



**Editors: Cathy Chua and Robert Zajac Bulletin #9**

***43rd PABF Championships - Open Series 2nd Round Robin (FINAL)***

<b>1</b>	<b>China (Champ)</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1.8080</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1.3524</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>1.2009</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>350.5</b>	<b>1.1481</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>China H K</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>1.1148</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>1.0984</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1.0367</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Singapore</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>0.9916</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Thailand</b>	<b>295.5</b>	<b>0.8751</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>China Macau</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>0.6960</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>0.6789</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Korea</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>0.6255</b>

**Match Results**

<b>Round 10</b>			
China	- Chinese Taipei	47 - 39	16 - 14
China Hong Kong	- Indonesia	53 - 22	21 - 9
Singapore	- Australia	28 - 48	11 - 19
Japan	- Philippines	104 - 20	25 - 0
Thailand	- New Zealand	40 - 21	19 - 11
Korea	- China Macau	60 - 34	20 - 10
<b>Round 11</b>			
China	- Indonesia	49 - 26	20 - 10
Chinese Taipei	- Australia	18 - 47	9 - 21
Singapore	- China Hong Kong	25 - 50	10 - 20
New Zealand	- Japan	26 - 74	5 - 25
Philippines	- China Macau	49 - 61	13 - 17
Korea	- Thailand	19 - 41	10 - 20

*Open Series Playoff Results after 1<sup>st</sup> Segment*

Open Series	Segment				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Chinese Taipei	31				31
Japan	32				32

Open Series	Segment				Total
	1	2	3	4	
China Hong Kong	4				4
Indonesia	60				60

*Ladies Series Playoff Results after 1<sup>st</sup> Segment*

Ladies Series	Segment				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Japan	37				37
Indonesia	26				26

Ladies Series	Segment				Total
	1	2	3	4	
China Hong Kong	22				22
Singapore	48				48

**Youth Series Playoff Results after 1<sup>st</sup> Segment**

Youth Series	Segment				Total
	1	2	3	4	
China Hong Kong	20				20
Chinese Taipei	54				54

Youth Series	Segment				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Singapore	31				31
Indonesia	45				45

***43rd PABF Championships – Senior Series 2nd Round Robin (FINAL)***

Ranking (1/7/05)		
	VP	IMP Quotient
1 Japan – Yamada (champ)	507	1.8778
2 Australia	483	1.6272
3 China	467	1.5806
4 Chinese Taipei	460.5	1.4691
5 China Hong Kong	445	1.2930
6 Indonesia	429	1.2653
7 New Zealand	406	1.1760
8 Queens & Knight	399	1.0968
9 Japan - Yokohama	349	0.8482
10 Thailand	316	0.7069
11 Japan - PS Jack	309	0.6620
12 Japan - Wakasa	301	0.6632
13 Korea - Ivy League	273	0.5626
14 Korea - Joy Club	259.5	0.5485

## Match Results

Round 12			
Australia	- China	20 - 29	13 - 17
Indonesia	- Chinese Taipei	34 - 35	15 - 15
Japan - Yamada	- Japan - Yokohama	67 - 17	25 - 4
China Hong Kong	- New Zealand	27 - 42	12 - 18
Japan - PS Jack	- Queens & Knight	5 - 62	3 - 25
Thailand	- Japan - Wakasa	32 - 55	10 - 20
Korea - Joy Club	- Korea - Ivy League	45 - 22	20 - 10
Round 13			
Australia	- Chinese Taipei	15 - 46	8 - 22
China	- Japan - Yamada	21 - 48	9 - 21
Indonesia	- China Hong Kong	63 - 41	20 - 10
Queens & Knight	- Japan - Yokohama	32 - 17	18 - 12
Japan - Wakasa	- New Zealand	6 - 91	0 - 25
Japan - PS Jack	- Korea - Ivy League	33 - 55	10 - 20
Korea - Joy Club	- Thailand	37 - 39	15 - 15

