob-Mace was much better than the 4♥ reached by Sacul-Waluyan. Jacob ducked the club lead, won the club continuation, and led the ♥10 from hand — truth or dare. Panelewen took the queen to exit with a heart, and Jacob had his entry to run the ♦10. Panelewen won the jack and exited safely with his remaining heart. Now Jacob could not get off play to his advantage. When he later played ♠A, ♠J, Karwur could win and play a diamond through, and Santje got his second diamond trick for one down; minus 50. Had Jacob overtaken the ♥J, cashed another heart, and exited with the ♦Q (best), Santje would have been endplayed, forced to play a spade to the king and ace. Then the ♠J would have forced him duck, win and play a spade to dummy, or give Jacob a second diamond winner.

In 4♥, Waluyan had too many losers. In practice,

he lost all of them for two down; minus 100. 2 IMPs to New Zealand, who had nonetheless missed an opportunity, albeit a difficult one. 17-78.

Bd: 27	North	♠ 8432	
Dlr: South		♥ A9854	
Vul: None		♦ AKQ6	
		♣ ---	
West		East	
♠ AQ7		♠ 10	
♥ J103		♥ Q7	
♦ 10		♦ J98752	
♣ KJ7632		♣ Q954	
	South		
	♠ KJ965		
	♥ K62		
	♦ 43		
	♣ A108		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
			1♠
2♣	4♣(SPL)	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
			Pass
1♥(1)	DBL	3♣(PRE)	4♠
5♣	5♠	All Pass	
(1) 4+♣, 12+HCP			

Bd: 26	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AKJ54		
Vul: Both	♥ J93		
	♦ A54		
	♣ 93		
West		East	
♠ 98		♠ Q63	
♥ A62		♥ 1054	
♦ 86		♦ KQJ102	
♣ KJ10764		♣ 85	
	South		
	♠ 1072		
	♥ KQ87		
	♦ 973		
	♣ AQ2		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣(Drury)
Pass	2♦(1)	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
DBL	3♠	All Pass	
(1) Weak, or ready to try for game			

Reid got a club lead against 1NT and judged to play on hearts. When Waluyan ducked twice, Reid cleared spades; plus 150. Panelewen-Karwur drove themselves, perhaps not unreasonably, to 3♠, where Santje had to deal with a diamond lead. He ducked, ducked the club switch to the ten, won the diamond continuation, cashed ♠AK, and led the ♥9 to the king and ace. Jacob, out of diamonds and spades, exited with a heart. Santje played the jack and when the ten came up on the third heat, could play the fourth to discard a diamond. Just made; plus 140. No swing.

Reid, in 4♠, made four, playing safely; plus 420. Karwur, pushed to 5♠, got a club lead. He ruffed in dummy, came to the ♥K, ruffed another club, and led a trump to the ten, jack, and queen. Jacob played a heart, so Karwur had to try for a heart discard on a diamond before playing a second trump. Jacob ruffed the second diamond and cashed a heart for two down; minus 100. 11 hard-earned IMPs to New Zealand, who needed them; 28-78.



“Yes, this IS my game face.”

Bd: 28	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A753		
Vul: N/S	♥ 4		
	♦ AK83		
	♣ KQ73		
West		East	
♠ 1084		♠ Q62	
♥ 82		♥ AKJ107	
♦ QJ54		♦ 1076	
♣ A942		♣ 106	
	South		
	♠ KJ9		
	♥ Q9653		
	♦ 92		
	♣ J85		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
Pass	1♣(STR)	2♥	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
Pass	1♦(2+♦)	1♥	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Newell	Sacul	Reid
1♦	1♥	1♠	4♥
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Panelwn	Mace	Karwur
1NT	2♦(♠+♥)	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

4♥ needs some good things to happen, but with West opening the bidding, there is reason to hope for most of them to materialize. With the honors where they were, the hand more-or-less played itself. Plus 420 for Newell; plus 140 for Panelewen, who played safely. 7 IMPs to New Zealand, who won the second quarter 26-18. At the halfway point in the match, they trailed Indonesia by 38 IMPs, 41-79.

### Third Quarter (Boards 33-48):

Bd: 33	North		
Dlr: North	♠ J105		
Vul: None	♥ Q106		
	♦ A109654		
	♣ A		
West		East	
♠ A9632		♠ Q74	
♥ J943		♥ 872	
♦ KQ		♦ 8732	
♣ K9		♣ J76	
	South		
	♠ K8		
	♥ AK5		
	♦ J		
	♣ Q1085432		

Newell's 9-13 HCP random 1♦ opener (see bidding diagram next page) denied a four-card major, so Reid thought he might accomplish something by bidding strangely. Well, did he do something good here? I wouldn't want to make a career out of declaring 4♦, regardless of what we held, but here it's not as if there is a great game contract available. 5♣ is probably best in that category. In 4♦, Newell got a low spade lead, eight, nine, ten. He played ♣A, heart to dummy, low club to ruff away the king, ♥Q, heart to dummy, ♣Q. Karwur ruffed and Newell dumped a spade. The ♦Q lost to the ace, and

Newell's strong club inevitably provoked Sacul to try for maximum preemption. Who could blame him for jumping 2♥. Alas, this got him doubled one level higher than Mace at the other table. Both declarers took five tricks so New Zealand won the board, plus 500 vs plus 300. 5 IMPs, 33-78.

Bd: 32	North		
Dlr: West	♠ J875		
Vul: E/W	♥ K7643		
	♦ K2		
	♣ AQ		
West		East	
♠ 43		♠ AQ962	
♥ QJ2		♥ 10	
♦ AQ107		♦ 986	
♣ K954		♣ J1083	
	South		
	♠ K10		
	♥ A985		
	♦ J543		
	♣ 762		

Newell lost only to the  $\diamond 8$  and the  $\spadesuit A$  in addition. Plus 130.

whose partnership plays fourth-best, switched to the  $\spadesuit 2$ , king, ace. Munawar returned a spade. Two down; minus 200. 13 IMPs to Indonesia, ahead 100-45.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Newell	Panelwn	Reid
	1 $\diamond$ (0+ $\diamond$ )	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$ !
1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\heartsuit$	2 $\spadesuit$	Pass
Pass	3 $\diamond$	Pass	4 $\clubsuit$
Pass	4 $\diamond$	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Munawar	Mace	Lasut
	1 $\diamond$	Pass	2 $\clubsuit$
Pass	2 $\diamond$	Pass	2 $\heartsuit$
Pass	3 $\diamond$	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Indonesian auction in the Closed Room is closer to normal, but 3NT is not much of a contract. No problem for the legendary Henky Lasut. Low spade to the ten . . . queen (low might have worked better), king. Club to the ace, heart to hand. Which club shall we play? A low one. Bingo; plus 490 when Jacob continued with a low spade. 8 IMPs to Indonesia, 87-41.

Bd: 39	North		
Dlr: South	$\spadesuit$ A875		
Vul: Both	$\heartsuit$ K753		
	$\diamond$ 85		
	$\clubsuit$ 1096		
West		East	
$\spadesuit$ K6		$\spadesuit$ 1094	
$\heartsuit$ A106		$\heartsuit$ Q8	
$\diamond$ J62		$\diamond$ KQ109	
$\clubsuit$ AQJ43		$\clubsuit$ K872	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ QJ32		
	$\heartsuit$ J942		
	$\diamond$ A743		
	$\clubsuit$ 5		

Both Wests declared 3NT uncontested, North leading a low heart (five from Newell, three from Munawar), low, jack, ace. Karwur led the  $\diamond J$ , five, king, ace. Reid, whose partnership plays third from even, returned a heart and it was all over for the defense; plus 630. Jacob led the  $\diamond 6$  at trick two, five (playing Smith signals), king, low. He crossed to the  $\clubsuit A$ , North following low, and led the  $\diamond 2$  to the eight, queen, and ace. Lasut,

Bd: 43	North		
Dlr: South	$\spadesuit$ 4		
Vul: None	$\heartsuit$ A105		
	$\diamond$ AK5		
	$\clubsuit$ AQ10753		
West		East	
$\spadesuit$ QJ872		$\spadesuit$ K103	
$\heartsuit$ Q73		$\heartsuit$ J98	
$\diamond$ J43		$\diamond$ 108762	
$\clubsuit$ J4		$\clubsuit$ 86	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ A965		
	$\heartsuit$ K642		
	$\diamond$ Q9		
	$\clubsuit$ K92		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Newell	Panelwn	Reid
			1NT
Pass	2 $\clubsuit$	Pass	2 $\heartsuit$
Pass	2 $\spadesuit$ (R)	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3 $\clubsuit$ *	Pass	3 $\diamond$ *
Pass	3 $\heartsuit$ *	Pass	3NT
Pass	4 $\clubsuit$ *	Pass	5 $\clubsuit$ *
Pass	5 $\diamond$ *	Pass	5 $\heartsuit$ *
Pass	6NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Munawar	Mace	Lasut
			1 $\clubsuit$
Pass	2 $\clubsuit$ (F1)	Pass	2NT(3 $\clubsuit$ )
Pass	3 $\spadesuit$ (SPL)	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I can't take the time to share the intimacies of the Newell-Reid relay sequence, but I am sure that Peter knew his partner's shape and controls and their location. Indeed, he might have known that there was no second heart honor in South. 6NT had 12 easy tricks, but no thirteenth; plus 990. So did Lasut's 3NT, for that matter. Munawar had reason to fear duplication in spades, but his pass to 3NT is simply too conservative. He had at least an ace that he had not yet shown. Plus 490. 11 IMPs to New Zealand, 56-101.

