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43rd PABF Championships – Open Series 1st Round Robin

Ranking (26/6/05)			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	China	152	1.6629
2	China Hong Kong	139	1.2946
3	Indonesia	136	1.2809
4	New Zealand	131	1.1479
5	Chinese Taipei	129	1.1442
6	Australia	128	1.0945
7	Singapore	118	1.1084
8	Philippines	112	0.8706
9	Japan	110	0.8182
10	Korea	97	0.7465
11	Thailand	96	0.7365
12	China Macau	84	0.5880

Monday June 27
Vu-Graph BBO schedule

10.00 Japan Indonesia (Women's)

1400 Indonesia China Hong Kong (Open)

17.15 Australia Philippines (Open)

43rd PABF Championships – Ladies Series 1st Round Robin

Ranking (26/6/05)			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	China	172	2.8528
2	Japan	160	1.8030
3	Indonesia	146	1.4565
4	Australia	133	1.3902
5	Singapore	128	1.1197
6	New Zealand	115	0.9536
7	China Hong Kong	107	0.8348
8	Korea	97	0.6133
9	Thailand	87	0.6138
10	Chinese Taipei	37	0.2696

43rd PABF Championships – Youth Series 1st Round Robin

Ranking (26/6/05)			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	Japan	139	1.3088
2	Australia	139	1.2249
3	Singapore	136	1.2324
4	Thailand	130.5	1.1688
5	Chinese Taipei	126.5	1.1149
6	Indonesia	124	1.0030
7	Philippines	120	0.9484
8	China Hong Kong	120	1.0240
9	Korea	63.5	0.4325

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43rd PABF Championships – Senior Series 1st Round Robin

Ranking (26/6/05)		
	VP	IMP Quotient
1 Australia	219	2.9630
2 Chinese Taipei	190	1.8178
3 China	178	1.4375
4 Indonesia	168	1.2908
5 Japan – Yamada	166	1.2659
6 China Hong Kong	161	1.1621
7 Japan – Yokohoma	143	0.9120
8 Queens & Knight	140	0.8609
9 New Zealand	138	0.8490
10 Japan - PS Jack	132	0.7836
11 Korea - Ivy League	130	0.7877
12 Japan – Wakasa	129	0.8196
13 Thailand	112	0.6406
14 Korea - Joy Club	84	0.4681

Announcement

The CTD would like to ask all Captains to confirm the scores at their earliest opportunity after the match in order to allow the staff to rearrange the team numbers for the second round robin.

IN MEMORIAM

Wu Jia Xin

A frequent participant in many past PABFs and other internationals, also an avid player on OKB with the log-in name of Dalia, Wu Jia Xin finally succumbed to cancer past April after a protracted period of pain and suffering.

Despite his grave conditions near the final stages of his relatively young life he was still largely active at bridge, even representing Taiwan at the Olympiad in Turkey last year. Tragically, he had to fly home for an emergency operation after collapsing at the table in the early days of the tournament.

For all of us who knew him well, Wu lived and breathed for bridge. His excellent research and fascinating insights into the game buoyed by an urgency to share them with fellow bridge lovers led to many bridge books written in Chinese by him.

Undoubtedly, Wu was a superlative player and an exceptional gentleman at the game. Many players at this 43rd PABF, particularly his regular Shen Chin Kuo who is here representing Chinese Taipei in the Open Series, will decidedly miss his warm presence.

Report from the Tournament

A Question of Ethics

A serious matter was brought to the attention of the Chief Tournament Director. For the benefit of the players involved all names are being withheld. It happened on Board 15 on Round 6. You sat East and holding ♠1096 ♥Q4 ♦983 ♣J7654, the bidding went PASS by LHO, 1♦ from partner, DOUBLE by RHO and you psyched 1♠.at your turn. LHO bid 2♠, partner came in with 2NT and RHO 3♥. You turned to your screen mate and asked the meaning of his partner's 2♠ to which he replied it should show 4 card plus in spades and positive values, you then passed. When the tray came back to your side, you saw your LHO persevered with 3♠, passed by partner. Before your screen mate had a chance to act, you again asked him the meaning of his partner's 3♠ bid. Shrugging his shoulder, he finally threw a green PASS card on the tray and the final contract became 3♠. Before we go further, let us look at the full deal:

Board 15	♠ KJ		
S/NS	♥ KJ9752		
	♦ A6		
	♣ KQ8		
♠ 3		♠ 1096	
♥ A108		♥ Q4	
♦ KQ10742		♦ 983	
♣ A32		♣ J7654	
	♠ AQ87542		
	♥ 63		
	♦ J5		
	♣ 109		

Bidding:			
WEST	NORTH	YOU	SOUTH
			Pass
1♦	Double	1♠!	2♠
2NT	3♥	Pass*	3♠
Pass	Pass**	Pass	

! psychic bid by you

● your first enquiry

** after your repeated enquiry

What is the purpose of the second enquiry, if East tried to talk his opponents out of 4♠ contract, he has succeeded BUT by his method of doing it he has violated Law 73D2 which clearly states:

Intentional Variations (Communication)

:A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by means of

remark or gesture, through the haste or hesitancy of a call or play (as

in hesitating before playing a singleton), or by the manner in which the call or play is made.

According to the above Law, the CTD considered East's tactics to be highly unethical and intolerable. Should the director be called immediately to the table, the offending side would have been penalized to the maximum extent set out under Law 73F2 and severe disciplinary actions may be subsequently assessed.

Daily Highlights

In the heat of battles, players routinely go through mama-papa deals as quickened paces without giving them much thought afterwards. In the first match of the Senior series yesterday (Q7), at every table where South had to lead against 4♠ by East on Board 2 were successful in finding the killing lead.

Board 2	♠ 4	
E/NS	♥ KJ109532	
	♦ 107	
	♣ 543	
♠ AKJ		♠ Q10976
♥ 874		♥ AQ
♦ 6543		♦ AK
♣ 876		♣ QJ92
	♠ 8532	
	♥ 6	
	♦ QJ982	
	♣ AK10	

Invariably East showed a big hand in the bidding and looking at his own 10 HCP together with four cards in trumps, it ought to be a right time to put on his thinking cap. Alas, most South looked no further than a top club to take a look at dummy ending any hope for the defense. In any case, dummy hardly would have anything worthy to look at given the one-sided distribution of HCP round the table. At a few tables where North chose to show his hearts, South found it hard to bypass his singleton lead hoping for a quick ruff but that too did not work out for the defense.

Into their third day of play perhaps most seniors are already feeling the sting of exhaustion otherwise seasoned veterans as they all are would have worked out a forcing defense was the only option. The choice of long suits lied between hearts and diamonds. Since he (South) had the majority of points, it had to be the latter.

With a diamond lead, declarer had no recourse but draw all the trumps praying the opponent with club controls did not have sufficient length in diamonds to force him. As it was, 4♠ would go one down. .



Players Profile

Players of the Senior Team from Australia

PAUL LAVINGS

Paul Lavings has won most Australian and NSW titles many times over (and some Queensland) and in this PABF Championship he represents his country with his 9th different partner, a world record. Paul owns and operates Postfree Bridge Books, selling the latest bridge books, software and club supplies. But he specializes in second hand bridge books, World Championship books, and back-issues and sets of magazines, and bridge and whist memorabilia. Please say hello to Paul if you have any interest, and please visit his Bridge Museum at: www.postfree.cc



Paul Lavings



Robert Krockmalik

ROBERT KROCKMALIK

Robert Krochmalik is currently 57 years of age and has been playing Bridge on and off for approximately 40 years. His best achievements at bridge include:

<u>Result</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>
Finalist	Sydney	Apr-05	Australian Senior Team P/O
Semi-finalist	Canberra	Jan-05	Australian Open Team Senior -
Finalist	Sydney	Jul-04	
Winner	Sydney	Nov-03	Spring National Open Pairs
Winner	Sydney	Oct-97	NSW Men's Pairs

Away from the bridge table Robert is a Chartered Accountant who recently retired from full time practice after 27 years. He currently is an Advisory Consultant in areas of finance, income tax and business matters and also participates competitively at tennis and socially at golf. He is happily married with three children aged from 21 to 30. Robert's youngest child Daniel has represented Australia at the World Bridge Youth Championships in Paris, France in August, 2003. This is the first time Robert has participated in Asia at the PABF.

Australian Youth Team players profile

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GABBY FEILER -

At 22, Gabby studies Medicine at Sydney University where he runs the bridge club with Warren Lazer.