*Playoff for Senior Series will start later today*



**Japan - Youth Champion**

Open Series		IRR	Against												Adj	Total	Rank
Team			c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
1	China	220		20	16	17	18	24	10	14	22	22	23	25		431	1
2	Indonesia	190	10		9	15	9	16	15	22	15	10	20	15		346	6
3	Chinese Taipei	182	14	21		9	25	15	16	13	22	17	25	23		382	2
4	Australia	176	13	15	21		10	19	25	9	21	17	14	25		365	3
5	China Hong Kong	173	12	21	1	20		20	15	12	21	22	14	19		350	5
6	Singapore	172	6	14	15	11	10		14	5	21	14	18	21		321	8
7	Japan	168.5	20	15	14	5	15	16		25	25	23	12	12		350.5	4
8	New Zealand	159	16	8	17	21	18	25	5		19	17	11	22		338	7
9	Philippines	140	8	15	8	9	9	9	0	11		13	15	17		254	11
10	China Macau	137	8	20	13	13	8	16	7	13	17		0	10		262	10
11	Thailand	132.5	7	10	5	16	16	12	18	19	15	25		20		295.5	9
12	Korea	115	4	15	7	4	11	9	18	8	13	20	10			234	12

Senior Series		IRR	Against														Adj	Total	Rank
Team			c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
1	Australia	267		8	13	15	14	19	17	16	12	25	20	12	20	25		483	2
2	Chinese Taipei	241.5	22		16	7	15	4	18	13	17	21	24	25	23	14		460.5	4
3	China	241	17	14		9	14	15	23	6	10	25	22	25	23	23		467	3
4	Japan - Yamda	230	15	23	21		20	16	25	19	23	24	16	25	25	25		507	1
5	Indonesia	218	16	15	16	10		20	17	24	13	12	11	15	25	17		429	6
6	China Hong Kong	205	11	25	15	14	10		25	19	12	23	25	25	11	25		445	5
7	Japan - Yokohama	183	13	12	7	4	13	5		12	10	16	19	22	8	25		349	9
8	Japan - Qs & K	179	14	17	24	11	6	11	18		21	17	25	25	15	16		399	8
9	New Zealand	177	18	13	20	7	17	18	20	9		25	25	18	14	25		406	7
10	Japan - Wakasa	172	5	9	0	6	18	7	14	13	0		11	16	20	10		301	12
11	Japan - PS Jack	170	10	6	8	14	19	5	11	3	4	19		10	14	16		309	11
12	Korea - Ivy League	153	18	5	2	4	15	5	8	1	12	14	20		6	10		273	13
13	Thailand	150	10	7	7	5	0	19	22	15	16	10	16	24		15		316	10
14	Korea - Joy Club	124.5	3	16	7	4	13	5	3	14	1	20	14	20	15			259.5	14

## DATUM Rankin (Open) 140 boards or more

		Rank	Score	Bds	Total
CHINA	Shi-Zhuang	5	0.47000	300	141
	Fu-Zhao	2	0.69643	280	195
	Dai-Yang	1	0.87857	280	246
INDONESIA	Tobing-Asbi	7	0.39333	300	118
	Panelewen-Karwur	15	0.04375	320	14
	Hendrawan-Polii	17	0.01154	260	3
CHINESE TAIPEI	Shih-Huang	8	0.36667	420	154
	Yang-Chiu	11	0.15714	280	44
AUSTRALIA	Hinge-Nagy	20	-0.02667	300	-8
	Gasper-Richman	4	0.50000	280	140
	Klinger-Neill	10	0.17333	300	52
CHINA HONG KONG	Lai-Lo	6	0.42333	300	127
	Cyngiser-Sze	14	0.05000	340	17
	Ng-Chui	23	-0.17917	240	-43
SINGAPORE	Heng-Liao	19	-0.01389	360	-5
	Wong-Robinson	12	0.09688	320	31
	Chua-Tan	18	0.01000	200	2
JAPAN	Furuta-Chen	3	0.53250	400	213
	Miyakuni-Kono	24	-0.24167	120	-29
	Nakamura-Shimizu	25	-0.25833	240	-62
NEW ZEALAND	Bach-Whibley	13	0.07000	400	28
	Lester-Gardiner	9	0.30714	140	43
	Burgess-Mcleish	26	-0.28000	300	-84
PHILIPPINES	Chua-Carreon	27	-0.33667	300	-101
	Anastacio-La Guardia	28	-0.40833	240	-98
	Quiguo-Alejandro	33	-0.74583	240	-179
CHINA MACAU	Ding-Hi	21	-0.03250	400	-13
	Cheng-Lai	32	-0.71389	360	-257
THAILAND	Pornthep-Kirawat	22	-0.03667	300	-11
	Asdang-Kridsadayut	16	0.01875	320	6
	Teerasak-Vithaya	31	-0.66667	240	-160
KOREA	Choi-Lee	30	-0.60714	280	-170
	Chun-Hwang	29	-0.58684	380	-223
	In-Yun	34	-0.78889	180	-142