Bd: 44	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 10983		
Vul: N/S	♥ Q		
	♦ J1092		
	♣ 10943		
West		East	
♠ A75		♠ K4	
♥ AJ10963		♥ 72	
♦ 8		♦ KQ54	
♣ J86		♣ KQ752	
	South		
	♠ QJ62		
	♥ K854		
	♦ A763		
	♣ A		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Newell	Panelwn	Reid
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Munawar	Mace	Lasut
2♥	Pass	2♠(INQ)	Pass
3♣(1)	Pass	3♥(INV)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
(1) SPL ♦			

Bd: 47	North		
Dlr: South	♠ ---		
Vul: N/S	♥ AK10862		
	♦ K852		
	♣ A65		
West		East	
♠ KJ7		♠ 109853	
♥ J		♥ Q97	
♦ 10763		♦ A4	
♣ KQJ93		♣ 1074	
	South		
	♠ AQ642		
	♥ 543		
	♦ QJ9		
	♣ 82		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Karwur	Newell	Panelwn	Reid
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♥	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Jacob	Munawar	Mace	Lasut
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT(F1)
2♣	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ is a reasonable contract for E/W, but the adverse lie of trumps and clubs was enough to defeat Jacob after a spade lead when he led the first round of trumps to the jack and not the ace; minus 50. Reid went one down, minus 100, in 2NT after the lead of the ♥10 although he was given a second heart trick. There weren't enough fast tricks. It looks more like down two from here, but Panelewen carefully ditched the ♠K on the fourth heart, which cost him a trick. 4 IMPs to Indonesia, 105-56.



"That's what he has — really!"

4♥ is a good contract for N/S and Munawar-Lasut made it look easy to get there. Perhaps Reid should have raised to 3♥, but they rarely have anything when they open (9-13), so that "free" 2♥ bid didn't mean as much as it might for standard bidders. Plus 620, plus 170. 10 IMPs to Indonesia, 115-56.

Indonesia won the less-than-lively third set 37-15 and with sixteen deals remaining in the match, led by 60 IMPs, 116-56.



Santje: "Pass."  
Grendise: "I should hope so!"

**Fourth Quarter (Boards 49-64):**

Bd: 49		North	
Dir: North		♠ AK94	
Vul: None		♥ Q765	
		♦ 106	
		♣ A63	
West		East	
♠ Q1086		♠ 72	
♥ K43		♥ AJ102	
♦ AKQ3		♦ 54	
♣ J7		♣ K9854	
		South	
		♠ J53	
		♥ 98	
		♦ J9872	
		♣ Q102	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
DBL	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	DBL(T/O)	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
	1♦(2+♦)	1♥	Pass
2♦(♥)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Panelewen led a low spade against Reid's 3NT, deuce, jack, queen. Club to the king, jack of hearts passed to the queen. ♠K, seven, five, eight, ♣A, club to the queen, spade through. Two down; minus 100. The heart guess was crucial.

Against 2♦ doubled (Waluyan's pass was forcing; his double would have been takeout), Waluyan led the ♣J, a good choice on this layout. Jacob ducked to the king, lost the trump switch, won the second club in dummy, and overtook the ♦10. Sacul had followed low to the second club, so Waluyan had an easy heart switch to get his club ruff. He cashed the last high trump and continued hearts and took a spade trick when Jacob played off his last trump in search of a squeeze; down 500. 12 IMPs to Indonesia, 128-56.

Bd: 52		North	
Dir: West		♠ AJ73	
Vul: Both		♥ 942	
		♦ QJ107	
		♣ A3	
West		East	
♠ 852		♠ Q1094	
♥ QJ73		♥ A86	
♦ K4		♦ A86	
♣ 7652		♣ K104	
		South	
		♠ K6	
		♥ K105	
		♦ 9532	
		♣ QJ98	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
Pass	1NT	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
2♣(1)	DBL	3♣(P/C)	All Pass
(1) 4=♥/4+m,	3-8 HCP		

Mace went down in 1NT on a useful spade lead when he got himself into a position where he had to guess hearts and played with the odds by playing East for one of the minor honors; minus 100. Meanwhile, Reid and Newell were having their fun with Santje and Franky, who were not interested in taking chances with their big lead. Left to rot in 3♣, Reid went three down; minus 300. 9 Imps from nowhere to Indonesia, 138-56.

Bd: 53		North	
Dir: North		♠ K7642	
Vul: N/S		♥ A	
		♦ 974	
		♣ AK109	
West		East	
♠ 5		♠ J93	
♥ J76532		♥ K1098	
♦ J82		♦ A1053	
♣ J54		♣ 73	
		South	
		♠ AQ108	
		♥ Q4	
		♦ KQ6	
		♣ Q862	



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
	1♦(1)	Pass	1♠(R)
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			
(1) 4+♠, 12+HCP			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
	1♠	1NT(1)	DBL
RDBL(2)	Pass	2♣*	4♠
All Pass			

Lots of calls in that relay auction, which got them to a slam that was not quite 50%. Perhaps they knew exactly what they were doing, but if they had, might they not have preferred to play in 6♣, which was not at the mercy of the location of the ♦A. Plus 1370. Facing a limited opening bid, Karwur, with a lot of junk, decided not to look for slam when Newell-Reid threw up their usual array of dazzling roadblocks. Wrong this time; plus 680. 12 IMPs back to New Zealand, who had earned them, perhaps.

Bd: 54	North		
Dlr: East	♠ QJ1074		
Vul: E/W	♥ J7		
	♦ A10		
	♣ J1095		
West		East	
♠ 832		♠ AK	
♥ 109		♥ KQ32	
♦ J6		♦ Q8752	
♣ A87632		♣ Q4	
	South		
	♠ 965		
	♥ A8654		
	♦ K943		
	♣ K		

Panelewen, trying to keep his nose clean, decided not to defend against 3♣ doubled (see the bidding, next column). Ace-king of trumps, ♣4 to the king and ace, third trump. Suddenly the defenders had five tricks against 3♠. Very pretty defense; down 50. Sacul's 2♣ doubled

was a lively affair. ♥A, spade switch. ♥K, ♥Q to throw a diamond, Mace ruffing. ♦A, spade. Sacul won and led the ♣4. Plus 180. 4 IMPs to Indonesia; 142-68.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
		1NT	Pass
Pass	DBL	Pass	Pass
RDBL*	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
		1♣(STR)	Pass
1♦*	1♠	DBL(T/O)	2♥(♠)
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	DBL*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

It was 146-68 when Board 57 appeared . . .

Bd: 57	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AQJ104		
Vul: E/W	♥ KJ103		
	♦ 105		
	♣ 73		
West		East	
♠ K872		♠ 9	
♥		♥ AQ85	
♦ K974		♦ QJ63	
♣ 108654		♣ AQJ2	
	South		
	♠ 653		
	♥ 97642		
	♦ A82		
	♣ K9		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
	1♦(1)	1♠(2)	1NT
2♦	2♥	2♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	DBL	All Pass
(1) 4♠, 12+HCP; (2) T/O of spades			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
	1♠	DBL	2♥(♠)
Pass	2♠	DBL	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Clubs, dear West. What is wrong with clubs? Oh, diamonds for the lead. Yes. 4♥ doubled, not the world's worst contract, was down 300 on a diamond lead. 3♦, on a helpful club lead, made three, plus 110. 5 IMPs to Indonesia, 151-68.

Bd: 61	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 4		
Vul: Both	♥ 1076		
	♦ QJ104		
	♣ QJ965		
West		East	
♠ QJ106		♠ AK983	
♥ AKJ5		♥ 83	
♦ K32		♦ 875	
♣ 32		♣ 1084	
	South		
	♠ 752		
	♥ Q942		
	♦ A96		
	♣ AK7		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣(1)
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♥(♠)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	DBL
All Pass			
(1) 4+♥, 12+ HCP			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
4♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Bd: 60	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 5		
Vul: N/S	♥ K543		
	♦ 973		
	♣ Q9654		
West		East	
♠ A109		♠ KQJ732	
♥ Q10982		♥ A7	
♦ K5		♦ AQ106	
♣ 872		♣ 10	
	South		
	♠ 864		
	♥ J6		
	♦ J842		
	♣ AKJ3		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
Pass	2♣(1)	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
(1) 4+♥/4+m, 3-8 HCP			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
1♥	Pass	1♠(R)	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	DBL
Pass	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Sorry, boys, a crappy slam, no matter how many rounds of bidding it took. ♣A, ♣K, ruffed. Rather than try to steal the slam early by leading the ♥Q, Newell played his best legitimate line — singleton king. Nah. Minus 50. An easy plus 450 in the other room. 11 IMPs to Indonesia, 163-68.

