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43rd PABF Championships - Open Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (28/6/05)			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	China	290	2.0619
2	Indonesia	240	1.2777
3	Chinese Taipei	234	1.2121
4	Australia	231	1.1733
5	China Hong Kong	228	1.1605
6	Singapore	225	1.1986
7	New Zealand	215	1.0271
8	Japan	202.5	0.9238
9	China Macau	169	0.7135
10	Philippines	167	0.7197
11	Thailand	161.5	0.6963
12	Korea	141	0.6067

43rd PABF Championships - Ladies Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (28/6/05)			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	China	272	3.2677
2	Japan	222	1.4900
3	Indonesia	221.5	1.5176
4	Australia	192	1.2642
5	New Zealand	187	1.0879
6	Singapore	183	1.0177
7	China Hong Kong	167	0.9019
8	Thailand	139.5	0.6645
9	Korea	128.5	0.5536
10	Chinese Taipei	59	0.2663

43rd PABF Championships - Youth Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (28/6/05)			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	Japan	205	1.6809
2	Australia	185	1.0633
3	Singapore	176	1.0935
4	China Hong Kong	176	1.0464
5	Chinese Taipei	170.5	1.0961
6	Philippines	170.5	1.0336
7	Indonesia	168	1.0059
8	Thailand	154	0.9246
9	Korea	84.5	0.5207

43rd PABF Championships – Senior Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (28/6/05)			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	Australia	324	2.1701
2	Japan - Yamada	296	1.7260
3	China	284	1.4594
4	Chinese Taipei	282.5	1.4903
5	China Hong Kong	270	1.2867
6	Indonesia	268	1.2722
7	Queens & Knight	221	0.8494
8	Japan – Yokohama	216	0.8670
9	New Zealand	212	0.7866
10	Japan - PS Jack	210	0.7691
11	Japan – Wakasa	207	0.8049
12	Thailand	199	0.7422
13	Korea - Ivy League	189	0.6615
14	Korea - Joy Club	161.5	0.5553

Open Series		1RR	Against												Adj	Total	Rank
Team		c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
1	China	220										22	23	25		290	1
2	Indonesia	190							15				20	15		240	2
3	Ch Taipei	182							16	13				23		234	3
4	Australia	176							25	9	21					231	4
5	China HK	173								12	21	22				228	5
6	Singapore	172									21	14	18			225	6
7	Japan	168.5		15	14	5										202.5	8
8	NZ	159			17	21	18									215	7
9	Philippines	140				9	9	9								167	10
10	Ch Macau	137	8				8	16								169	9
11	Thailand	132.5	7	10				12								161.5	11
12	Korea	115	4	15	7											141	12

Women's Series		1RR	Against										Adj	Total
Team		c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	China	197								25	25	25		272
2	Japan	176			9	20					17			222
3	Indonesia	159.5		21						16		25		221.5
4	Australia	153		10			16		13					192
5	NZ	129				14			19			25		187
6	Singapore	129							14	15	25			183
7	Ch HK	123				17	11	16						167
8	Thailand	107.5	3		14			15						139.5
9	Korea	106.5	5	13				4						128.5
10	Ch Taipei	46	4		5		4							59

Youth Series		1RR	Against									Bye	Adj	Total
Team		c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
1	Japan	146								20	21	18		205
2	Australia	139			15	14					17			185
3	Singapore	137		16						5		18		176
4	Ch.Taipei	123.5		16			20		11					170.5
5	Philippines	123.5				10			19			18		170.5
6	Thailand	120							3	8	23			154
7	China HK	120				20	11	25						176
8	Indonesia	111	10		25			22						168
9	Korea	55.5	9	13				7						84.5