MATTHEW PORTER

No profile from Matthew as yet

NATHAN VAN JOLE

At 20, his main interests include work, soccer and of course, bridge. One of his high points so far is my recent promotion to manager in the firm he works..

PAUL GOSNEY

At 20, Paul's been playing bridge for four years, this is his youth team debut. He's a colts team member which beat NZ youth in 2003. He was 5th in Australia's premier matchpoint event in 2005 at Gold Coast.>

DANIEL GEROMBOUX

Daniel has only been playing competitive bridge for 5 years even though he learnt the game as a child. This will be his second and last time on the Australian Youth Team because of age restriction.

GRIFF WARE

Griff became hooked on bridge at age 14 while playing his first duplicate session, when he bid and made 7NT after the auction 1C-4NT-5D-5NT-6H-7NT. Conventional bids have been his obsession ever since. Partnering Daniel Geromboux, his regular bridge partner of 5 years, Griff has been a member of the Australian Youth Team since 2004. His international experience also includes playing in the inaugural World Youth individual, held in New York in 2004. When not playing bridge, Griff studies mathematics at the Australian National University, where he is currently enrolled in a PhD program.

Senior Series		Against														Adj	Total	Rank
Team		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
1	Ch Taipei					11	25	25	18	25	12	16	20	25	13		190	2
2	Thailand			25	4			9	19	10	19	9	8	1	8		112	13
3	Korea – JC		5			6	11	5		12	5	8	14	9	9		84	14
4	Australia		25			16	23		23	25	22	25	20	19	21		219	1
5	Japan –Y'a	19		24	14			18	18	13		15	17	14	14		166	5
6	Korea – IL	5		19	7			11	19		13	20	7	17	12		130	11
7	Japan- PSJ	5	21	25		12	19			10	6	10		19	5		132	10
8	NZ	12	11		7	12	11			16	12		18	23	16		138	9
9	Japan Yok	4	20	18	4	17		20	14			13	13	20			143	7
10	Indonesia	18	11	25	8		17	24	18			21	11		15		168	4
11	Japan QK	14	21	22	3	15	10	20		17	9				9		140	8
12	China HK	10	22	16	10	13	23		12	17	19			19			161	6
13	Japan Wak	4	25	21	11	16	13	11	7	10			11				129	12
14	China	17	22	21	9	16	18	25	14		15	21					178	3

Open Series		Against											Adj	Total	Rank	
Team		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11				12
1	Ch Macau					14	13	2	5	12	15	6	17		84	12
2	Ch Taipei			10	14			16	20	24	22	8	15		129	5
3	Japan		20				15	10	17	22	14	12	0		110	9
4	NZ		16			16		14	14	17	18	18	18		131	4
5	Australia	16			14			7	19	13	19	20	20		128	6
6	Philippines	17		15				11	14	19	15	6	15		112	8
7	China	25	14	20	16	23	19				19	16			152	1
8	China HK	25	10	13	16	11	16			23	25				139	2
9	Thailand	18	6	16	13	17	11		7				16		96	11
10	Korea	15	8	16	12	11	15		5			15			97	10
11	Indonesia	24	22	18	11	11	24	11			15				136	3
12	Singapore	13	15	25	12	10	15	14		14					118	7

Women's Series		Against										Adj	Total	Rank
Team		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
1	Ch Hong Kong			23	23	6	11	6	11	17	10		84	12
2	New Zealand			25	16	4	15	24	20	4	7		115	6
3	Chinese Taipei	7	2			1	4	0	9	5	9		37	10
4	Thailand	7	14			13	14	10	14	6	9		87	9
5	China	24	25	25	17			17	25	19	20		172	1
6	Singapore	19	15	25	16			10	15	9	19		128	5
7	Australia	24	6	25	20	13	20			17	8		133	4
8	Korea	19	10	21	16	0	15			4	12		97	8
9	Japan	13	25	25	24	11	24	13	15				160	2
10	Indonesia	20	23	21	21	10	11	22	18				146	3