Picture the dread with which Denny anticipated the arrival of dummy after overcalling with that cheese. Heart lead, ace, draw trumps, heart to the jack for a diamond discard, ♦A onside, and Bob's your Uncle; plus 790. Newell got two rounds of clubs, then two rounds of diamonds. He tried to ruff out the ♥Q, and so went one down. There ain't much pity in the Naked City. 13 IMPs to Indonesia, 176-68.

The last swing of the match would go to the trailing team . . . and quite a coup it was . . .



"If we're going to lose, at least I'm going to have fun."



"You mean he didn't say 'Shuffle and play.'?"

Bd: 62	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J976		
Vul: None	♥ A10973		
	♦ 2		
	♣ 854		
West		East	
♠ Q53		♠ AK102	
♥ 4		♥ J862	
♦ A6543		♦ KJ	
♣ J762		♣ AK9	
	South		
	♠ 84		
	♥ KQ5		
	♦ Q10987		
	♣ Q103		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Waluyan	Mace	Sacul	Jacob
		1♣(1)	1NT(Comic)
Pass	2♦	DBL(2)	2♥
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass
(1) Polish-style; (2) The strong version			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Reid	Panelwn	Newell	Karwur
		1♣(STR)	1♦(1)
DBL*	1♥(P/C)	DBL	2♣(2)
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
(1) Majors or minors!; (2) Minors			

Mace-Jacob accomplished whatever it was that they were out to do, pushing their opponents to an unlikely 5♣. Had diamonds been a bit better placed for them, Sacul might have made it. He did well to go down one; minus 50.

Meanwhile, back in the Twilight Zone (note that the match had taken on a carnival flavor by now), Reid used his imagination to jump in spades, easing toward a four-three game that he hoped to make. And make it he did: Diamond to the jack, queen, and ace, heart to Karwur's queen, diamond ruff, heart. Reid ruffed in hand went to the ♣A, ruffed another heart, went to the ♣K, and ruffed dummy's last heart with the ♠Q. Diamond through Panelewen, who discarded his last club. ♠A, club exit. Dummy was down to the king-ten of trumps and Santje the jack-nine as Franky won the queen of clubs. How positively delightful. Talk about going down to defeat with your boots on.

Indonesia won the final stanza, 60-23 and won the match 176-79.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr	Final
Indonesia	61	18	37	60	176
New Zealand	15	26	15	23	79



"I may look calm, cool and collected, but I really need a cigarette."



"I know the trumps go on the right side Sun Ming . . . I don't have any."



"Sorry Wenfei, I can't raise with this."

# THE OPEN SEMIFINALS

## CHINA vs CHINESE TAIPEI

### First Quarter (Board 1-16):

Bd: 1		North	
Dir: North		♠ 1083	
Vul: None		♥ K96	
		♦ J9842	
		♣ A4	
West		East	
♠ QJ72		♠ AK9654	
♥ A843		♥ J7	
♦ Q		♦ K6	
♣ J1083		♣ Q95	
		South	
		♠ ---	
		♥ Q1052	
		♦ A10753	
		♣ K762	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaoqing	YH Chen	Weimin
	Pass	1♠	DBL
4♠	DBL*	Pass	4NT
DBL	5♦	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Bd: 2		North	
Dir: East		♠ AJ9762	
Vul: N/S		♥ K63	
		♦ 765	
		♣ Q	
West		East	
♠ 53		♠ Q108	
♥ Q7		♥ A1042	
♦ QJ932		♦ 108	
♣ 10863		♣ K954	
		South	
		♠ K4	
		♥ J985	
		♦ AK4	
		♣ AJ72	

As in the other semifinal, both Souths declared 4♠ from the short side on the lead of the ♦Q. Like Tom Jacob, **CH Wu** won and led a low club, hoping to lose the trick on his right and find a favorable heart position. Like Jacob, he had to go one down when he did not play for the exotic elimination described in the account of the other match; minus100.

Weimin, like Ferdy Waluyan, won the diamond lead and played ♠K, spade to the . . . ace, ♣Q, covered. He took a diamond discard and played on heart for two losers, low to the king and ace, then low to the nine; plus 620. 12-3, China.

The Open Room auction of **Weimin and Xiaoqing Wang** is one I'd be proud of. I am not sure why **CC Chen** did not double, but he was right — it was too close for comfort, and had he doubled, Xiaoqing might have gotten the hearts right. Mind you, he did drop the ♠Q at trick one when Xiaoqing ruffed in dummy, perhaps tipping off the ♥A, perhaps simply showing the ♠J. After a while, it was apparent that **YH Chen** had the ♠AK, the ♦K, and the ♣Q, but there was nothing to say he couldn't hold the ♥A too. He led a heart to the queen and ace, then finessed on the way back; minus 50. A good run for the money, you must admit. **Zejun Zhuang**, untroubled in 4♠, got a heart lead, and went one down, drawing trumps; minus 50. 3 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, but good bridge by China.



"If we don't win, I can always pass for Nakitani-san and stay in this country."

Bd: 5	North		
Dlr: North	♠ ---		
Vul: N/S	♥ K6		
	♦ A1076532		
	♣ AK92		
West			East
♠ AKQ642			♠ J108
♥ Q4			♥ 10982
♦ 4			♦ QJ8
♣ QJ54			♣ 863
	South		
	♠ 9753		
	♥ AJ753		
	♦ K9		
	♣ 107		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaojing	YH Chen	Weimin
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Xiaojing showed a good hand with his diamonds-clubs-diamonds sequence, but Weimin didn't think he had enough for game (I am sure that pass is wrong, but again, I suspect I'm in the minority). Given new life, he seized the opportunity and raised 4♦ to five. He played in the fashion of Sacul, dropping the ♥Q in the endgame to make six; plus 620. The Wu's got to slam on their own power, for which they deserve our respect. Now all SR had to do was make it. He played normally, taking one club ruff, conceding a trump, and running trumps. In the end, he knew the distribution and played with the odds by taking the heart finesse (the ♥Q was not an important card for West to have for his bidding). An unlucky two down; minus 200. 13 IMPs to China, 25-3.

Bd: 6	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 875		
Vul: E/W	♥ Q986		
	♦ 105		
	♣ KJ64		
West			East
♠ 643			♠ AQJ10
♥ KJ7432			♥ ----
♦ AQ			♦ J9764
♣ A9			♣ 10732
	South		
	♠ K92		
	♥ A105		
	♦ K832		
	♣ Q85		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaojing	YH Chen	Weimin
		Pass	1♦
1♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
		Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Zhuang gave 4♠ a good try, but couldn't quite bring it home. His 1♠ advance looks much better to me than YH Chen's pass, but CC Chen made his 1♥ for plus 80 and Chinese Taipei gained 5 IMPs, 8-25.

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 83		
Vul: Both	♥ 75		
	♦ 10972		
	♣ 108762		
West			East
♠ K97654			♠ A10
♥ A102			♥ KQJ983
♦ 3			♦ J64
♣ KQJ			♣ 43
	South		
	♠ QJ2		
	♥ 64		
	♦ AKQ85		
	♣ A95		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaoqing	YH Chen	Weimin
			1NT
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
			1NT
2♦(1)	Pass	2♥(2)	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
(1) ♠ or ♥; (2) Pass or correct			

Disaster for China. **Hongjun Xu** had a good hand for his bidding, and so did Zhuang, but it was not clear that anything past 2♠ would be safe. Zhuang's conservative decision cost his side a vulnerable game. Plus 650 vs plus 170, 10 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, 18-25.

inside, you figure to get home unless you panic. In the Open Room, YH Chen led a heart (the jack) but with the 2♠ bid by CC Chen, Xiaoqing was sure to get home by playing a spade towards the jack, intending to lead a second spade towards the queen. Plus 400. This was a gain for China because SR Wu chose a bad moment to use his judgment, treating his queen-rich 18-count as 15-17 and opening 1NT. Not only did he fail to reach 3NT; he also failed to buy the auction or go plus. Against 3♦, he led ♥AK, cashed the ♣K, and continued with a low heart. CH Wu ruffed with the nine and Xu overruffed with the king, led a trump to the eight and jack, ruffed the club continuation, went to the ♠K, ruffed the hearts good with the ♦6, threw dummy's last club on the ♠A, ruffed a spade, and drew trumps; plus 110. 11 IMPs to China, 36-18.