### DATUM Ranking (Ladies) 120 boards or more

		Rank	Score	Bds	Total
CHINA	Sun-J.Wang	3	1.03750	240	249
	Zhang-Gu	1	1.44167	240	346
	Liu-P.Wang	2	1.40417	240	337
JAPAN	Setoguchi-Ota	9	0.31667	240	76
	Shimamura-Fukuda	4	0.56923	260	148
	Sekizawa-Amano	8	0.49091	220	108
INDONESIA	Bojoh-Tueje	6	0.52941	340	180
	Damayanti-Riantini	10	0.21250	240	51
	Korengkeng-Smampouw	11	0.19286	140	27
AUSTRALIA	Feitelsen-Havas	7	0.52143	280	146
	Clark-Hay	22	-0.10000	200	-20
	Neumann-Stern	5	0.54583	240	131
NEW ZEALAND	Don-Yule	15	0.09231	260	24
	Cartner-Palmer	16	0.05455	220	12
	Richardson-Horsman	13	0.10833	240	26
SINGAPORE	Lam-Endo	14	0.10000	300	30
	Choo-Chai	21	-0.06500	200	-13
	Seet-Foo	17	0.05000	200	10
CHINA HONG KONG	Tse-Wong	19	-0.01538	260	-4
	P.Chan-Koo	12	0.15833	240	38
	Yeung-Chan	20	-0.02273	220	-5
THAILAND	Chuanpit-Chamaniporn	18	0.03636	220	8
	Auraya-Uraiwan	24	-0.51667	240	-124
	Pimpraphai-Tassamon	23	-0.24167	120	-29
KOREA	Yoo-Han	27	-1.10455	220	-243
	Sung-Kwon	25	-0.68462	260	-178
	Park-Kim	26	-0.82083	240	-197
CHINESE TAIPEI	Lin-Chen	30	-1.62917	240	-391
	Lee-LM.Chang	29	-1.41667	240	-340
	Lu-WC.Chang	28	-1.23750	240	-297

### DATUM Ranking (Youth) 100 boards or more

		Rank	Score	Bds	Total
JAPAN	Ikemoto-Tanaka	3	0.76538	260	199
	Shiga-Yokoi	18	-0.06364	220	-14
	Niekawa-Ote	1	0.86875	160	139
AUSTRALIA	Feioler-Porter	10	0.21250	320	68
	Ware-Geromoboux	6	0.51563	320	165
SINGAPORE	Lim-F.Tan	23	-1.10000	160	-176
	Loo-Poon	2	0.77500	320	248
	Tan-Mah	16	-0.02500	120	-3
CHINESE TAIPEI	Kang-Wu	7	0.40909	220	90
	Wang-Tseng	14	0.05000	240	12
	Hung-Kuo	17	-0.06111	180	-11
PHILIPPINES	Gabanila-Maliwat	12	0.15625	320	50
	Falcon-Castro	20	-0.45625	320	-146
THAILAND	Sitala-Pavinee	21	-0.60000	260	-156
	Patnarin-Rachen	5	0.57222	180	103
	Patnarin-Sunisa	15	0.03571	140	5
CHINA HONG KONG	Ng-Leung	8	0.40455	220	89
	Yiu-Lung	11	0.16000	200	32
	Ip-Chiu	13	0.05455	220	12
INDONESIA	Hidayatullah-Hutahaean	19	-0.36923	260	-96
	Wahyu-Dewi	9	0.40357	280	113
	Sumarauw-Mambu	4	0.75000	100	75
KOREA	Song-Yoo	24	-1.15625	320	-370
	Ahn-Lee	22	-0.80000	320	-256