Senior Series		1RR	Against														Adj	Total	Rank
Team		c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
1	Australia	267												12	20	25		324	1
2	Chinese Taipei	242			16	7			18									282.5	4
3	China	241		14			14	15										284	3
4	Japan - Yamada	230		23			20				23							296	2
5	Indonesia	218			16	10				24								268	6
6	China Hong Kong	205			15				25			25						270	5
7	Japan - Yokohama	183		12				5				16						216	8
8	Japan - Qs & K	179					6				21				15			221	7
9	New Zealand	178				7				9				18				212	9
10	Japan - Wakasa	172							14				11			10		207	11
11	Japan - PS Jack	170						5				19				16		210	10
12	Korea - Ivy League	153	18								12				6			189	13
13	Thailand	150	10							15				24				199	12
14	Korea - Joy Club	125	3									20	14					161.5	14

Results of Mixed and Ladies Pairs

Rank	Player 1	Player 2	Round 1	Round 2	Total
1	Ayako Amano	Kenji Miyakuni	75.90	66.80	142.70
2	Charmian Koo	Lik Cheung	55.50	73.00	128.50
3	Gu Xue Hai	Wang Hui Jun	70.70	50.70	121.40
4	Park Sun-hee	Nam Yoon-sook	52.90	62.00	114.90
5	Hiromi Nishida	Yoshie Nishida	54.80	56.00	110.80
6	Takesh Nozaki	Shigeko Nozaki	50.60	57.80	108.40
7	Park Ok-nam	Lee Young-ae	62.00	45.50	107.50
8	Yoo Soon-joon	Lee Dong-min	50.90	55.30	106.20
9	Kim Young-hae	Song In-sook	52.10	53.20	105.30
10	David Chu	Kim Sun-young	51.90	48.20	100.10
11	Kim Yoon-kyung	Pongmoragot Parich	41.60	45.60	87.20
12	Lee Guk-sung	Nam Keum-sook	41.10	45.40	86.50

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2nd PABF Simultaneous Pairs

The format of the 2nd PABF Simultaneous Pairs will be submitted to the member NCBOs shortly for approval. They are;

Dates: First Friday/Saturday from October 2005 to March 2006, total 6 times

Fees: US\$2.00 per player

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1st US\$2,000.00

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1st US\$100.00

2nd US\$80.00

3rd US\$60.00

4th US\$40.00

5th US\$20.00

The analysis/comments of hands will be available from PABF/Ecats website.

We hope today's Vu-graph will feature 2 tables:

Open room in English

Closed Room in Chinese

Any Chinese commentators should change their language to Chinese and log into the Closed Room and message the operator to ungag them.

BBO

Live commentary

in English and in Chinese

today

NEWS FLASH

Italian Pair ousted of the European Championship in Tenerife having been found guilty of highly questionable antics by the Appeals Committee: read on!!

Italy v Israel

Appeals Committee :

Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jens Auken (Denmark), Grattan Endicott (England), Jean-Paul Meyer (France)

Open Teams Swiss "A" Round

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vulnerable.		
	♠ A 3 ♥ J 10 ♦ J 8 5 4 3 ♣ K J 6 2	
♠ 8 7 ♥ A 7 6 5 ♦ 7 ♣ Q 9 7 5 4 3		♠ Q 6 5 4 2 ♥ 9 8 4 3 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ 8
	♠ K J 10 9 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ A K 9 2 ♣ A 10	

West	North	East	South
<i>Roll</i>	<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
			2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Contract: Six Diamonds, played by South

Lead: ♥A

Play: ♣9, taken by the King, ♦J-6-2-7, claim

Result: 12 tricks, NS +1370

The Facts: At the end of the play, East called the Director to explain what he had seen.

The Director: Told the facts to the Chief Tournament Director, who decided to call upon the Appeal Committee to hold a Disciplinary Hearing.

Present: All players, the Captain of East/West, and the Coach of North/South

The Players: The Chief Tournament Director explained to the Committee what the East player had told him. Dummy, North, had leaned across to take a look into East's cards. East had then noticed that North had held his arms crossed, and had signalled with three fingers on his arm. East had seen a signal with three fingers three times. Declarer had then played the ♦J at trick three, and had let it run, thus making his contract.