Bd: 9	North		
Dlr: North	♠ Q84		
Vul: E/W	♥ AKQ2		
	♦ Q4		
	♣ KQ32		
West		East	
♠ A109652		♠ K	
♥ 98		♥ J10753	
♦ K632		♦ A1087	
♣ 5		♣ 1064	
	South		
	♠ J73		
	♥ 64		
	♦ J95		
	♣ AJ987		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaoqing	YH Chen	Weimin
	1♣	Pass	2♣
2♠	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♠(♠+m)	Pass	3♣(P/C)	DBL
3♦	All Pass		

If E/W remain silent, a heart lead might give you some anxious moments in 3NT, but with the ♦10

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AK7532		
Vul: Both	♥ 74		
	♦ J82		
	♣ KJ		
West		East	
♠ J		♠ Q	
♥ 985		♥ AQJ63	
♦ KQ4		♦ 1053	
♣ AQ9872		♣ 6543	
	South		
	♠ 109864		
	♥ K102		
	♦ A976		
	♣ 10		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaoqing	YH Chen	Weimin
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

Zhuang's judgment proved to be 12 IMPs better than YH Chen's on this occasion. He switched to a diamond when he won the ♥A, so there was no endplay in 4♠; minus 100. 5♣ doubled was two

down; minus 500. China, 48-18.

Bd: 13	North		
Dlr: North	♠ 10652		
Vul: Both	♥ AK82		
	♦ 9		
	♣ J1093		
West			East
♠ J4			♠ A7
♥ 107654			♥ Q
♦ AKJ864			♦ 72
♣ —			♣ AKQ87542
	South		
	♠ KQ983		
	♥ J93		
	♦ Q1053		
	♣ 6		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaoqing	YH Chen	Weimin
	Pass	3NT	All Pass
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
	Pass	1♣	1♠
DBL*	3♠	3NT	Pass
Pass	DBL	Pass	Pass
RDBL	All Pass		

With no ace to lead against YH Chen's unusually strong, gambling 3NT, Weimin settled for his highest spade, a far more effective choice than fourth-best on this occasion. Not only did that establish the spades but it also killed the entry for the rest of the clubs. YH won, tried clubs, cursed, and finessed the ♦J successfully, brightened, tried the ♦A, cursed, cashed the ♦K, and surrendered; minus 200.

That was a tame result in comparison with the Closed Room's. We can't tell you whether Xu's redouble showed doubt or a greedy streak, but it did not work for him. Here too, the opening lead was the ♠K, and the play followed the Open Room's card for card. Two down; minus 1000. 13 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, 31-48.

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 862		
Vul: N/S	♥ KQ97		
	♦ K984		
	♣ J4		
West			East
♠ J3			♠ 95
♥ 83			♥ J654
♦ A10765			♦ QJ3
♣ 10932			♣ A765
	South		
	♠ AKQ1074		
	♥ A102		
	♦ 2		
	♣ KQ8		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
CC Chen	Xiaoqing	YH Chen	Weimin
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Xu	SR Wu	Zhuang	CH Wu
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦(1)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
(1) Short suit game try+			

Weimin committed a serious error here, essentially driving to slam himself. He was not down immediately, since CC Chen led a club and YH Chen returned the suit after winning the ace. He ran his winners but YH threw diamonds to keep hearts and took the last trick with the ♥J. Whew! Minus 100. CH Wu did much better, starting with his short suit. SR Wu's 4♠ showed a good hand for game but not for slam, so CH gave up; plus 680 on a heart lead. 13 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

China won the lively first set 52-44.

## Second Quarter (Boards 17-32):

Bd: 17		North	
Dir: North		♠ J108	
Vul: None		♥ KJ765	
		♦ K7	
		♣ 743	
West		East	
♠ A4		♠ K7	
♥ AQ10		♥ 932	
♦ AJ953		♦ 1082	
♣ 982		♣ AKJ106	
		South	
		♠ Q96532	
		♥ 84	
		♦ Q64	
		♣ Q5	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Xiaojing	SR Wu	Weimin
	Pass	Pass	2♠
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	YH Chen	Zhuang	CC Chen
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both declarers won the spade lead in 3NT, took a losing diamond finesse, won the spade return, and cashed the ♣A. This is one of those combination-play deals in which you try to drop an honor in one suit, then finesse in the other if nothing good happens. This deal is slightly unusual in that declarer can play off either the ♦A or the ♣K before resorting to the finesse in the other minor. Both are eight-card fits. Perhaps there is nothing in it, but if we take the diamond finesse in isolation, once the first diamond finesse loses, the chance of the second working is 75%, while the straight club finesse is 50%. You would think there would be some unanimity on this issue, but there are those who will tell you from their soapbox that the suit in isolation is irrelevant and that one finesse is as good as another. SR Wu played courageously: ♦A, club finesse for three down; minus 150. Zhuang played ♣K, felled the queen, and scored plus 400. 11 IMPs to China, 71-44. Actually, SR's play is a pretty good shot if you're looking for a swing, since there's not that much in it and your

counterpart is likely to play the other way; but with the match so close, I don't think SR was looking to swing a lot of IMPs on this sort of play.

Bd: 18		North	
Dir: East		♠ J	
Vul: N/S		♥ A2	
		♦ 9762	
		♣ KJ9753	
West		East	
♠ AKQ1054		♠ 8	
♥ 973		♥ QJ85	
♦ 85		♦ AQJ103	
♣ 106		♣ Q82	
		South	
		♠ 97632	
		♥ K1064	
		♦ K4	
		♣ A4	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Xiaojing	SR Wu	Weimin
		1♦	DBL
1♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	YH Chen	Zhuang	CC Chen
		1♦	DBL
1♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	4♣	All Pass	

CH Wu was three down in 3♠. YH Chen was two down in 4♣ ("why can't you have a normal takeout double when I have a hand as good as this one?" he must have thought) when Zhuang overruffed the second spade and got in two trump leads; minus 200. 8 IMPs to China, 71-44.



"if they bid over our 2♦ opening, here's what we'll do . . ."



Bd: 21	North		
Dlr: North	♠ J876		
Vul: N/S	♥ 1085		
	♦ A6		
	♣ Q762		
West			East
♠ 95432			♠ A10
♥ J63			♥ AKQ42
♦ Q983			♦ K1042
♣ A			♣ K4
	South		
	♠ KQ		
	♥ 97		
	♦ J75		
	♣ J109853		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Xiaojing	SR Wu	Weimin
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	YH Chen	Zhuang	CC Chen
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Bd: 22	North		
Dlr: East	♠ QJ		
Vul: E/W	♥ 92		
	♦ AK7		
	♣ AJ8654		
West			East
♠ K86			♠ A97432
♥ Q843			♥ K5
♦ 9532			♦ QJ4
♣ 73			♣ KQ
	South		
	♠ 105		
	♥ AJ1076		
	♦ 1086		
	♣ 1092		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Xiaojing	SR Wu	Weimin
		1♠	Pass
2♠	3♣	3♠	4♣
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	YH Chen	Zhuang	CC Chen
		1♠	Pass
1NT	3♣	All Pass	

4♣ was too high, even on the lead of the ♣K, which gave Xiaojing time to build a heart winner for a diamond discard; minus 50. YH Chen's 3♣ was more interesting on the lead of the ♦Q. He took the ♦A and led the ♥9, which got him the king from Zhuang. Chen ducked, and Zhuang, who saw the ♦3 from partner at trick one, continued with the ♦J. Chen, with no diamond loser now, played ace and another trump; plus 110. 4 IMPs to China, 48-72.

China led by 30 IMPs, 78-48, when Board 27 arrived . . .

How good is the West hand opposite a strong jump shift from hearts into diamonds? CH Wu thought it quite slam-oriented and he would have been right if SR's ♠10 had been the ♦J. His auction got the partnership to 5♦, where SR had to guess the ♦J to make. He did; plus 400 and a 1-imp loss when Xu-Zhuang stopped safely in 4♥, Zhuang misguessing diamonds. 72-44,

C h i  
n a.



"They just turned out the lights and left me here."



"I'm curious about this overtrick in 3NT redoubled."

Bd: 27	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 8432		
Vul: None	♥ A9854		
	♦ AKQ6		
	♣ ---		
West		East	
♠ AQ7		♠ 10	
♥ J103		♥ Q7	
♦ 10		♦ J98752	
♣ KJ7632		♣ Q954	
	South		
	♠ KJ965		
	♥ K62		
	♦ 43		
	♣ A108		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Xiaojing	SR Wu	Weimin
			1♠
2♣	4♣(SPL)	5♣	DBL
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	YH Chen	Zhuang	CC Chen
			1♠
2♣	2♥	4♣(PRE)	4♥
5♣	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

YH Chen took a lot for granted when he blasted into slam, but there wasn't much room left to maneuver. 6♠ went three down on the well-reasoned lead of the ♥3 from Xu; minus 150.

Against 5♣ doubled, Xiaojing cashed the ♦A, then switched to the ♥A. When Weimin followed with the six, Xiaojing could not convince himself that the position was clear; he shifted to a spade so the second heart trick disappeared. One down; minus 100. 6 IMPs to China, 84-48.