## DATUM Ranking (Senior) 128 boards or more

		Rank	Score	Bds	Total
AUSTRALIA	Walsh-McDonald	3	0.94853	272	258
	Griffin-Huges	13	0.26736	288	77
	Krochmalik-Lavings	9	0.51838	272	141
CHINESE TAIPEI	Tsai-SC.Lin	7	0.58894	416	245
	Chang-E.Lin	15	0.25481	416	106
CHINA	WL.GU-Kam	31	-0.13487	304	-41
	Wang-Lu	2	1.08073	384	415
JAPAN - Yamada	Yamada-Ohno	5	0.63542	192	122
	Ino-Hirata	19	0.13393	224	30
	Ino-Abe	4	0.88125	160	141
	Yamada-Abe	1	1.39375	160	223
INDONESIA	Wolfe-Kansenda	17	0.21382	304	65
	Wenas-Sinaga	14	0.26667	240	64
	Munawar-Waluyan	10	0.51389	288	148
CHINA HONG KONG	Lam-Chan	21	0.11029	272	30
	Graca-Fu	6	0.61806	288	178
	Shen-Lia	12	0.27941	272	76
JAPAN - Yokohama	O.Kimura-Nishino	23	-0.00694	288	-2
	Yamaguchi-A.Kimura	33	-0.29861	144	-43
	Kobayashi-Tsukamoto	28	-0.06618	272	-18
JAPAN - Queen & K	K.Yamada-Y.Yamada	11	0.32895	304	100
	Janssen-Nakanishi	22	-0.00391	256	-1
	Matsuzaki-Makita	24	-0.01172	256	-3
NEW ZEALAND	Scott-Wignall	8	0.56250	304	171
	Wannop-Abrahams	29	-0.09926	272	-27
	Moore-Robb	25	-0.01953	256	-5
JAPAN - Wakasa	Nishida-Nishida	35	-0.48684	304	-148
	Ito-Ueno	26	-0.02083	144	-3
	Wakasa-Wakasa	34	-0.45395	304	-138
JAPAN - PS-Jack	Sugino-Otsuka	40	-1.11875	320	-358
	Nanjo-Miwa	27	-0.05625	160	-9
	Miyazaki-Nanjo	20	0.13068	176	23
Korea - Ivy League	HJ.Lee-KW.Lee	16	0.23438	128	30
	BH.Kim-SO.Kim	37	-0.94853	272	-258
	Kwon-KS.Lee	41	-1.21667	240	-292
	Hahn-KW.Lee	36	-0.94375	160	-151
THAILAND	Prasert-Chaitad	18	0.14844	256	38
	Pravati-Pichai	32	-0.15074	272	-41
	Prapongse-Thongchai	39	-1.07500	240	-258
KOREA - Joy Club	Suh-Noh	42	-1.30208	288	-375
	Lim-Kim	30	-0.11806	288	-34
	Kwon-Chang	38	-1.03125	256	-264

## *Profile of the Ladies Team Champions – China*

**Gu-Lin and Zhang Ya Lan: WBF Life Masters**

**9 times PABF Champions**

**3 times world's runners-up**

**Sun Ming: WBF Life Master**

**8 times PABF Champions**

**2 times world's runners-up**

**Liu Yi Qing: WBF Master**

**3 times PABF Champions**

**1 time world's runners-up**

**Wang Ping: WBF Master**

**2 times PABF Champions**

**1 time world's runners-up**

**Wang Jing: WBF Master**

**3 times PABF Champions**

**NPC – Wang Xiao Jing: WBF Master**

**1 time PABF Champion**

**13 National Champions**

**Coach – Ju Chuan Chen: WBF Master**

**10 times PABF Champions**

### **Liberte Cup Pair Game Results**

Rank	Player 1	Player 2	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Chuan Cheng Ju	Wang Xiao Feng	104.50	103.00	120.50	69.43	397.43
2	Nakatani Tadayoshi	Teramoto Tadashi	88.10	95.00	100.50	83.57	367.17
3	Komara Angelina	Robert Zajac	85.58	92.50	80.50	93.43	352.01
4	David Chu	Chitngamkusol Terasak	88.03	77.50	114.50	57	337.03
5	Chung Il-sub	Park Jung-yoon	77.74	88.50	78.00	58.29	302.53
6	Kim Young-hae	Yune Young-sook	77.76	78.50	78.00	51.86	286.12
7	Cho Eun-joo	Park Sun-hee	67.76	74.50	91.00	52.29	285.55
8	Yoo Soon-joon	Lee Dong-min	70.00	70.00	69.00	75.43	284.43
9	Kwon Young-soon	Kim Sun-young	84.54	56.50	70.00	68.14	279.18
10	Yang Haeng-shik	Oh Ok-ja	69.66	82.00	69.00	56.57	277.23
11	Yang Eun-hee	Chae Young-won	79.66	57.50	74.00	63	274.16
12	Kim Yeon-joo	Lim Mi-sung	75.51	77.50	64.50	55.29	272.80
13	Kang Yoon-jung	Lee Myoung-hee	60.67	56.00	95.50	47.57	259.74
14	Choi Yoon-jung	Km Linda	62.49	83.00	67.00	46.71	259.20
15	Kumiko Sasahira	Hiroki Yokoi			91.00	78.43	169.43
16	Hiroko Saito	Suniko Nagumo			81.00	51	132.00