Youth Series		Against									Bye	Adj	Total	Rank
Team		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
1	Philippines			13	24	16	13	9	21	6	18		120	7
2	Thailand			5	22	14	25	17.5	16	13	18		130.5	4
3	Singapore	17	25			10	16	22	15	13	18		136	3
4	Korea	6	8			11	6	8	4	4	18	-1.5	63.5	9
5	Japan	14	16	20	19			22	18	12	18		139	1
6	Indonesia	17	4	14	24			6	16	25	18		124	6
7	Australia	21	15	8	22	8	24			23	18		139	1
8	Chinese Taipei	9	14	15	25	12	14			22	18	-2.5	74.5	5
9	China Hong Kong	24	17	17	25	18	4	7	8				120	7



President of the PABF Khunying Esther C Sophonpanich talking at the Opening Ceremony of the Championships

Report on Day three
Cathy Chua

Round 6
 Featuring Philippines-Singapore
 Drawn 15 VPs all.

Did I say something about the hands being tough in yesterday's morning set? Nothing compared with what I've just been watching. And I have a theory about it. Jannersten was here and has furtively gone back to Europe. I'm betting he has his dealing machines set on 'make them suffer in the mornings' mode.

I watched Philippines-Singapore. Yesterday Singapore had swum through all the difficulties to trounce Japan. Would the same thing happen here?

"That 6♥ contract will haunt me for the rest of the tourney." It was a note passed to me by Martin Anastacio....It referred to this hand:

Bd 7	♠ ---		
Dlr S	♥ AJ93		
Vul All	♦ KJ1082		
	♣ A1087		
♠ QJ9		♠ K8732	
♥ ---		♥ 108642	
♦ Q9754		♦ 6	
♣ K9532		♣ Q6	
	♠ A10654		
	♥ KQ75		
	♦ A3		
	♣ J4		

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
La	Hen	Anastacio	Liao
Guardia	Aik	Martin	Kuo
Camien	Koan		Tang
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
	All Pass		

EW were on the same wave length. West thought it sounded like partner was void in diamonds. East thought it sounded like South had 3 diamonds. The opening lead is perforce a McKenney and therefore won't solve that issue. So, West began with a diamond, thinking clubs were futile. Declarer won with the ten and then played another diamond. The moment of truth! I have complete sympathy for the refusal to ruff by East who took a club pitch.

But I am sure it is wrong! And that is because I too was once haunted by a very similar hand from an Australian Playoff. When the opponents are in a 4-4 fit and you have five of them, that is not good. Your trumps get cross-ruffed to death. The only good thing to do with that layout is draw trumps. Even one round, which is all one can expect as one's fair share at slam level, is likely to scuttle a contract when, that is, it CAN be scuttled. I don't know if this all holds if your trump holding has tenace to it. But five small? It's all they are good for.

At any rate, declarer, having snuck the extra diamond trick could now comfortably cross ruff the rest of the hand.

In the other room 6♥ was doubled and down 500 after a club lead. In fact no other defence began with the well-motivated diamond and so the defenders never faced a problem.

That was 18 IMPs to Singapore, but they didn't get to keep them for long.

The defence began with spades and declarer won the second. It seems to this bleary-eyed reporter that it is necessary to take the club play before the diamond play because of the difficulty with pitching. Look at what happened at the table.

Declarer ran the $\spadesuit 10$ and now everything is good news: diamonds are good for 3 tricks, the club king is onside, but you can't make. The second discard declarer has to make on the fourth spade is the end of him. Play the other minor suit 10 instead at trick 3 and everything is okay.

In the Open half the pairs in 3NT made and half went down. In the Women's and Youth the only pair to go down in NT was not even in game! It was a game-swing to Philippines in the match I watched.

Match 8
Featuring China-Indonesia
Won by China 19 VPs to 11 VPs

If I might start at the end...

Bd 20	$\spadesuit 7$	
Dlr W	$\heartsuit 1085$	
Vul All	$\diamondsuit AKQ1032$	
	$\clubsuit J104$	
$\spadesuit 654$		$\spadesuit A1098$
$\heartsuit Q73$		$\heartsuit KJ4$
$\diamondsuit ---$		$\diamondsuit 8764$
$\clubsuit AK98765$		$\clubsuit Q2$
	$\spadesuit KQJ32$	
	$\heartsuit A962$	
	$\diamondsuit J95$	
	$\clubsuit 3$	

Same auction both rooms: $3\clubsuit$ by West, passed around to a balancing double by South and a jump to $5\diamondsuit$ by North. At the point Indonesia doubled with the East hand, while China passed.