At both tables on Board 28 (see top of next column), East overcalled one-of-a-minor with 1♥ and North reopened with a double. Both Souths elected to bid 1NT rather than pass for penalty. Plus 180 for Weimin, plus 120 for CC Chen. 2 IMPs to China, 86-48. 1♥ doubled would have gone down 300.

Bd: 28	North		
Dlr: West	♠ A753		
Vul: N/S	♥ 4		
	♦ AK83		
	♣ KQ73		
West		East	
♠ 1084		♠ Q62	
♥ 82		♥ AKJ107	
♦ QJ54		♦ 1076	
♣ A942		♣ 106	
	South		
	♠ KJ9		
	♥ Q9653		
	♦ 92		
	♣ J85		

Bd: 31	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q1042		
Vul: N/S	♥ 97		
	♦ KJ4		
	♣ 9876		
West		East	
♠ K		♠ J95	
♥ AK8543		♥ QJ106	
♦ A5		♦ Q10986	
♣ AKJ4		♣ 10	
	South		
	♠ A8763		
	♥ 2		
	♦ 732		
	♣ Q532		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Xiaojing	SR Wu	Weimin
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦(0-5)	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣(SPL)	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	YH Chen	Zhuang	CC Chen
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦(NEU)	Pass
2♥(1)	Pass	2♠(2)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass
(1) ♥ or 25+ BAL; (2) Which type?			

CH Wu needed to buy the  $\diamond K$  or the  $\spadesuit Q$  and a little luck. Not forthcoming. Xiaojing didn't lead a diamond, so CH lost a spade and a diamond for one down; minus 50. Although Xu did not know about the singleton club and four trumps with any certainty — only that Zhuang liked his hand and had something useful in clubs. Meanwhile, he had shown hearts, clubs, and pointed suit controls, and needed a further move from his partner for slam. He gave up at  $4\heartsuit$  and made an easy plus 450. 11 IMPs to China; 97-50.

### Third Quarter (Boards 33-48):

Bd: 33	North		
Dlr: North	$\spadesuit$ J105		
Vul: None	$\heartsuit$ Q106		
	$\diamond$ A109654		
	$\clubsuit$ A		
West		East	
$\spadesuit$ A9632		$\spadesuit$ Q74	
$\heartsuit$ J943		$\heartsuit$ 872	
$\diamond$ KQ		$\diamond$ 8732	
$\clubsuit$ K9		$\clubsuit$ J76	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ K8		
	$\heartsuit$ AK5		
	$\diamond$ J		
	$\clubsuit$ Q1085432		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
	$1\heartsuit$	Pass	$2\clubsuit$
Pass	$2\heartsuit$	Pass	$2\heartsuit$
Pass	$3\heartsuit$	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xiaojing	Kan	Weimin	CC Chen
	$1\heartsuit$	Pass	$2\clubsuit$
Pass	$2\heartsuit$	Pass	$2\heartsuit$
Pass	$3\heartsuit$	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

SR Wu played the  $\spadesuit Q$  on dummy's jack at trick one, Weimin Wang did not. **Haojun Shi**, with prospects good for a second spade guard, played on clubs, but he guessed wrong, leading the queen on the second round. CH Wu led a second low spade and Shi won, abandoned spades, and played on diamonds, going one down; minus 50. CC Chen, who could not be sure about the spade position, led the  $\diamond 4$  from dummy at trick two. And look what he found? Five diamond tricks and a blocked position in the danger suit. Plus 430. Quite a coup. 10 IMPs for Chinese Taipei, 60-103.

Bd: 32	North		
Dlr: West	$\spadesuit$ J875		
Vul: E/W	$\heartsuit$ K7643		
	$\diamond$ K2		
	$\clubsuit$ AQ		
West		East	
$\spadesuit$ 43		$\spadesuit$ AQ962	
$\heartsuit$ QJ2		$\heartsuit$ 10	
$\diamond$ AQ107		$\diamond$ 986	
$\clubsuit$ K954		$\clubsuit$ J1083	
	South		
	$\spadesuit$ K10		
	$\heartsuit$ A985		
	$\diamond$ J543		
	$\clubsuit$ 762		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Xiaojing	SR Wu	Weimin
$1\heartsuit$	$1\heartsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	$2\heartsuit$
Pass	Pass	DBL*	$3\heartsuit$
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	YH Chen	Zhuang	CC Chen
$1\heartsuit$	$1\heartsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	$3\heartsuit(\heartsuit)$
Pass	3NT	Pass	$4\heartsuit$
All Pass			

$4\heartsuit$  was unbeatable on this layout; plus 420 and plus 170. 6 IMPs to China, who won the second stanza 51-6 and led by 53 IMPs at the half, 103-50.

Bd: 35	North		
Dlr: South	♠ K7		
Vul: E/W	♥ 652		
	♦ J1095		
	♣ Q1074		
West		East	
♠ J98653		♠ Q104	
♥ A10		♥ QJ43	
♦ 87		♦ AK62	
♣ J96		♣ K5	
	South		
	♠ A2		
	♥ K987		
	♦ Q43		
	♣ A832		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
			1♣
Pass	2♣	DBL	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xiaojing	Kan	Weimin	CC Chen
			1♣
Pass	2♣	DBL	2♠
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	DBL	All Pass

Bd: 37	North		
Dlr: North	♠ A52		
Vul: N/S	♥ AKQJ		
	♦ AK75		
	♣ KQ		
West		East	
♠ KQJ1094		♠ 763	
♥ 64		♥ 10972	
♦ Q108		♦ J2	
♣ 74		♣ J1065	
	South		
	♠ 8		
	♥ 853		
	♦ 9643		
	♣ A9832		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
			2♦(NEU)
3♠	2♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xiaojing	Kan	Weimin	CC Chen
			2♦(0-5)
3♠	2♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

When CH Wu played low on the opening club lead, he had clear sailing in 4♠. With the ♥K onside, the rest was easy; plus 620. There must be more to this deal than meets the eye because CC Chen's 5♣ really makes no sense otherwise. He lost three hearts, two diamonds and a diamond ruff. And one club trick for five down; minus 1100. 14 IMPs to China, 114-60.

West's 3♠ gave his opponents a headache, much as he hoped. 6♦ depends on nothing more than three-two trumps, but inevitably, neither N/S pair mentioned the suit. Once North showed a balanced hand, perhaps he should bid his suits upwards over 4♣.

**Jianming Dai** bid hearts, however, and committed himself to slam when Shi showed some signs of life. Dai won the spade lead, ruffed a spade, and drew trumps, continuing with ♣KQ, ace-king, and another diamond. He was hoping that SR Wu held one less spade and one more diamond and would have to give dummy the ♠A. Nice try. Two down; minus 200.

When CC Chen took out 3NT to 4♣, **YN Kan** played him for long clubs when he continued with 4♠. At first glance, 6♣ seems to have a diamond loser and a trump loser but Kan demonstrated that this was not so. He won the ♠A, cashed



"Look, I'm sorry, the hole just isn't big enough for the tray."

king-queen of trumps, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♣A, throwing a diamond, came to a heart, and ruffed a spade with dummy's last trump, cashed the remaining hearts, and the ♦AK, Weimin following helplessly to everything. His last card was a losing diamond, which lost to both West's ♦Q and East's master trump. Plus 1370, and 17 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, 77-114.

Bd: 43	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 4		
Vul: None	♥ A105		
	♦ AK5		
	♣ AQ10753		
West		East	
♠ QJ872		♠ K103	
♥ Q73		♥ J98	
♦ J43		♦ 108762	
♣ J4		♣ 86	
	South		
	♠ A965		
	♥ K642		
	♦ Q9		
	♣ K92		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
			1♣
Pass	2♦(♣)	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Xiaoqing	Kan	Weimin	CC Chen
			1♣
Pass	2♦(♣)	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Bd: 38	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 62		
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ8		
	♦ AJ754		
	♣ J104		
West		East	
♠ 5		♠ KQJ1098	
♥ K1062		♥ Q95	
♦ Q98		♦ 2	
♣ 98652		♣ K73	
	South		
	♠ A743		
	♥ 743		
	♦ K1063		
	♣ AQ		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
		1♠	Pass
Pass	DBL	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Xiaoqing	Kan	Weimin	CC Chen
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Kan was just guessing when he bid 7♣ and he guessed wrong — no major-suit squeeze, no miracle in hearts; minus 50. 6♣ was easy; plus 920. 14 IMPs to China, 128-88.

Weimin's 2♠ went two down when he put up the ♣K after Kan led the jack through him early on; minus 200. In 3NT, Dai took the third spade and misguessed diamonds. He had only eight tricks now; minus 50. Bad luck for China. 6 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, who were within 31 IMPs now, 83-114.

They gained another 5 IMPs on Board 41 when a light opening bid by Dai got his side to an odds-against nonvulnerable game that had to fail. Chen-Kan were plus 140 in 2♠. 88-114.