## Appeal Case No.1

### Youth Series RR 2 –7

Bd 18	♠ 8743		
Dlr E	♥ AQ92		
Vul NS	♦ Q		
	♣ K962		
♠ 10		♠ QJ62	
♥ J8643		♥ 105	
♦ KJ10652		♦ 973	
♣ 7		♣ A1053	
	♠ AK95		
	♥ K7		
	♦ A84		
	♣ QJ84		

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewi</i>	<i>Gabby</i>	<i>Wahyu</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
			1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
2NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Dbl	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All pass	

(1) Playing Weak NT

(2) East to North = ♦+M  
West to South = ♦+♥

Final Contract, 5♣ by South  
Result, 11 tricks, +600 NS

Statement of Facts: The Australian NPC came to the TD after the match and told the TD that on Board 15 the explanation was different at two sides of the screen. East explained to North that the 2NT bid was ♦ + M. On EW's convention Card, 2NT jump overcall is stated as two lower unbid suits. The subsequent bids now have different meanings to N & S. The final contract was 5♣ by South, making. The Australian NPC said they only discovered the erroneous explanation subsequently and claim damages. The TD determined North has misinformed and damage had resulted. The TD, in accordance with Law 21B3 and 40C, adjusted the score to 4♠ by South making 5.

Decision of the Appeal Committee: The Committee supports the TD's ruling and acknowledges that the damage was caused by the confusion in explanation. However, players are advised to check with their opponents' conventional card to prevent this kind of irregularity in the good spirit of bridge.

The Committee believes that in a 4♠ contract, a singleton club lead may hold it to ten tricks. However, in the good spirit of the Law, the favourable result should be awarded and hence the Committee agrees with the score adjusted by the TD.

Deposit returned.



## **BBO Vugraph Report for Friday – by Rick Wakeman**

Well our spectator numbers were down somewhat today and I made some mistakes. My apologies for not being more organized for the play-offs. However, the day was saved by four excellent young operators – 3 from the Japanese Youth Team – Ruri Miss Ote; Yuichu, Ikemoto; and Motoaki, Shiga and a wonderful young lady from Korea by the name of Ko Jae-hyun. They were simply great – once we managed to get the 4 tables up and running, it was smooth sailing thanks to these fine youngsters and future stars of the PABF. Dr. Hahn, Chairman of the 43rd PABF Championships asked me to express his warm and heart felt gratitude for your world class contribution to this event.

Our four table broadcast last night was one of the few ever held on BBO and what is more significant is our numbers were about 700 viewers when the European Championships from Tenerife came on-line and we lost about 200 viewers. So running side-by-side with the European Championships, who only had one table on broadcast, we managed to split the BBO audience with them 50/50. They had 500 viewers and we had the same.

I think tomorrow is going to be a red letter day for the 43rd PABF BBO vugraph for many reasons – the Indonesians are all primed to enjoy a day of watching their teams perform, with commentary in their native language. Japan won't be left out either – I am hoping that we will broadcast several sessions in Japanese, featuring those talented teams out of the Land of the Rising Sun.

Not only are the youth teams coming out in force to operate the vugraph, but Steve Robinson of the Singapore Open Team, Dagmar Neumann and Jillian Hay of the Australian Women's Team and Fu Zhong of the powerhouse Chinese Open Team will taking their turn behind the monitor to help us show the world that the PABF is where bridge is happening – BIG TIME! Oh yeah - almost forgot – some guy that owns BBO by the name of Fred Gitelman

messed me last night to say he could tell he was missing the big party and asked if it was okay to drop by and commentate a session or two. What do you think? Should we let him?

So when do you want me to slot you in for a session of operating? If you wait much longer you might have to pay me for the opportunity. Have a great day in this bridge heaven called the 43rd PABF.

### **BBO STARS by Rick Wakeman**

Here is an e-mail from Fred Gitelman of BBO that talks about how one qualifies to have a star on their BBO profile. If anyone is interested in further information, please feel free to contact me – you likely can find me around the vugraph tables.

Hi Rick,

I hear the PABF vugraph has been great – congrats and thanks! Most likely I will be around some time this weekend to help with commentary.

Representing your country in certain World Championship events is enough to qualify for a star regardless of your results. The events that count are things like the Bermuda Bowl, and Olympiad. Events like the World Open Pairs and the Rosenblum do not count (since anyone can play in them). Women, Juniors and Seniors can qualify for stars in this way as well (by playing in appropriate World Championship events).