Same opening lead: $\clubsuit Q$. From one defender the $\clubsuit 8$ is played to that, from the other a lower club. What next? China shifted quickly to a heart. Indonesia thought for some time and eventually turned to the trump suit. 13 IMPs to China.

I suppose there are players out there that solve this problem via McKenney. But is bridge logic the answer: why hasn't partner won and shifted to a heart? Because he has the queen....

In the Australia-China Macau match, which was a small win to Australia, CM's $5\diamondsuit$ doubled went the available 2 down, but in the other room the most peculiar $4\spadesuit$ became the final spot. I say peculiar because although on a good day EW might make $4\spadesuit$, it was NS who played there! I'm guessing that this was left unmolested on the basis that $5\diamondsuit$ might be an improvement and so - 100 was 9 IMPs to Australia.

The $5\diamondsuit$ hands didn't go all China's way. Board one of the match:

Bd 1	$\spadesuit KJ832$	
Dlr N	$\heartsuit KQJ6$	
Vul Nil	$\diamondsuit J3$	
	$\clubsuit 72$	
$\spadesuit AQ104$		$\spadesuit 65$
$\heartsuit A98$		$\heartsuit 542$
$\diamondsuit A$		$\diamondsuit KQ109874$
$\clubsuit AK1085$		$\clubsuit 9$
	$\spadesuit 97$	
	$\heartsuit 1073$	
	$\diamondsuit 652$	
	$\clubsuit QJ643$	

From Indonesia: $3\diamondsuit 5\diamondsuit$. In the other room possibly a RKCB auction led to $6\diamondsuit$ which went one down and 10 IMPs to Indonesia.

The choices to be considered on the hand were 3NT and, if diamonds, five or six. Interesting assessment of this hand by the field: 3NT failing is commonplace, slam in diamonds next most popular. Of course exuberance in the Youth led to one 7NT down $7\diamondsuit 5\diamondsuit$ was largely rejected.

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Bd 8 ♠ 1053
 Dlr W ♥ KQ10973
 Vul Nil ♦ Q
 ♣ AJ3

♠ A94		♠ KJ82
♥ 5		♥ AJ862
♦ A95		♦ 10876
♣ KQ10653		♣ ---
	♠ Q76	
	♥ 4	
	♦ KJ432	
	♣ 9874	

In the Closed Room:

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
Hendrawan	Shi	Polii	Zhuang
	Hao	Bert	Ze Jun
	Jun	Toar	
2♣*	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The opening lead of the ♥5 went to the king and ace. Having decided to win the first heart, which did take ??? a while, it took him one nano second to shift to the spade jack. (If Janina, back home in Melbourne is reading this, please take note of that shift). The ♠J was covered and won by the ace. West's ♣K shift was ducked and then the spades were cashed. A diamond to the ace and a club return: declarer was trapped in dummy, but East could only get one heart trick: +500 to Indonesia. Good, but not good enough...

In the Open Room:

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
Zhao	Tobing	Fu	Asbi Taufik
Jie	Robert	Zhong	Gautama
	Parasian		
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redble
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Let's just say 2♦ doubled isn't what you want to read about over your breakfast. -800 was 7 IMPs to China.

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9	CMA - NZL	CHT - PHI	JPN - AUS	CHI - KOR	CHK - SIN	THA - IND
10	JPN - CMA	AUS - CHT	PHI - NZL	THA - CHI	IND - CHK	SIN - KOR
11	CMA - CHT	JPN - NZL	AUS - PHI	CHI - CHK	THA - KOR	IND - SIN

Round	Schedule for Ladies Series - June 27				
	1	2	3	4	5
9	CHK - NZL	CHT - THA	CHI - SIN	AUS - KOR	JPN - IND

Round	Schedule for Youth Series – June 27				Bye
	1	2	3	4	
9	PHI - THA	SIN - KOR	JPN - IND	AUS - CHT	CHK

Schedule for Senior Series – June 27

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11	CHT AUS	THA IVY	JOY NZL	YAM IND	PSJ CHK	YOK CHI	Q+K WAK
12	JOY CHT	YAM THA	PSJ AUS	YOK IVY	Q+K NZL	WAK IND	CHI CHK
13	CHT THA	JOY AUS	YAM IVY	PSJ NZL	YOK IND	Q+K CHK	WAK CHI