"If this works out we could become pen pals."

### Fourth Quarter (Boards 49-64):

Bd: 48	North			
Dlr: West	♠ 8			
Vul: E/W	♥ AQJ872			
	♦ 643			
	♣ A73			
West			East	
♠ AQ6			♠ J10943	
♥ 10643			♥ K	
♦ 85			♦ KQ72	
♣ Q862			♣ K104	
	South			
	♠ K752			
	♥ 95			
	♦ AJ109			
	♣ J95			
	Open Room			
West	North	East	South	
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi	
	1♥	Pass	1♠	
Pass	2♥	All Pass		
	Closed Room			
West	North	East	South	
Xiaojing	Kan	Weimin	CC Chen	
Pass	1♥	1♠	1NT	
2♠	3♥	All Pass		

Bd: 52	North			
Dlr: West	♠ AJ73			
Vul: Both	♥ 942			
	♦ QJ107			
	♣ A3			
West			East	
♠ 852			♠ Q1094	
♥ QJ73			♥ A86	
♦ K4			♦ A86	
♣ 7652			♣ K104	
	South			
	♠ K6			
	♥ K105			
	♦ 9532			
	♣ QJ98			
	Open Room			
West	North	East	South	
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi	
Pass	1♦	DBL	2♦	
All Pass				
	Closed Room			
West	North	East	South	
Xu	CC Chen	Zhuang	Kan	
Pass	1♦	DBL	1NT	
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT	
All Pass				

It's not a lovely overcall, but getting spades into the game with a near-opening bid is an important part of the game. If not 1♠, then perhaps 2♠ once N/S were more-or-less limited. When SR passed throughout, Dai finished in a contract that he could make. In practice, he made five! He ruffed the second spade, dropped the ♥K, led low to the ♦J, picked up the ♥10 and ruffed out the ♠A en route. When he ducked SR's ♦Q on the second round, he had a later finesse in the suit. Plus 200.

Driven to 3♥, Kan ruffed the second spade and led a diamond, Weimin splitting. Kan elected to win and he too led a trump to the ace. When he played a second diamond, however, the defense took a diamond ruff and Xiaojing got out with a trump, leaving Kan with two club losers; minus 50. 6 IMPs to China, who lost the third segment 33-40. With sixteen deals remaining, China's lead was still formidable, however, at 136-90. 46 IMPs.

2NT went one down on a heart and a heart; minus 100. 2♦ made on three rounds of trumps; plus 110. 5 IMPs to China, ahead 143-90.

The match was slipping away from Chinese Taipei, but then they rallied . . .

Bd: 53	North		
Dlr: North	♠ K7642		
Vul: N/S	♥ A		
	♦ 974		
	♣ AK109		
West			East
♠ 5			♠ J93
♥ J76532			♥ K1098
♦ J82			♦ A1053
♣ J54			♣ 73
	South		
	♠ AQ108		
	♥ Q4		
	♦ KQ6		
	♣ Q862		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
	1♠	Pass	2NT(NAT)
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	CC Chen	Zhuang	Kan
	1♠	Pass	3NT(♠)
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

It was not evident to Dai that he was facing a fourth trump, so he was reluctant to try for slam. At the other table CC Chen knew of the big spade fit, and bid out his controls, in the end offering a choice of slams. Very pretty indeed. 6♣ is better than 6♠ since it doesn't need the ♦A onside. Plus 680, plus 1370. 12 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, 102-143.

Bd: 54	North		
Dlr: East	♠ QJ1074		
Vul: E/W	♥ J7		
	♦ A10		
	♣ J1095		
West		East	
♠ 832		♠ AK	
♥ 109		♥ KQ32	
♦ J6		♦ Q8752	
♣ A87632		♣ Q4	
	South		
	♠ 965		
	♥ A8654		
	♦ K943		
	♣ K		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
		1NT	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	CC Chen	Zhuang	Kan
		1NT	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Zhuang's 3♣ went two down on a spade lead and Dai's overbid 4♠ went one down. Minus 200 and minus 50. 6 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, 108-143.

Bd: 56	North		
Dlr: West	♠ Q5		
Vul: None	♥ 10842		
	♦ Q62		
	♣ AJ32		
West		East	
♠ K643		♠ 1087	
♥ AKJ96		♥ Q7	
♦ J8		♦ K10754	
♣ Q6		♣ 987	
	South		
	♠ AJ92		
	♥ 53		
	♦ A93		
	♣ K1054		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
1♥	Pass	1NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Xu	CC Chen	Zhuang	Kan
1♥	Pass	1NT	DBL
Pass	Pass	2♦	All Pass

SR Wu made 1NT on a heart lead, running the suit, then running the ♦J, which was not covered. He had to make either the ♠K or a second diamond; plus 90. In 2♦, Zhuang got a heart lead and played three rounds, throwing a club. Kan ruffed, and the defenders had to take six tricks for one down; minus 50. 4 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, 112-143.

Chinese Taipei gained a further 5 IMPs in overtricks over the next four deals to close to within 26 IMPs, but Board 61 ended their aspirations . . .

Bd: 61	North		
Dir: North	♠ 4		
Vul: Both	♥ 1076		
	♦ QJ104		
	♣ QJ965		
West		East	
♠ QJ106		♠ AK983	
♥ AKJ5		♥ 83	
♦ K32		♦ 875	
♣ 32		♣ 1084	
	South		
	♠ 752		
	♥ Q942		
	♦ A96		
	♣ AK7		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
CH Wu	Dai	SR Wu	Shi
	Pass	Pass	1♣
DBL	3♣	All Pass	
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Xu	CC Chen	Zhuang	Kan
	Pass	Pass	1♣
DBL	2NT*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

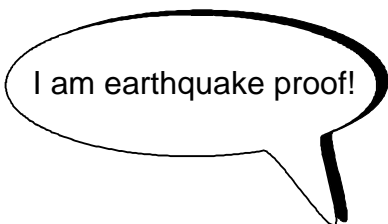
Both Norths preempted in clubs in their own way. SR Wu was silenced by this effort but Zhuang tried 3♠ (which looks like the clear action to us) and was raised to four. With the ♥Q and ♦A onside, 4♠ made for plus 620. Shi's 3♣ was down 200 but China gained 9 IMPs to lead 152-117.

The same contract was played at both tables on each of the last three deals, with the same result. Chinese Taipei was out of boards, out of luck, and out of Schlitz.

China lost the final set 27-16 but won the match by 35 IMPs, 152-117.

It would be China vs Indonesia over 64 boards for the PABF Open Teams title, with the first quarter slated for Saturday evening.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr	Final
China	52	51	33	16	152
Chinese Taipei	44	6	40	27	117





# AS PAUL'S WORLD TURNS

Our sincerest apologies to Matthew Raisin and Paul Brayshaw, two up-and-coming young Aussie bridge players striving to make a name for themselves in the milieu of big-time bridge, who suffered the slings and arrows of our wit and criticism in yesterday's *Daily Bulletin* (END OF YOUTH AS WE KNOW IT) as the alleged N/S pair when, as we now learn, they were not even at the table! The actual culprits in the N/S seats were Mark Jappe and John Maddison.

Our apologies also to Colin Baker who apparently played brilliantly in the West position as chronicled in the same article but who, in reality, was actually Tony Nunn. To Tony Nunn our abject and deepest condolences for having to put up with Colin.

As for their captain, Matthew McManus, if he filed his player lineups incorrectly and misled our minions — shame on him! If he filed his player lineups correctly — shame on us!



We stand for nothing if not for truth in advertising — unless, possibly, it's humor in advertising.

## KYOTO ONE-DAY TOUR

The one-day tour to Kyoto tomorrow, Monday, May 25, is getting ready to burn rubber for the historic city. Departure is at **8:30 a.m.**, sharp. The following reservations have been received:

### Bus No. 1 (Ms. Koshi, Haruto)

New Zealand	12 persons
Singapore	13 persons (incl. Yamazaki, Chienko)
Philippines	4 persons

### Bus No. 2 (Ms. Suzuki, JTB guide)

Chinese Taipei	23 persons
Australia	8 persons

Participants are requested to be in the Sheraton Hotel's main entrance area 10 minutes before departure (that's 8:20 am for those of you who have trouble telling Mickey's hands apart).

Those planning to go directly from Kyoto, via JR express "Haruka," to Kansai airport should be in the Sheraton Hotel lobby on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the Bell Desk with their luggage at 8:10 am.

### ITINERARY\*

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08:30	Depart Kobe Bay Sheraton (Main Entrance)
10:30-11:15	Visit Kinkakuji Temple or Golden Pavilion (traditional Japanese garden)
11:30-12:00	Visit Heian Shrine
12:15-13:45	Kyoto Handicraft Center for lunch and (optional) shopping — bring money!
14:00-16:00	Visit Nomura Village (Hekiunso) to see its private Japanese garden, then visit Sanjusangendo Temple (Bus No. 1)
14:00-16:00	Visit Sanjusangendo Temple, then visit Nomura Village (Hekiunso) to see its private Japanese garden (Bus No. 2)
16:00	Depart
17:30	Arrival at Kobe bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers

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\*Times are subject to change due to traffic conditions

# THE WOMEN'S FINAL: CHINA vs AUSTRALIA

So it would be forty-eight boards to the finish; China versus Australia — *mano à mano*. They had survived fire and water, wind and sand, hunger and thirst, even, dare we say it, Grenside!