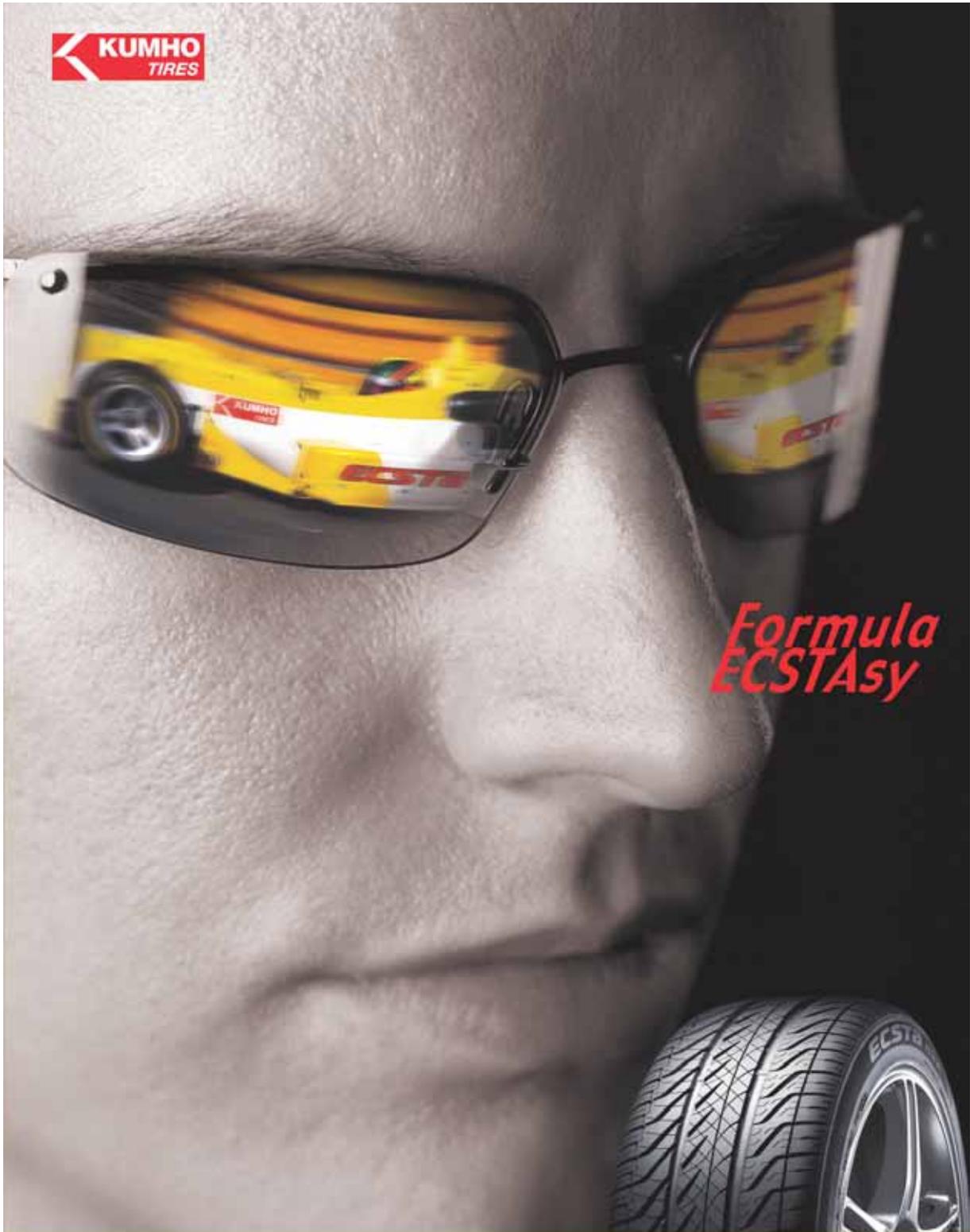
In addition, all new stars must agree to use their full real names and proper countries in their user profiles.

Winning one of the major events at a Zonal Championship (like the PABF) is another way to get a star on BBO (as are winning ACBL National Events and major invitational tournaments like the Cavendish.

Let me know if you have any more questions.

Regards,

Fred



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## Friday's Play Cathy Chua

### Open Series 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Robin Match 11

Board 18 saw a play I've missed since Stephen Burgess moved back to NZ from Australia.