East then told the same story in his own words. He had not shown his cards, but North had taken a look into them anyway. East had seen three fingers on three occasions, and he had called the Director after Declarer had successfully finessed in diamonds.

East complained that he had been so shaken about the whole thing, that he could no longer play to his full capacity. They had lost the match 2-25.

- West related the play to the first three tricks:

- West led the ♥A, East contributing the ♥8;

- West then asked a number of questions, particularly about the ♥K, which South confirmed having shown in the auction;

- After some thought, South called for the ♦J, East contributing the ♦6 in tempo;

- South thought for some more time and let the ♦J run.

East once more showed what he had seen North do: the left arm lay before him on the table, the right hand lay across it, with the middle three fingers pointing downwards. East showed that he had seen the three fingers once across the wrist, once across the forearm and once free on the table in front of the arm.

South was asked to confirm the play as described above, which he did.

South was then asked to explain why he played the diamonds in the manner he did. He gave the following responses:

-The lead of the ♥A was curious because dummy had not made a cue-bid in hearts;

-After all the questions he decided to play diamonds 1-3;

-The first two boards were bad for him and he needed 20VP to qualify for the next round;

-Diamonds are always badly divided in this tournament. He had also found the ♦Q on board 24 (West commented that he had made lots of bids on that board, so finding that Queen was clear-cut).

North explained that all through the day, when dummy, he had laid both arms on the table and rested his head on them. This could not be confirmed by East/West since this was the third board of the match and he had not been dummy on the first two.

North told the Committee he had only 20% vision in his left eye, and the red honours were all the same to him from that side.

When confronted with East's statement, North denied that he had looked at East's cards.

The Coach of North/South, in name of their Captain (who was absent), explained that he had told his team to win the match by at least 19 or 20VP. He had never heard allegations of this kind in 30 years' work for the federation and this particular team.

West finally added that South had also put his head on his arms while thinking about running the ♦J.

The Committee's Deliberation :

The Committee addressed the issue of their jurisdiction under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. Under law 91B: *Right to Disqualify, The Director* (and on a reference, the Committee) *is specifically empowered to disqualify a contestant for cause.*

- The Committee also addressed certain technical issues raised by North/South:

- The Committee rejected the argument that "Diamonds are always badly divided in this Tournament".

- The Committee noted that bidding and making Six Diamonds by normal play was quite likely to win the board as the slam was not straightforward to bid.

- The Committee noted that tackling diamonds (trumps) by leading the Jack was singularly against the odds; except in the specific circumstances when declarer knows that East has exactly three diamonds. In this case the odds are 3-1 in favour of leading the Jack.

- The Committee noted that East's duck of the Jack of Diamonds was correct technique. South could have had five diamonds, in which case it is a normal gambit to lead the Jack to induce a cover with Q10x.

The Committee's reasons:

In the play of the hand, East/West believed that Declarer had acted upon improper information conveyed from dummy. They suggested how this information was possibly passed.

When asked to explain his reasons for playing the hand in such a fashion declarer gave a number of reasons which the Committee found unconvincing. It was adjudged that the nature of these explanations by a competent player was self-incriminating.

The Committee's decision :

Lanzarotti-Buratti to be disqualified from the teams event - Law 91B.

Match Score adjusted to 18-0 in favour of the team of East/West.

Matter to be referred to the Credentials' Committee with reference to the Pairs' event in these Championships.

A look at Day Five

Cathy Chua

Second RR First Match

Bd 1	♠ 87	
Dlr N	♥ 10	
Vul Nil	♦ 876532	
	♣ 9654	
♠ AKQ94		♠ J106532
♥ 532		♥ A94
♦ Q9		♦ J10
♣ AQ8		♣ J10
	♠ ---	
	♥ KQJ876	
	♦ AK4	
	♣ K732	

NZ vs. ChT

In the Closed Room East opened 2♠, 4♥ from South and 4♠ by West bought the auction. +420 to ChT.