## First Segment (Boards 1-16):

On the first board both **Lidia Beech** and **Hongli Wang** played in 3NT. Although the play records are incomplete, Hongli made six while Lidia made three. 3 quick IMPs to China, 3-0.

Bd: 2	North		
Dlr: East	♠ J		
Vul: N/S	♥ A2		
	♦ 9762		
	♣ KJ9753		
West			East
♠ AKQ1054			♠ 8
♥ 973			♥ QJ85
♦ 85			♦ AQJ103
♣ 106			♣ Q82
	South		
	♠ 97632		
	♥ K1064		
	♦ K4		
	♣ A4		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Yu Z	Beech	Wenfei
		1♦	DBL
RDBL	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	DBL	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	DBL
All Pass			
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Sun	Beale	Hongli	Smart
		1♦(2+)	1♠
Pass	Pass	DBL(T/O)	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	All Pass

In the Open Room **Wenfei Wang** doubled Beech's natural 1♦ opening to try to elicit a major-suit from **Yu Zhang**. **Margaret Bourke** chose an unorthodox redouble (better to bid the

suit directly, at whatever level, one, two or three, is consistent with partnership style, with such a concentrated holding) and Yu jumped to show values when we would have treated this bid as preemptive. Beech could not expect a suit of such quality from Bourke and so ran to 3NT, and Yu predicted that this would not be a success. Bourke agreed and corrected the contract to 4♠, which Wenfei seems to have doubled on general principles and a fifth trump, thus ending the busy auction. Yu led the ♣5 to Wenfei's ace, won the club return with the king, and tried the ♥A. Margaret Bourke's falsecard of the nine must have helped to identify Wenfei's stingy six as encouraging, and Yu continued with a second heart obtaining a ruff. The diamond shift was won with dummy's ace and the ♣Q cashed for a diamond pitch. When Wenfei ruffed with the ♠6, Bourke accurately pitched her losing diamond, having seen Yu's ♠J at trick five. Thus, the defense could only come to five tricks; minus 500.

In the Closed Room **Diana Smart** chose a 1♠ overcall of Hongli's Precision 1♦ opening, picking off **Ming Sun's** sturdy six-bagger. When Hongli's balancing double was returned to **Felicity Beale**, she found discretion the better part of valor and tried 2♣. Sun's nonforcing 2♠ showed a good suit (maybe not quite this good) and a hand approaching constructive strength, which doesn't quite account for Hongli's choice of 3♦. Still, the contract was a playable one. After the ♣A lead followed by a club to the king and a third club, ruffed with the ♦K (dummy pitching a heart), Smart exited a trump. Hongli ran all of her trumps as Smart pitched low spades, and took the remaining tricks with dummy's spades; plus 130. 12 IMPs to China, to lead 15-0.

Two push boards followed, then an overtrick IMP to Australia, and then 3 more IMPs to the Aussies when they won a partscore battle, playing a successful 3♠ at one table while going one down in 4♣ (minus 50) on less-than-stellar defense at the other. So after six boards the score stood at 15-4, China.

Another overtrick IMP to China and a push board increased the score to 16-14, China. Then . . .

Bd: 7	North		
Dlr: South	♠ 83		
Vul: Both	♥ AK10		
	♦ AQ7543		
	♣ 32		
West			East
♠ KJ5			♠ A10762
♥ J753			♥ Q4
♦ K1082			♦ 9
♣ 75			♣ J10864
	South		
	♠ Q94		
	♥ 9862		
	♦ J6		
	♣ AKQ9		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Yu Z	Beech	Wenfei
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1NT(1)	Pass
Pass	DBL	2♠	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	
(1) 17+-19 HCP			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sun	Beale	Hongli	Smart
			1NT
Pass	2♣(1)	Pass	2♦(2)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
(1) Puppet; (2) No 5-card M			

This vulnerability does not strike us as the time to throw a monkey wrench into the opponents' auction — especially when partner may turn out to be the simian. Still, Beech tempted the fates and wound up escaping with a handsome reward for her brazen effort.

In 2♠ doubled Wenfei started with two top clubs and shifted to the ♦J, king, ace, nine. Yu cashed the ♥A (why not the king?) and, getting a murky six-spot from Wenfei, shifted back to the ♦7, ♥Q, ♦6, ♦8. Beech misguessed trumps, losing the second-round finesse to Wenfei, but the defense could come to only one more club trick for one down, minus 200. In the other room Smart's 3NT contract was no bargain, but with no bidding to guide the defense Sun started the ♦2. That set up declarer's ninth trick, and when the defense changed their attack to the heart suit Smart came home with ten tricks; plus 630. 10 IMPs to Australia, trailing by only 1 IMP at 14-15.

Bd: 10	North		
Dlr: East	♠ AKJ54		
Vul: Both	♥ J93		
	♦ A54		
	♣ 93		
West			East
♠ 98			♠ Q63
♥ A62			♥ 1054
♦ 86			♦ KQJ102
♣ KJ10764			♣ 85
	South		
	♠ 1072		
	♥ KQ87		
	♦ 973		
	♣ AQ2		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Yu Z	Beech	Wenfei
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣(1)
Pass	2♦(2)	DBL	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	DBL
All Pass			
(1) Reverse Drury; (2) Opening bid			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sun	Beale	Hongli	Smart
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the Open Room Zhang-Wang's reverse Drury auction was about to get them to a comfortable spade partscore when Beech volunteered a normal-looking lead-directing double of 2♦ (who knows, N/S might have tried 3NT). Bourke seems to have tried her own version of lead direction but found that her way was more dangerous. A trick escaped when the defense led a high spade, then shifted to a low diamond, dummy's king winning. Bourke led a club to her jack and a second diamond to Yu's ace. After cashing the other high spade Yu exited with her remaining trump rather than in hearts to burn Wenfei's second trump trick; minus 500. In the Closed Room Smart's strange-looking 2♣ bid was "ostensibly" natural, and when Beale simply rebid her suit Smart chose to bid game rather than a more delicate 3♠ probe. It really should have made little difference, since

both 2♠ and 3♠ are destined to go minus. In 4♠ Beale won the ♦K lead, cashed a high spade, and led a heart to dummy's king. Sun won the ace (when it might have been better to hold off — unless Hongli held jack-fifth) and returned her diamond. Hongli cashed a third diamond and shifted to the ♣8. Beale rose with the ace to take the trump finesse. Hongli won the queen, returned her last club to Sun's ten, and when Sun played the ♣K Beale unaccountably ruffed low (with only the ♠6 outstanding) instead of with her remaining honor. The defense thus scored six tricks for three down; minus 300. 13 sloppy IMPs to China, 29-14.

On the next board both teams bid 6♠ off the ace-queen-ten-fourth of trumps. When the ace-queen were offside the slam failed, but Beale-Smart managed to go down an extra two tricks; 3 IMPs to China, 32-14. The next board was pushed. Then Australia picked up 7 IMPs when Beech-Bourke played in 2♣ making while H Wang-Sun played in 3♣ and Sun took a very dim view of the layout of the cards to go an extra one down; minus 200. That was 7 IMPs to Australia, to make it 32-21.

Bd: 14	North		
Dlr: East	♠ KJ		
Vul: None	♥ Q74		
	♦ 8543		
	♣ Q985		
West		East	
♠ 62		♠ A954	
♥ J52		♥ AK106	
♦ K72		♦ AJ9	
♣ AKJ64		♣ 72	
	South		
	♠ Q10873		
	♥ 983		
	♦ Q106		
	♣ 103		

Both sides ended in 3NT after East had shown 15+ HCP with her 2NT rebid. In the Open Room, where Beech had shown both majors, Wenfei tried the ♦Q lead. Beech then led a heart to the jack and queen, and the defense persisted in diamonds. On the run of the hearts Yu pitched a club, so after a losing club finesse Beech ended up with eleven tricks; plus 460.

	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Yu Z	Beech	Wenfei
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Sun	Beale	Hongli	Smart
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room Smart led a spade, 2, K, A. Hongli cashed the ♥A, led a club to the ace, then a heart to . . . the king! When the club finesse later lost she ended up two down; minus 100. 11 IMPs to Australia, tied at 32.