Bd 18	♠ Q43	♠ 8762
Dlr E	♥ KQ5	♥ 632
Vul NS	♦ A9752	♦ 10
	♣ 86	♣ KJ1093
♠ KJ9		
♥ AJ74		
♦ J64		
♣ A42		
	♠ A105	
	♥ 1098	
	♦ KQ83	
	♣ Q75	

It was one of those 1NT 3NT auctions you scrape together and then wish you hadn't. Nakamura for Japan began with a low heart to the king. Now Burgess tried a low club off dummy: the Statue of Liberty play. Shimizu was probably regretting his play of the three when he saw the rest of this round of the suit: queen and ace. Maybe the jack would alert partner to what is going on. Still, he had an easy ♣K pitch on the second round of diamonds and so the Burgess con was doomed to failure. Japan +100 and 12 IMPs to Japan when 3NT got home in the other room!

Another Burgess caper on board one:

Bd 1	♠ K8764	♠ 10532
Dlr N	♥ A98	♥ KQ5
Vul Nil	♦ 87	♦ K1094
	♣ J85	♣ Q7
♠ Q		
♥ 642		
♦ AQJ653		
♣ 632		
	♠ AJ9	
	♥ J1073	
	♦ 2	
	♣ AK1094	

North's 2♠ opening was passed around to West. He balanced with 3♦, and East, not sure what his hand was worth cued 3♠. Burgess doubled, passed back to East who gave it another shot with redouble. But West had zero interest in game and bid 4♦. This was passed around to Burgess who backed in with 4♠. Double said West!!

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
Nakamura	McLeish	Shimizu	Burgess
	2♠	Pass	Pass!
3♦	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

East began with a trump, nine, queen, king. Now declarer ran the ♣J, it held: good news. Now he crossed to the spade ace: West showed out, bad news. He tried clubs from the top and East ruffed the third round. Now East continued the ♦K. His plan is to play another diamond next. If declarer ruffs that he'll be down. If he pitches on it, to ruff the next diamond in hand, he'll make. All irrelevant as West overtook the diamond – a play which is hard to understand as partner did not have to lead the king – and shifted to a heart. That was +590 to NZ.

In China vs Indonesia, North for China, Fu Zhong, got a diamond lead to the ace and a heart shift. He won the ace and took a spade hook: jack and queen, eventually ending 2 down. In the other room Indonesia made via: ♦K overtaken by the ace and another diamond. Now Tobing tried ace of spades – good news. He overtook the next spade, conceded a spade and banked on the club finesse. That was +450 and 11 IMPs in.

Australia started off diamond, diamond against CT and declarer ruffed, but after next cashing the ♠A he let the next hold in dummy. Now a club to the eight was a treat for that queen of clubs. One down was a flat board.

Board 7 was another 3NT which didn't seem to have nearly enough tricks.

Bd 7	♠ 10854	
Dlr S	♥ K4	
Vul All	♦ K52	
	♣ KQJ6	
♠ AK632		♠ Q
♥ 983		♥ AJ75
♦ A764		♦ Q8
♣ 7		♣ A109543
	♠ J97	
	♥ Q1062	
	♦ J1093	
	♣ 82	

For NZ McLeish began with the ♣K. Declarer won and continued the suit, pitching a spade from hand. Next the ♥K fed into dummy's heart suit: ace of hearts and another club to North. Declarer didn't have a chance and was one down, -100 and 3 IMPs away when 3NT failed by an extra trick in the other room.

In the Chinese Taipei vs Australia encounter, Nagy played 3NT from the East cards. Perhaps this made all the difference... Play began with a heart to the king and ace. Now the ♠Q and a heart won by the ten. South switched to the ♦J, won by North with the king. North now shifted to the ♣8!! When his ten held, Nagy started to perk up a bit. He played a heart won by the queen and then won the diamond return. Don't forget North can't see East's cards. So his pitches on the hearts were a club and a diamond. Now ace and another club forced him to give transport to dummy: 9 tricks and +600.

On board 10 when South was the declarer in 4♥ West could get into trouble...

Bd 10	♠ A862	
Dlr E	♥ K98752	
Vul All	♦ J76	
	♣ ---	
♠ 1097		♠ J43
♥ J3		♥ A106
♦ K8542		♦ A93
♣ K95		♣ J743
	♠ KQ5	
	♥ Q4	
	♦ Q10	
	♣ AQ10862	

After Nagy opened 1♣ on the East cards for Australia, South, Huang Kuang Hui, overcalled 1NT...I guess 6 stoppers is enough! Now a transfer saw South as declarer in 4♥. Spotlight on Hinge: he was tempted to go for the club lead on the basis that his personal preference is to overcall 1NT unfussily when the club opening is short as this one was. Nonetheless he went for the diamond and so it was an easy beat.