In the Open Room East opened 2♦, South essayed 3♥ and when 4♠ came back to South he decided not to go quietly. He bid 4NT, doubled and passed back to him. When 5♥ was doubled North bid 5NT and 6♣ doubled by South became the final contract. Stephen Burgess must have been pleased to see that the soundness of his doubles increased as the auction developed. This unpleasant spot led to +500 EW and 2 IMPs to NZ. South was right to bid on: he just needed to stay a level lower.

Bd 20	♠ 92	
Dlr W	♥ AQ	
Vul All	♦ A1085	
	♣ K9765	
♠ K1074		♠ QJ86
♥ K52		♥ J1093
♦ J		♦ Q742
♣ Q10843		♣ J
	♠ A53	
	♥ 8764	
	♦ K963	
	♣ A2	

The question on this hand was how to make 3NT by South on a spade lead, North at both tables having opened 1♣?

Both declarers won the third spade and both discarded the ♦5 from table. Now ♣A and another club. For NZ Stephen Lester picked clubs, winning cheaply in dummy, of course also picked diamonds and made comfortably when RHO did not cover the ♦10. He will still make with the cover via the heart finesse if nothing else. But in the Open Room ChT rose on the second round of clubs. The club layout really tells the diamond layout too and so this declarer played ace of diamonds, ten of diamonds, but that was no longer good enough when MacLeish was alert to the significance of covering the ten. Four diamond tricks had become three.

Second RR Second Match

Boards one and two provided a difficult start to this match..

Bd 1	♠ 42	
Dlr N	♥ 9843	
Vul Nil	♦ AJ2	
	♣ Q1063	
♠ AJ76		♠ KQ10
♥ K		♥ Q102
♦ 83		♦ KQ1075
♣ K98754		♣ J2
	♠ 9853	
	♥ AJ765	
	♦ 964	
	♣ A	

Against Singapore China Macau's Cheng Kong Mou made 3NT by West after a defensive blunder by Heng and Liao. As this pair is starring for Singapore – 6th on the datums after the 1st RR – one assumes a rare blunder! Not so expensive as 3♥ doubled was -300 in the other room.

In Australia-NZ, always a match of regional pride, Bach played a dodgy 4♠ as West and that failed, as did NS's undoubled 3♥ for 3 IMPs to Australia.

Just two boards later, a Roman Key Card disaster gave West a chance to get that -1600 back. Or some of it, at any rate:

Bd 12	♠ Q76	
Dlr W	♥ AQ9	
Vul NS	♦ AKQ6	
	♣ K106	
♠ A4		♠ J109532
♥ 876		♥ ---
♦ J43		♦ 10985
♣ J9874		♣ A52
	♠ K8	
	♥ KJ105432	
	♦ 72	
	♣ Q3	

After a strong 2NT opening by North, Matthew Porter, South, transferred and then invoked RKCB via 4NT. After a 5♠ response from partner he knew Gabby held the heart queen which was irrelevant, but only 2 aces which was, of course, to the point. Did I say RKCB disaster? Well, only in the bidding. The play was another thing. Against mostly 4♥, but several times 6♥, the field led the ♠J or the ♠A if played the other way up. West won the ace and had to guess which minor to shift to: +1430 to Australia.

Second RR Third Match

BBO featured Philippines-Singapore. I watched the closed room of that match.

Bd 1	♠ J72	
Dlr N	♥ K43	
Vul Nil	♦ Q7652	
	♣ K7	
♠ 53		♠ K1094
♥ Q10875		♥ 962
♦ 108		♦ AKJ4
♣ Q954		♣ J10
	♠ AQ86	
	♥ AJ	
	♦ 93	
	♣ A8632	

North played 3NT after East had opened 1♦. That steered Martin away from the diamond lead and, having chosen to try the spades, he

did hugely well to begin with a low one. Single-dummy, at least, 3NT is not so bad. My inclination as a mere kibitzer was to let the six hold in dummy and run a club to East. Instead declarer won in hand to try the heart finesse. He covered the diamond ten, East shifted to a club and declarer thought he didn't have a good plan left. Playing on diamonds is the best plan now, but in practice declarer drifted around and went down eventually.

Still, kind defence in the Open Room let Heng-Liao bring home 2♥ and gain 2 IMPs for Singapore.

We see North with problems on the next board too.

Bd 2	♠ J	
Dlr E	♥ AKQ643	
Vul NS	♦ 7	
	♣ J10842	
♠ 1097542		♠ K8
♥ 1052		♥ 987
♦ KJ		♦ Q10843
♣ K5		♣ AQ9
	♠ AQ63	
	♥ J	
	♦ A9652	
	♣ 763	

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
La Guardia	Tan	Anastasio	Chua
		Pass	1♦
2♠	3♥	3♠	3NT
Pass	?		

Do you pass or bid? Continuing with 4♣ saw South raising to five. Off 3 trump tricks, -100. Again Heng-Liao saved the day, buying 2♠ in the other room, one down and holding the loss to 4 IMPs.

In the Australia-Japan clash, won handsomely by Australia, Japan stayed in partscore while Australia reached 4♥ for a gameswing.

And, again, North's decision:

Quiz Solution 3

Yesterday you accepted the challenge of having 38HCP and still failing to come up to 7 tricks in 1NT from your worse enemy.

Today you found out you have lost the bet for this was the layout:

	♠ AKQJ1098	
	♥ -	
	♦ -	
	♣ AKQJ109	
♠ -		♠ 765432
♥ J1098765		♥ -
♦ J109876		♦ -
♣ -		♣ 8765432
	♠ -	
	♥ AKQ432	
	♦ AKQ5432	
	♣ -	

West leads his longest and (ahem) strongest suit and South declarer simply does not have the tempo to set up his diamonds.

Your worse enemy gleefully accepted your handshake and it only remained for both of to progress to more ambitious levels.



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Open Series Schedule

Round	Date	Starting Time	Table					
			1	2	3	4	5	6
4	29-Jun	10:00	CHI - PHI	CMA - IND	THA - CHT	KOR - AUS	CHK - JPN	NZL - SIN
5		14:00	CHI - NZL	IND - PHI	CHT - CMA	AUS - THA	CHK - KOR	SIN - JPN
6		17:15	JPN - CHI	IND - NZL	PHI - CHT	CMA - AUS	THA - CHK	KOR - SIN

Ladies Series Schedule

Round	Date	Starting Time	Table				
			1	2	3	4	5
4	29-Jun	10:00	CHK - CHI	JPN - CHT	IND - SIN	KOR - AUS	THA - NZL
5		14:00	SIN - CHI	JPN - NZL	KOR - IND	THA - AUS	CHK - CHT
6		17:15	CHI - NZL	JPN - SIN	IND - CHK	CHT - AUS	KOR - THA

Youth Series Schedule

Round	Date	Starting Time	Table				Bye
			1	2	3	4	
4	29-Jun	10:00	JPN - CHK	THA - SIN	CHT - KOR	IND - PHI	AUS
5		14:00	JPN - THA	PHI - AUS	KOR - SIN	IND - CHT	CHK
6		17:15	PHI - JPN	THA - AUS	CHK - SIN	KOR - IND	CHT

Senior Series Schedule

Round	Date	Starting Time	Table						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	29-Jun	10:00	AUS - PSJ	CHT - Q+K	CHI - WAK	YAM - CHK	IND - IVY	YOK - JOY	THA - NZL
5		13:30	WAK - AUS	CHT - PSJ	NZL - CHI	THA - YAM	IND - YOK	CHK - JOY	Q+K - IVY
6		16:35	NZL - AUS	IVY - CHT	JOY - CHI	YAM - WAK	IND - THA	CHK - Q+K	YOK - PSJ
7		18:40	AUS - Q+K	CHT - JOY	CHI - THA	IVY - YAM	PSJ - IND	WAK - CHK	YOK - NZL

The bulletin staff wishes to sincerely apologize to the players for the schedule mix-up in yesterday's bulletin