Bd: 15	North		
Dlr: South	♠ Q1042		
Vul: N/S	♥ 97		
	♦ KJ4		
	♣ 9876		
West		East	
♠ K		♠ J95	
♥ AK8543		♥ QJ106	
♦ A5		♦ Q10986	
♣ AKJ4		♣ 10	
	South		
	♠ A8763		
	♥ 2		
	♦ 732		
	♣ Q532		
	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Yu Z	Beech	Wenfei
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣(SPL)	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Sun	Beale	Hongli	Smart
			Pass
1♣(STR)	Pass	1♦(Neg)	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♣(SPL)	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Turn about is fair play, but this time slam was at stake. 6♥ has no play on a spade lead, and the ♠A was Yu's choice in the Open Room; minus 50. In the Closed Room Beale led a trump, leaving a glimmer of hope in Sun's eyes. Sun played ♣A, club ruff, heart to hand, ♣K, club ruff, diamond to the ace, trumps. On the run of the trumps (diamonds from dummy) Smart pitched a spade and three diamonds (holding ♠A8) while Beale came down to the ♦K and ♠Q. When Sun played the ♠K the defense had no answer; plus 980. 14 IMPs to China, 46-32.

An overtrick for China on the last board made the final score of the session China 47, Australia 32.

### Second Segment (Boards 17-32):

Boards 17, 18 and 21 swung 1-IMP overtricks both ways, while Boards 19 and 20 were pushes. We pick up with Board 22, with the score 49-33, China.

Bd: 22	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 62		
Vul: E/W	♥ AJ8		
	♦ AJ754		
	♣ J104		
West		East	
♠ 5		♠ KQJ1098	
♥ K1062		♥ Q95	
♦ Q98		♦ 2	
♣ 98652		♣ K73	
	South		
	♠ A743		
	♥ 743		
	♦ K1063		
	♣ AQ		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Gu	Beech	Yalan Z
		1♠	Pass
Pass	DBL	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Sun	Beale	Hongli	Smart
		1♠	Pass
1NT(F1)	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

In the Open Room Bourke chose not to respond

to Beech's vulnerable 1♠ opening with the likely misfit. The result was that **Ling Gu-Yalan Zhang** found their way to game and scored up an overtrick when Yalan guessed the diamonds, although the play record does not indicate where the tenth trick came from; plus 430. In the Closed Room, where Sun responded with a forcing notrump, it was all Beale could do to balance at the three-level. The resulting plus 110 was little comfort. 8 opportunistic IMPs to China, 57-33.

Bd: 23	North		
Dlr: South	♠ A875		
Vul: Both	♥ K753		
	♦ 85		
	♣ 1096		
West		East	
♠ K6		♠ 1094	
♥ A106		♥ Q8	
♦ J62		♦ KQ109	
♣ AQJ43		♣ K872	
	South		
	♠ QJ32		
	♥ J942		
	♦ A743		
	♣ 5		

Both E/W pairs reached 3NT from the West seat on this deal, but in the Open Room Gu led the ♥3 and Bourke played low from dummy, winning Yalan's jack and playing on diamonds. Yalan won the second round and shifted to a low spade, king, ace, and the defense cashed out for two down; minus 200. In the Closed Room Beale led the ♠5, 10, J, K, and Sun played on diamonds to set up her seventh, eighth and ninth tricks while the defense collected their four. Plus 600 and 13 IMPs to China, leading 70-33.

The rest of the second session was a battle of over/undertricks, with China winning only one of the six 4-IMP or less swings. China won the segment 25-11, and entered the final segment ahead 72-43.

### Third Segment (Boards 33-48):

The first swing of the final set came on the very first board . . .

Bd: 33	North		
Dlr: North	♠ AK94		
Vul: None	♥ Q765		
	♦ 106		
	♣ A63		
West		East	
♠ Q1086		♠ 72	
♥ K43		♥ AJ102	
♦ AKQ3		♦ 54	
♣ J7		♣ K9854	
	South		
	♠ J53		
	♥ 98		
	♦ J9872		
	♣ Q102		

In the Open Room Sun, North, opened 1NT and when Bourke, West, doubled, Hongli ran to 2♦, also doubled . . . by Beech for takeout . . . all pass. The defenders managed to collect a club ruff to go along with their club, two hearts and three top trumps for three down; minus 500. In the Closed Room Wenfei-Yu reached 3NT after North, **Toni Bardon**, opened 1♣ and after a soft defense (Bardon led the ♠A, then continued ♠K, ♠9) took ten tricks; plus 430. 2 IMPs to Australia, 45-72.

The next eight boards saw four small swings and four pushes, and starting Board 42 China led 78-51.

Bd: 42	North		
Dlr: East	♠ 963		
Vul: Both	♥ Q42		
	♦ 10543		
	♣ 952		
West		East	
♠ 5		♠ AJ82	
♥ AKJ73		♥ 10865	
♦ KQJ6		♦ 87	
♣ A103		♣ J86	
	South		
	♠ KQ1074		
	♥ 9		
	♦ A92		
	♣ KQ74		

	Open Room		
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Sun	Beech	Hongli
		Pass	1♠
DBL	2♠(Wk)	Pass	Pass
DBL	Pass	4♥	All Pass
	Closed Room		
West	North	East	South
Yu Z	Bardon	Wenfei	Tully
		Pass	1♠
DBL	Pass	2♥	DBL
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In both rooms the East players arrived in 4♥. In the Open Room Beech ducked the ♠K lead, hoping that Hongli would continue the suit and the club problem would be solved. But Hongli was not about to be hoodwinked and switched to the ♣K at trick two. That was one down; minus 100. In the Closed Room Wenfei had an easier time of it with the ♣K lead at trick one; plus 620. 12 IMPs to China, opening the gap at 90-51.

Two undertricks on the next board added 3 more IMPs to China's lead, 93-51. Then the following slam (non-)decision arose.

Bd: 44	North		
Dlr: West	♠ 5		
Vul: N/S	♥ K543		
	♦ 973		
	♣ Q9654		
West		East	
♠ A109		♠ KQJ732	
♥ Q10982		♥ A7	
♦ K5		♦ AQ106	
♣ 872		♣ 10	
	South		
	♠ 864		
	♥ J6		
	♦ J842		
	♣ AKJ3		

The bad news for the Aussies was that, in the Open Room Beech's 4♠ opening made the 6♠ slam impossible to reach. The good news was that the slam was unmakeable on the actual lie of the cards (and so poor that no one would want to be in it anyhow). The even better news for the Aussies was that Wenfei-Yu bid to the "hopeless" slam in the Closed Room. But the heart-rending

bad news was that Wenfei “The Road-Runner” Wang played it — and made it!

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Sun	Beech	Hongli
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Yu Z	Bardon	Wenfei	Tully
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣(1)	Pass	2♦(2)	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣(SPL)	DBL
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

In the Open Room Hongli led the ♣A followed by the ♣K and Beech settled for the easy plus 450. In the Closed Room the defense started the same way, but “Road Runner” ruffed the second club, played a trump to dummy’s ace, and cool as a cucumber played the . . . ♥Q from dummy! The dread “\_\_\_\_\_” (fill in the name of your favorite country) finesse! (It could be mentioned here that elsewhere in this issue your other editor, temporarily incapacitated by a chocolate-chicken teriyaki fit of euphoria, actually discussed the possibility of this very play.) When Bardon played low, the slam was home; plus 980. 11 well-earned IMPs to China, 104-51.

Three more pushes and the final board of the match was placed on the table. One last chance for the Aussies to show what they are made of.



“They don’t call me “The Road Runner” for nothing.”

Bd: 48	North		
Dlr: West	♠ KJ96		
Vul: E/W	♥ A6		
	♦ J97		
	♣ K876		
West		East	
♠ A7		♠ 43	
♥ Q10832		♥ KJ54	
♦ KQ854		♦ 102	
♣ 2		♣ QJ1053	
	South		
	♠ Q10852		
	♥ 97		
	♦ A63		
	♣ A94		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Bourke	Sun	Beech	Hongli
1♥	DBL	3♥(Wk)	4♠
All Pass			
Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Yu Z	Bardon	Wenfei	Tully
2♥(1)	DBL	4♥	4♠
DBL	Pass	5♥	DBL
All Pass			
(1) ♥+m (5-5+), 6-11 HCP			

Technically, par on this hand is 3♠ doubled by N/S down one, minus 100. However, given the current crop of methods no one knew who could make what. In the Open Room, where Bourke’s 1♥ bid could have concealed a much better hand, Beech tried 3♥ and then retired from the auction. When 4♠ failed by two tricks she breathed a sigh of relief and entered plus 100 in the “We” column of her scorecard. In the Closed Room Yu’s weaker two-suited opening seems to have cast a spell over Wenfei. She raised the ante to 4♥ and the opponents, not unexpectedly, bid 4♠. In a fit of clairvoyance her partner actually found an unbelievable double of the ill-fated game, but could Wenfei stand it? No. 5♥ she said. Double said **Therese Tully**. And she had the last word; plus 500. 12 IMPs to Australia to close the differential to 104-63.

The Chinese Women won an exciting match and begin their reign as the 1998 PABF Women’s Team Champions. The Australians played bravely but, in the end, China pulled away convincingly. Congratulations to all the teams.

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