In the other room Richman did super-well. He won the spade lead in hand, heart to the queen and heart to the jack. Now he won the spade continuation in dummy and tried a low club at no cost. West rose king and that was the end of that. +620 and 12 IMPs to Australia in a good finish for them: 21-9 VPs vs Chinese Taipei.

The Singapore West also found themselves on lead to 4♥ and began with the ♥3...12 IMPs to HK when 4♥ failed in the other room.

A gin grand on board 13....

Bd 13	♠ AQ	
Dlr N	♥ Q6	
Vul All	♦ AKQ1042	
	♣ A43	
♠ 9765		♠ 108
♥ 8753		♥ K10942
♦ 5		♦ J98
♣ KQ52		♣ J97
	♠ KJ432	
	♥ AJ	
	♦ 763	
	♣ 1086	

...but who wants to bid a grand when nobody is even bidding small slam? For a start it was always played by North, so the heart lead is an issue. Only two pairs in the field bid to 6♦. Richman-Gaspar picked up 12 IMPs for Australia and Furuta-Chen picked up the same for Japan.

I don't know if that means the North field was showing this hand as a 2NT opening, but it is way too good for that!

Board 9 saw conservative part-scores mostly, but not everywhere...

Bd 15	♠ J972		
Dlr S	♥ AK105		
Vul NS	♦ 9		
	♣ KJ86		
♠ Q10		♠ AK843	
♥ J62		♥ 7	
♦ AQ86		♦ K42	
♣ 10532		♣ AQ74	
	♠ 65		
	♥ Q9843		
	♦ J10753		
	♣ 9		

Japan, who murdered NZ 25-5 VPs, played 4♠ from the East seat. Burgess began with the singleton ♣9. Not a good start for his side, but then, North had opened 1♣ so it had to be the preferred lead. At any rate, trick one went ♣9, 10, king and ace. Next declarer drew three rounds of spades and set about the club suit: diamond to dummy and a club to the eight and queen. Another diamond to dummy and another club: in all this meant he lost 1 club, 1 heart and 1 trump: +420 and 7 IMPs in when 3♠ made 3 in the other room.

Japan have looked dodgy this whole tournament so far, but a strong run home: 2 25s on the last day means maybe they have saved their best for the playoffs. That is, the teams that finished 2-5 are playing off for the other World Championship berth available for the Pacific Asia zone. All will be revealed over the next couple of days.

In China-Indonesia both teams played 3NT. When West played it for Indonesia, North having opened 1♣, North had an easy try of the hearts for +50. In the other room same thing except that hearts were blocked. North had to win the fourth heart and he exited with a club which lost to the queen. Now declarer played spades from the top and then diamonds....North was squeezed in the blacks and that meant 10 IMPs to China.

A sea of games failing on the next board, mostly 3NT, but a couple of imaginative

major suit games, both hearts and spades going down...

Bd 3	♠ A52		
Dlr S	♥ J74		
Vul EW	♦ 83		
	♣ AKQ82		
♠ KJ		♠ Q1086	
♥ Q62		♥ 1095	
♦ 97		♦ AJ104	
♣ J76543		♣ 109	
	♠ 9743		
	♥ AK83		
	♦ KQ852		
	♣ ---		

North may only have been dummy in China-Indonesia, 3NT by South each time, but what happened on the board was all his fault.

After the auction begins, as it will, 1♦ 2♣ 2♦ the Chinese West heard North bid 2♠ next, and so he led a heart to 3NT: 10 tricks, while the Indonesian West heard North rebid 2♥ and so he led a spade: one down and 10 IMPs to Indonesia in a match won by China 20-10 VPs.

### Stage one of the Bermuda Bowl Qualifying Playoff

Before I knew the scores I'd picked this board out as interesting:

Bd 7	♠ 10		
Dlr S	♥ KQ76		
Vul All	♦ 10853		
	♣ K952		
♠ 5		♠ AKQ87643	
♥ A9842		♥ J5	
♦ AKQJ		♦ 94	
♣ 1083		♣ 4	
	♠ J92		
	♥ 103		
	♦ 762		
	♣ AQJ76		

Not as it turned out. No-one got close as far as I can tell.

Board 16 had big fits for both sides on which to bid away:

