



Daily Bulletin

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Singapore's Khor Shi-Jie - Peter Haw winners of the APBF Youth Pairs

Khor Shi-Jie - Peter Haw, Singapore, went to be too strong in the 24-pair field that finally qualified for the APBF Youth Pairs final in 2015. By a margin over four percent they won the tournament, the silver medalists come from New Zealand, **Matthew Brown - Victoria Bouton** and the margin in their turn down to the bronze medallists were five percent! Third came **Chen**

Kuan-Yu - Chen Ping-Lin from Chinese Taipei. In the Consolation Pairs **Tang Zhi - Tao Yong**, China eventually won in a close battle with **Cheng Zhiyu - Wang Xihao** also China. The margin down to the third placed pair, again went quite big but Australia's **Max Henbest - Shane Harrison** went third. Good luck to all in the teams that start this morning!

Live Vu-Graph on BBO

10.00	Thailand vs China (Juniors)
13.30	Singapore vs Indonesia (Youngsters)
16.15	Australia vs New Zealand (Juniors)

Today's program

Thursday April 2nd

10.00-12.15	RR1-1 Juniors
13.30-15.45	RR1-2 Juniors, RR1-1 Youngsters and Girls
16.15-18.30	RR1-3 Juniors, RR1-2 Youngsters and Girls



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Sneaky Tricky Pairs

When playing in pairs it's always becomes more difficult when it comes to scoring what you have done, -100 or -90 might be top or bottom meanwhile in teams it's just a clear push. Therefore it requires you to be on your toes so you make sure that you get paid, when it should be done. Just have a look at this hand from The APBF pairs in the second round.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

		♠ Q 6 3 2	
		♥ 9 4 2	
		♦ J 8 4	
		♣ K 8 3	
		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 10px;"> N W E S </div> </div>	
♠ A 10 8		♠ K 9 7 5	
♥ 7 5 3		♥ A 10 8	
♦ A K Q 7		♦ 9 5 3	
♣ 7 4 2		♣ 10 6 5	
		♠ J 4	
		♥ K Q J 6	
		♦ 10 6 2	
		♣ A Q J 9	
West	North	East	South
Zhang	Kuenkhum	Wang	Saekow
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠*	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Having 20 HCPs on each of the sides it was for sure to be a battle about who was going to play. Here the Thailand juniors "won" the auction against the Chinese girl pair. But when Zhang-Wang kicked off with four rounds of diamonds and attacked spades before declarer could set up his hearts Saekow was doomed to go one down when the Chinese girls quickly made sure of cashing their spades when declarer attacked hearts. One off was still 100 instead of the 90 they would have got as declarers.



Charnrit Khongthanasarat happy to double!

50 match points for that to the Chinese girls while the Thai juniors got 22 when the scores came out. Remarkably (almost half the field) 16 North-South pairs was allowed to make one notrump and at four tables even with an overtrick when the other half of the field defeated one notrump.

Charnrit Khongthanasarat (playing with Vatcharapol Jiamjittont) was the player of this board who with an aggressive business double and defending it correctly got a clear top. Well done we say – and that's how pairs should be played.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

		♠ A Q 9 6	
		♥ A 10 7	
		♦ A K	
		♣ Q 9 5 4	
		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 10px;"> N W E S </div> </div>	
♠ K J 8 5		♠ 10 7 4 3 2	
♥ K 9 2		♥ 4 3	
♦ J 9 8 6		♦ Q 5 4	
♣ J 2		♣ 10 8 6	
		♠ -	
		♥ Q J 8 6 5	
		♦ 10 7 3 2	
		♣ A K 7 3	
West	North	East	South
Zhang	Kuenkhum	Wang	Saekow
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Three spades asked for a cue bid and three notrump told about a spade control, after that South gave up and just bid game, North without a club control had nothing to do then pass. A cue bid of four clubs, followed by four diamonds and five clubs would for sure have put the Thai pair in a slam when North held what he did.

Now Zhang led the eight of diamonds. South realizing that they most probably had missed a great slam tried to play for the king of hearts being offside and things not behaving by cashing the ace of diamonds, cross to hand with a club, ruff a diamond and cash the ace of spades throwing away the diamond loser before trying to drop the king of hearts when he called for the ace from the dummy. When the king didn't appear and it was onside, that was as bad as anything could be for the Thai Juniors. 56 match points to the Chinese Girl pair!

Meet three of the Thai teams



Thailand Junior

Sirawich Thongtra, 23, from Bangkok and like teaching.

Vatcharapol Jiamjitton, 23, from Bangkok and like watching movies when not sleeping.

Kridsada Promjak, 23, from Chiangmai. Like reading.

Charnrit Khongthanarat, 23, from Lamphun. Like to play scrabble.

Petdaroon Khueankham, 20, from Lumphun. Like singing.

Sundusit Saekaw, 22, from Chiangmai. Like to read books.

>>>They are all from left to right!<<<

Thailand Girls 1

Sirada Lertpimonchai, 23, studying at the Chulalongkorn University from Bangkok. Like eating!

Phatsavee Lawtrakulngam, 21, studying at Chiangmai University from Chiangmai. Like watching movies.

Thanjira Prangsri, 23, studying in Songklanakarin University from Songkhla. Like to listen to music.

Saowalak Khongkaew, 25, studying in Songklanakarin University from Trang. Like to play badminton.

Phattharin Lawtrakulngam, 25, studying at the Chulalongkorn university from Chiangmai. Like watching movies.

Racha Thamtaksin, 24, studying at Khonkaen University from Khonkaen. Like to read books.



>>>They are all from left to right!<<<



Thailand Youngsters 1

Sirawitch Rattanaprathetong, 18, from Bangkok and like gaming.

Ailada Jantawong, 20, from Bangkok and like singing.

Hutna Kawised, 17, from phuket and like singing.

Prangthip Meetong, 17, from Bangkok and like anime.

Kittiya Chen, 14, from Bangkok and like singing.

Suangsuda Kalampa, 17, from Bangkok and like singing.

NPCs and Coaches

We would be very happy to make a team photo of your team and publish it. Contact the bulletin office between the playing areas for more information.

Official Program for the 20th APBF Youth Teams Championships

Thursday April 2nd

10.00-12.15 RR1-1 | Juniors
13.30-15.45 RR1-2 | Juniors, RR1-1 | Youngsters and Girls
16.15-18.30 RR1-3 | Juniors, RR1-2 | Youngsters and Girls

Sunday April 5th

10.00-12.15 RR2-1 | Juniors
13.30-15.45 RR2-2 | Juniors, RR2-1 | Youngsters and Girls
16.15-18.30 RR2-3 | Juniors, RR2-2 | Youngsters and Girls

Friday April 3rd

10.00-12.15 RR1-4 | Juniors, RR1-3 | Youngsters and Girls
13.30-15.45 RR1-5 | Juniors, RR1-4 | Youngsters and Girls
16.15-18.30 RR1-6 | Juniors, RR1-5 | Youngsters and Girls

Monday April 6th

10.00-12.15 RR2-4 | Juniors, RR2-3 | Youngsters and Girls
13.30-15.45 RR2-5 | Juniors, RR2-4 | Youngsters and Girls
16.15-18.30 RR2-6 | Juniors, RR2-5 | Youngsters and Girls

Saturday April 4th

10.00-12.15 RR1-7 | Juniors, RR1-6 | Youngsters and Girls
13.30-15.45 RR1-8 | Juniors, RR1-7 | Youngsters and Girls
16.15-18.30 RR1-9 | Juniors

Tuesday April 7th

10.00-12.15 RR2-7 | Juniors, RR2-6 | Youngsters and Girls
13.30-15.45 RR2-8 | Juniors, RR2-7 | Youngsters and Girls
16.15-18.30 RR2-9 | Juniors,
19.30- Prize Giving Ceremony and Victory Dinner

Follow the Championships on the official website www.thailandbridgeleague.com/apbfyouth

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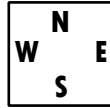
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Bridge Problem 2

South/
None

♠ A J 10 8
♥ K 10 8 7 6
♦ 3
♣ A 9 7



♠ K Q 9
♥ A 5 4 3
♦ A 9
♣ K 10 8 5

West	North	East	South
			INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: The two of diamonds, odd by the rule of 1-3-5.

Notrump opening followed by a Stayman, checking for majors, took you to 6 hearts.

You win the opening lead with the ace of diamonds and play ace and king of trumps. You now discover that East has a trick in trumps when the suit didn't break. How to continue?

Badges

Only players **with** badges will be allowed in the playing area!

Important information

Please note that the following are strictly forbidden in the pair and team events:

1. Yellow (HUM) Systems and Brown Sticker Conventions.
2. Psychic bids protected by system or required by system.
3. Psychic of artificial or conventional opening bids.
4. Random Openings.

Please also note that system changes must be submitted through the NPC using the APBF prescribed form and be approved by the Chief Tournament Director before they can be used.

This day in history

April 2

2005 - Pope John Paul II Dies

On this day in 2005, John Paul II, history's most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century, dies at his home in the Vatican. Six days later, two million people packed Vatican City for his funeral, said to be the biggest funeral in history.

1992 - Mob boss John Gotti convicted of murder

A jury in New York finds mobster John Gotti, nicknamed the Teflon Don for his ability to elude conviction, guilty on 13 counts, including murder and racketeering. In the wake of the conviction, the assistant director of the FBI's New York office, James Fox, was quoted as saying, "The don is covered in Velcro, and every charge stuck." On June 23 of that year, Gotti was sentenced to life in prison, dealing a significant blow to organized crime.

1979 - Anthrax poisoning kills 62 in Russia

The world's first anthrax epidemic begins in Ekaterinburg, Russia (now Sverdlosk), on this day in 1979. By the time it ended six weeks later, 62 people were dead. Another 32 survived serious illness.

1982 - Argentina invades Falklands

On April 2, 1982, Argentina invades the Falklands Islands, a British colony since 1892 and British possession since 1833. Argentine amphibious forces rapidly overcame the small garrison of British marines at the town of Stanley on East Falkland and the next day seized the dependent territories of South Georgia.

1972 - Charlie Chaplin returns

Charlie Chaplin prepares for return to United States after two decades. On this day in 1972, the great silent film actor and filmmaker Charlie Chaplin prepares for his first voyage to the United States since 1952, when he was denied a re-entry visa amid questions about his leftist politics.

1972 - Vietnam War

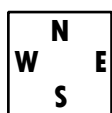
North Vietnamese troops capture part of Quang Tri Soldiers of Hanoi's 304th Division, supported by Soviet-made tanks and heavy artillery, take the northern half of the Quang Tri province. This left only Quang Tri City (the combat base on the outskirts of the city) and Dong Ha in South Vietnamese hands. South Vietnam's 3rd Division commander Brig.

Answer Bridge Problem 2

Play a spade to your hand and ruff the last diamond. Cash your spades in the hope of that East then might be end-played. If both opponents follow suit in three rounds you should pull the brake and think about what you know.

The full board:

	♠ A J 10 8	
	♥ K 10 8 7 6	
	♦ 3	
	♣ A 9 7	
♠ 4 3 2		♠ 7 6 5
♥ 2		♥ Q J 9
♦ Q 10 6 4 2		♦ K J 8 7 5
♣ Q J 6 4		♣ 3 2
	♠ K Q 9	
	♥ A 5 4 3	
	♦ A 9	
	♣ K 10 8 5	



You know that West had five diamonds (the opening lead), a singleton heart and three spades. This puts West with four clubs, therefore East has to have two clubs.

Continue with the ace and king of clubs and throw East in on a trump to get a throw and discard since he only have diamonds left to score your slam.

If you play your fourth spade, before cashing the ace-king of clubs, East will ruff and return a club to set the contract.

If it shows that West have four or more spades, you may cash the last spade before East will be thrown in on trumps. The hope then is that East is forced to make a club return which help you to solve the “frozen” suit. If you believe the club honors are split between the defenders that line give you the best chance of making the contract.

Hungry for Lunch?

Hotel policy requires coupon for lunch. Therefore, kindly send one representative from each country to pick up these coupons from Dr Auraya/Am-porn at the System desk located (near the Line Up desk in the Lobby area).

World Championships

The top three Zone 6 finishers in each series will earn the right to represent the Zone in the next World Youth Teams Championships that will be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy. The Championships will be played 3rd-13th of August 2016.

Quizz - Capitals in the world

1. What is the capital of USA?

1. London X. Washington DC 2. Dubai

2. What is the capital of Germany?

1. Munich X. Frankfurt 2. Berlin

3. What is the capital of Kenya?

1. Addis Ababa X. Mombasa 2. Nairobi

4. What is the capital of Brazil?

1. Rio de Janeiro X. Brasilia 2. Sao Paolo

5. What is the capital of Italy?

1. Sicily X. Milan 2. Rome

6. What is the capital of Cameroon?

1. Yaounde X. N'Djamena 2. Abuja

7. What is the capital of Spain?

1. Lisbon X. Barcelona 2. Madrid

8. What is the capital of South Korea?

1. Seoul X. Tokyo 2. Pyongyang

9. What is the capital of Australia?

1. Wellington X. Canberra 2. Sydney

10. What is the capital of Russia?

1. Moscow X. Kiev 2. St. Petersburg

11. What is the capital of Indonesia?

1. Kuala Lumpur X. Manila 2. Jakarta

12. What is the capital of Egypt?

1. Cairo X. Tripoli 2. Abuja



See how many you got right on page 9

Humor in Bridge 1

Daniel Windsor

A bridge professional once said that we are grownups doing something we love and getting paid for it, so we should relax and have fun. Most of us have read many bridge books, but one I really enjoyed the most was Edwin Kantar's Bridge Humor. It teaches very few bridge lessons, other than that we should laugh sometimes. When I first started playing for Thailand in 1984, I was impressed by how friendly and helpful the players were at this level. The more skilled, the more friendly, or so it seemed.

Back to Kantar's book here are my two favorite stories:

In a class for beginners, he had just gone through all the basics of counting points and sorting out distributions. He then placed some hands in front of each student and asked them to write down what their bids would be. Everyone did so, except for one student. So he went up to her and asked her :-

"How many points do you have?"

She said "13".

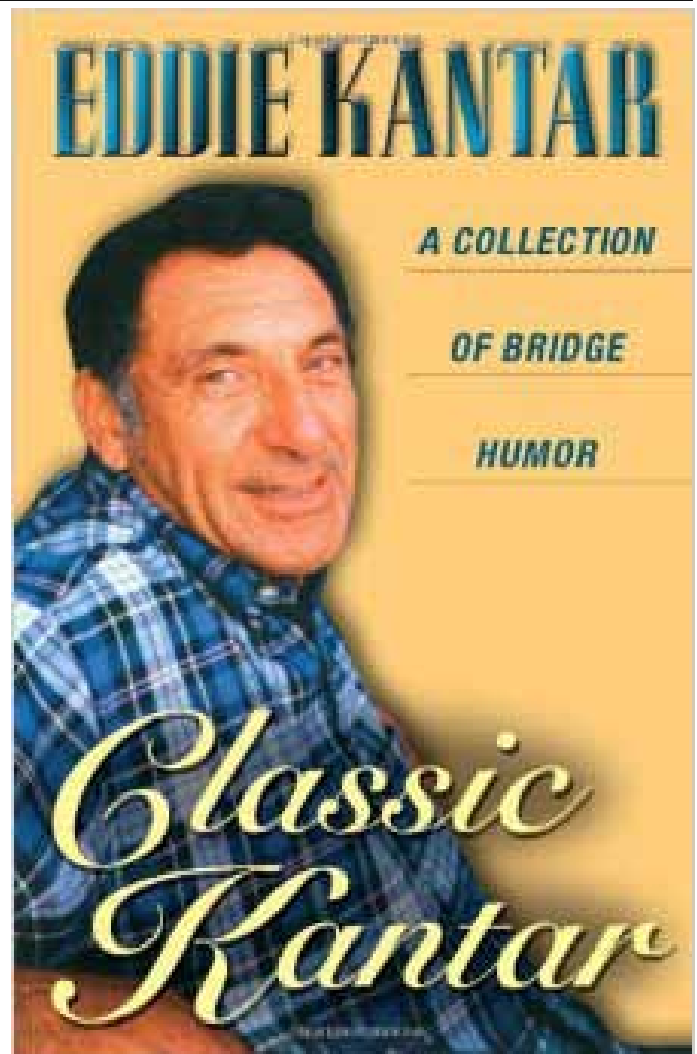
"Good, what is your longest suit"

"Spades, I have 5 of them"

"Good, then bid a spade"

"Yes, I know that, but which spade should I bid?"

In another situation he was playing a Swiss against a mother and daughter. The daughter, who was absolutely gorgeous, was wearing a lovely blouse with a plunging neckline. (Yes, bridge players do notice these things sometimes). He couldn't help it and his eyes kept wondering. Everyone at the table could see this dirty old man



staring. Finally, he forced his attention back to the hand. It turns out they were in a good contract and he realized he could lose one trump trick, but could not afford to lose to a singleton king. So he laid down his ace and the king dropped on his left. After recording the score, they left the table and he overheard the mother say: -"I don't like that man, did you see him trying to look into your hand?"



Happy players before the start of the APBF pairs

The session with Lighter Doubles

Daniel Windsor

I was asked to follow a couple of hands from the first session of the APBF Youth pairs to report for The Bulletin. In the old days it was a lot easier; you just chose a hand and followed it as it moved from table to table. Now, the hand is in play simultaneously at 15 tables and you have only one round to do so.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 3		♠ AKQJ98765
♥ J43		♥ 5
♦ QJ8652		♦ 10
♣ AQ8		♣ J7
♠ T4	<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>S</div> <div>E</div>	
♥ KQ10962		
♦ 73		
♣ 1042		
♠ 2		
♥ A87		
♦ AK94		
♣ K9653		

West	North Chittiphon	East	South Wichuda
1♥	DbI	1♠	2♦
Pass	4♦	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	



Wichuda happy declarer

This was the auction when Chittiphon and Wichuda were North-South. I don't often get dealt a solid nine card spade suit, so when I do, I don't stop bidding. East played a sly game and was hoping to be doubled at a lower level. I guess when your suit is spades, you can do that sometimes. It didn't work out here though. South did well to pass five spades and North reward her by bidding the cold slam. Only five pairs were allowed to play in six diamonds.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

	♠ J 9 6 5				
	♥ A Q 10 9				
	♦ A K 7 5 2				
	♣ —				
♠ A K 10 7 3 2	<div>W N E S</div>			♠ 8 4	
♥ —				♥ J 7 6 2	
♦ J 6				♦ Q 9	
♣ A J 10 9 4				♣ 7 6 5 3 2	
	♠ Q				
	♥ K 8 5 4 3				
	♦ 10 8 4 3				
	♣ K 10 8				

Don't you just hate it when you pick up a gorgeous hand only to find that opponents might have a slam? This was one of two hands in this session where a Lightner Double might have been used to gain a trick. Six diamonds is actually cold with South as dealer, but how do we get



Chittiphon bidding the good slam!

there. Maybe a cue bid to show top 2 suits? Six hearts is interesting but the same bad break might doom you. West leads the ace of spades and then plays a small club, can u make it if you ruff? I don't think so.

Almost right, West's killing lead is a top spade and then a diamond. Declarer will be locked in dummy and can't make the ruffing finesse in clubs without using the entrance in trumps. And since trumps split bad you can't afford to do that with your aim of getting twelve tricks. With the ace of spades and a club in the lead, declarer may discard and run it to hand to get his well needed entrance to ruff another club, pull trumps and claim the contracts when diamonds were divided 2-2. / Editors note.

The last hand of the day was another intriguing hand.

♠ 8 5 3	♠ Q 6 4	♠ J 2
♥ 9 4 3	♥ J T 7 6	♥ K Q 8 5 2
♦ Q 9 8 5	♦ A 2	♦ —
♣ K 3 2	♣ A Q T 6	♣ J 9 8 7 5 4
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ A K T 9 7	
	♥ A	
	♦ K J T 7 6 4 3	
	♣ —	

Once again we have a hand where a Lightner Double could apply, but it's hard to find when you hold only

four diamonds. I followed the play at a lot of tables. One (which shall remain un-named to protect the guilty) where the final contract was seven spades in fact, it was bid five times without a double, so I assume there was no double lead. If this was true then I am surprised that it was always down.

A heart was led after East bid his suit (or a spade as at the table I watched). You play a spade to the queen and back to the ace. It is quite standard to leave the last trump out and play diamonds. If it is ruffed, too bad, you were not going to make it anyway. However, virtue is rewarded here. These card remains:

♠ 8	♠ 6	♠ —
♥ 4 3	♥ T 7 6	♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ Q 9 8 3	♦ A 2	♦ —
♣ K 3 2	♣ A Q T 6	♣ J 9 8 7 5 4
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ K T 7	
	♥ —	
	♦ K J T 7 6 4 3	
	♣ —	

When you lead a diamond again you and East shows out, but doesn't have a trump, the hand is an open book. Play a diamond to your ace and play the jack for a ruffing finesse.



More happy players in the APBF Youth Pairs

Husbands for Sale

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Dalhart, Texas, where a woman may go to choose a husband.

Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

"You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!** There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!"

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

"Floor 1 - These men Have Jobs."

She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads:

"Floor 2 - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids."

'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.'

So she continues upwards. The third floor sign reads:

"Floor 3 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good-Looking."

'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads:

"Floor 4 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good-Looking and Help With Housework."

'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:



"Floor 5 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak."

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

"Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store."

PLEASE NOTE:

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street. The first floor has wives that love sex. The second floor has wives that love sex, have money, and like beer.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors have never been visited.

Thanks to Mr Roland Wald - who always find the funny stories.

Reminder

All players are reminded to check and confirm the scores entered in the BridgeMate II. Should there be a dispute afterwards otherwise, the scores from the BridgeMate II will be accepted unless the results are undoubtedly incorrect.



Answers; Capital Quizz

- | | | |
|-----|---|---------------|
| 1. | X | Washington DC |
| 2. | 2 | Berlin |
| 3. | 2 | Nairobi |
| 4. | X | Brasilia |
| 5. | 2 | Rome |
| 6. | 1 | Yaounde |
| 7. | 2 | Madrid |
| 8. | 1 | Seoul |
| 9. | X | Canberra |
| 10. | 1 | Moscow |
| 11. | 2 | Jakarta |
| 12. | 1 | Cairo |

Help needed!

This bulletin is produced with a very small Bulletin staff. If you play brilliantly, miss an opportunity or have anything to tell, please drop by in the Bulletin office and give your story. You may also e-mail it to mme@svensskbridge.se.

Thanks!

From the Archives - World Youth Championships in Tai Cang

China vs Pakistan

Brian Senior

We begin our coverage of the Juniors championship with a look at our hosts, China, one of the teams we would expect to see reach the knockout stages. Their opponents, Pakistan, are less experienced and may struggle to make the knockouts, though their team does include Anam Tebha, who represented USA in Opatija last year in the World Youth Championships.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

		♠ J 10 8 7 4	
		♥ 5	
		♦ A Q 7 3	
		♣ A K J	
♠ K 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> NE </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> WS </div> </div>	♠ A 9 6 5	
♥ J 9		♥ K Q 8 6 4 2	
♦ K 9 6		♦ J 6 2	
♣ Q 8 6 5 4 3		♣ —	
	♠ Q 2		
	♥ A 10 7 3		
	♦ 10 8 5		
	♣ 10 9 7 2		

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
—	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
2NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
—	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

The two auctions followed pretty routine lines up to South's 2♠ call. Both Wests now competed the partscore but chose different ways of doing so. For China, Yinpei Shao tried 3♣ and, looking at a club void, Junjie Hu quickly converted to 3♥, ending the auction. At the other table, Tebha preferred 2NT and Oosman Bashir had less reason to over-rule his partner, leaving her to declare 2NT.

Zain Khan led the queen of spades against 3♥. Hu won dummy's king and ruffed a club then crossruffed spades and clubs before passing the jack of diamonds to North's queen. Mirza Hussain returned his fifth spade but Hu ruffed high and, when Khan discarded, played a second diamond. Khan was obliged to ruff that as he was down to nothing but trumps and was now endplayed to give declarer his ninth trick with the queen of trumps – nicely played for +140.

Two No Trump was less successful. Jiang led the jack of spades, which Tebha won with the king. She played the

heart jack, ducked, then a second heart to the king and ace, Jiang pitching a spade. Yichao Chen returned the ten of clubs to the queen and king and cashed two more clubs then exited with a spade to dummy's ace. Tebha cashed the heart queen then ran the jack of diamonds. Jiang won the queen and cashed the ten of spades before exiting with ace and another diamond. Tebha won the king but had to give the last trick to Chen's club ten for down three; –150 and 7 IMPs to China.

On the second board, the Chinese made INT in one room and defeated it in the other to pick up a further 5 IMPs, and there was even better news for our hosts on Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

		♠ A 10 6 2	
		♥ —	
		♦ A 10 7 4	
		♣ Q 10 8 7 3	
♠ 7 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> NE </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> WS </div> </div>	♠ K 8 5	
♥ Q 10 8 7 5		♥ A 9 6	
♦ 5 2		♦ K 8 6 3	
♣ A 9 6 2		♣ K J 5	
	♠ Q J 9 4		
	♥ K J 4 3 2		
	♦ Q J 9		
	♣ 4		

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Jiang opened in third seat and, when Chen gave only a simple raise at his second turn, a safe partscore was reached. Bashir led a diamond against 2♠. Jiang won the queen and led a club to the ten and jack and back came a trump. He put up dummy's queen and, when that held, led a diamond to the ace and crossruffed clubs and hearts. When the fourth club was led, Bashir ruffed in front of dummy with the king and returned his remaining trump. Declarer had a club to cash so made nine tricks for +140.

Hussain did not open the North hand, giving Hu an

opportunity to open the East hand with INT and, after a pass from Khan, who might have come in with some kind of two-suited bid, Shao transferred to hearts. When the completion came around, Hussain had the perfect hand for a balancing double which, perhaps unwisely, Khan left in.

Khan led his singleton club to the queen and king. Hu led the six of hearts from hand and, when Khan played low, ran it. Hu now switched his attention to clubs, attempting to cash the jack – ruffed. Khan returned the queen of diamonds. Hussain won the ace and underled his ace of spades but Hu had no guess so went in with the king. He played ace and another heart to Khan's king and Khan led a spade to his partner's ace. Hu ruffed the spade continuation, drew the last trump and had a club and a diamond to cash; eight tricks for +670 and 13 IMPs to China, ahead now by 25-0.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p> ♠ 7 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ A Q 8 6 5 3 2 </p>			
<p> ♠ 9 8 2 ♥ A 8 7 4 3 ♦ Q J ♣ J 7 4 </p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p> ♠ A K 4 ♥ K 10 9 6 5 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ K 9 </p>	
<p> ♠ Q J 10 6 5 3 ♥ J ♦ A 8 7 3 2 ♣ 10 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
–	–	–	2♠
Pass	3♣	3NT	4♦
4♥	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
–	–	–	2♠
Pass	2NT	3♥	Pass
4♥	5♣	Dble	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Both Souths opened with a two-suited 2♠. Jiang responded 3♣, pass or correct, and Bashir overcalled 3NT. Expecting support for both minors for the 3♣ call, Chen competed with 4♦ but, when Tebha now bid 4♥, had no reason to keep bidding. Jiang led his spade against 4♥. Tebha could win, draw trumps and play on diamonds to establish a discard for her third spade, so lost just the minor-suit aces; +650.

Hussain responded 2NT to ask for the second suit and Hu overcalled 3♥. When that was raised to game, Hussain judged to save. He tried 5♣ but, when that was doubled, Khan ran to 5♦ and, when that too was doubled, corrected himself to 5♠, a dubious action given that

partner rated to have some diamonds but had suggested spade shortage. Five Spades was also doubled, ending the auction.

Shao led a trump, which did Khan no harm at all. Hu won and switched to a low heart, Khan ruffing the second round. He played a spade and Hu won and, giving up on the forcing game, switched to a low diamond. Khan ducked that to the jack and back came the queen. He could win, give up a diamond to establish the suit and, on ruffing the heart return, draw the missing trumps and cash out for down three; –800 and 4 IMPs to China.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p> ♠ K 7 6 5 3 ♥ K ♦ K 10 8 6 2 ♣ 5 3 </p>			
<p> ♠ A J ♥ A 10 ♦ Q 9 5 4 ♣ Q J 10 8 2 </p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p> ♠ 10 9 4 ♥ Q 9 8 7 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ 9 7 4 </p>	
<p> ♠ Q 8 2 ♥ J 6 5 3 2 ♦ J 3 ♣ A K 6 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
1♦	1♠	Dble	2♥
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Shao opened INT and, though Hussain had the distribution to come in, lacked the necessary high-card strength. He passed and passed again when Hu transferred and Shao completed. Hussain led the six of diamonds to the seven, jack and queen. Shao cashed the ace of hearts and the king appeared on his left. He now tried the jack of spades, setting up a potential ruff without giving up control of the suit, but Khan won the queen and returned a low heart to kill the ruff. Shao won the ten and played the jack of clubs. Khan won the king and returned a diamond to the ace so Shao played a second club. Khan won and played a spade to the ace. Shao played two winning clubs, pitching the spade from the dummy as Khan ruffed. A spade exit meant that Khan had another trump trick to come but Shao had eight for +110.

In the other room, Tebha opened 1♦ and Jiang could overcall at the one level. The Chinese pair were always going to win the auction now and Jiang eventually declared 3♠. Bashir cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to the ten of spades to the queen and Tebha's ace, neither of which plays caused declarer to lose any sleep. Tebha switched to ace and another heart, ruffed by Jiang,

who crossed to a top club to run the jack of diamonds. When that held, he crossed to the king of spades to play the diamond king. Though that was ruffed, that was the last trick for the defence; +140 and 6 IMPs to China. The lead was up to 36-0 at the halfway point in the match.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p> ♠ 2 ♥ K 7 6 5 4 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ A 10 6 3 </p>			
<p> ♠ 7 ♥ A J 10 8 2 ♦ 10 9 8 7 ♣ K Q 2 </p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	<p> ♠ K Q J 10 5 4 ♥ 9 ♦ A K Q 5 4 ♣ J </p>	
<p> ♠ A 9 8 6 3 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 2 ♣ 9 8 7 5 4 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Both Easts opened 1♠ and jumped to 3♦ at their next turn. Shao now looked at his soft club values and lack of a top diamond and simply jumped to the diamond game, ending the auction. Tebha was more adventurous. She bid 3♥ and, when Bashir now went back to spades, leaped to the diamond slam. Was their a misunderstanding, with Tebha intending 3♥ to be a cuebid and so taking the 3♠ response as showing the ace? Whatever she was expecting, she was swiftly disappointed. Chen led the nine of clubs so Jiang won his ace and switched to the spade singleton. He was able to over-ruff the next spade for two down; -100. Perhaps there was hope for Pakistan, as 5♦ could also be defeated?

Alas, no. Khan led the eight of clubs and Hussain duly won the ace and returned his spade for the king and ace. But Khan did not spot the possibility of the over-ruff, though it is hard to see how his actual club return could ever be better than playing a second spade. Hu won the club, drew trumps and claimed eleven tricks for +400 and 11 IMPs to China.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p> ♠ A 9 7 6 5 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A 7 3 </p>			
<p> ♠ K ♥ A K 9 8 7 6 ♦ Q J ♣ K J 9 8 </p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	<p> ♠ Q 4 3 ♥ J ♦ A K 9 8 3 ♣ Q 5 4 2 </p>	
<p> ♠ J 10 8 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ 10 6 5 4 ♣ 10 6 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
1♥	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Both Wests opened 1♥ and both Norths overcalled at the one level. Bashir bid his diamonds and followed through with 3NT when Tebha jumped in hearts. Having already shown her hearts and also holding help in spades, Tebha saw no reason to remove 3NT. Chen led the jack of spades to the king and ace and Jiang continued the suit, Bashir winning the third round. He led the jack of hearts to the ace, just in case there might be a possible queen-ten doubleton. No luck there, so he next played the king of clubs. Jiang won and cashed the spades for down two; -200.

Hu preferred to launch the East hand with a negative double and, when Shao jumped to 3♥ in response, tried 3♠, appreciating that he might need help in spades to make 3NT. Though Shao had something in spades, the bare king didn't look ideal for a bid of 3NT and he instead relied on his good heart suit. Hussain led ace and another spade to dummy's queen. Shao played hearts from the top and, when the queen fell, had only to concede one heart and the ace of clubs; +620 and 13 IMPs to China.

The hosts had played a very good match and deserved their big win, while Pakistan had perhaps not played as badly as the final result suggests. China won by 68-0 IMPs, which converted to 25-1 VPs.

Thanks to Brian Senior for giving us the right to publish something from the past... Editor

APBF Youth Pairs - Qualification

#	Total	%	Players	NBO
1	1147,8	66,42	Gabriela Bindi - Fransisca	INA
2	1098,5	63,57	Andy Pramana - Kukuh Indrayana	INA
3	1041,5	60,27	Wang Wan - Zhang Runnan	CHN
4	1020,5	59,06	Ella Pattison - Renee Cooper	AUS
5	1019,8	59,01	Matthew Brown - Victoria Bouton	NZL
6	1011,3	58,52	Khor Shi-Jie - Peter Haw	SIN
6	1011,3	58,52	Glenn Coutts - Andi Boughey	NZL
8	1000,8	57,91	A. Angel Soputra - Ratna Ningtiyas	INA
9	986,5	57,09	Zhou Ming Yang - Zhu Xin Chen	SIN
10	984	56,94	C. Khongthanarat - V. Jiamjitton	THA
11	983,8	56,93	Joeseph Kang - Toh Zhen Huai	SIN
12	982,3	56,84	Lo Chi-Hsuan - Sun Li Jen	TPE
13	964,3	55,8	N. Sirisanyalak - R. Rungarun	THA
14	959,8	55,54	Monica Ayu Triana - Nettin Erinda	INA
15	959,3	55,51	Krystal Fang - Joyce Leung	CHK
16	950,5	55,01	Rebecca Wood - Dominic Evans	NZL
17	949,8	54,96	Kosuke Ito - Yuki Harada	JPN
18	939,8	54,38	Chen Kuan-Yu - Chen Ping-Lin	TPE
19	935,3	54,12	S. Khongkaew - T. Prangsri	THA
20	930	53,82	Liu Shuo - Liu Sili	CHN
21	925,3	53,54	Sun Shiyu - Wei Hongji	CHN
22	924,3	53,49	Fang Zhengyang - Yin Yichen	CHN
23	921,3	53,31	P. Kuenkhum - S. Saekow	THA
24	916,8	53,05	Ali Akbar - Muhammad Hasyimi	INA
25	915,5	52,98	Tang Zhi - Tao Yong	CHN
26	913,8	52,88	Naoto Katagiri - Shutaro Mitomo	JPN
27	910,8	52,71	Junaidi - Wellya Azis	INA
28	903,5	52,29	Chou Fang Ju - Chou Yun Hsien	TPE
29	900,5	52,11	Deng Xiaojing - Yu Xiuting	CHN
30	891,5	51,59	Kimmy Kam - Selina Leung	CHK
31	889,3	51,46	J. Thompson - S. Williams	AUS
32	889,1	51,45	Ruby Hui - Elaine Lu	CHK
33	887,8	51,37	Eishi Imakiire - Koki Kobayashi	JPN
34	882,5	51,07	Lee Yi Hsien - Wu Meng Fei	TPE
35	880,3	50,94	Lim Jing Xuan - Yeo Hui Teng	SIN
36	876,5	50,72	Vila Rosa - Yessi Grasella	INA
37	875,8	50,68	Tadahiro Kikuchi - Takahiro Honda	JPN
38	865,3	50,07	Dong Muyun - Ren Siyu	SIN
39	860,3	49,78	K. Promjak - Sirawich Thongtra	THA
40	856,3	49,55	P. Lawtrakulngam - R. Thamtaaksin	THA
41	850,8	49,23	Jaycee Urriquia - Nika Francisco	PHI
42	848,5	49,1	Chou Che-Min - Su Yi-Yen	TPE
43	842,3	48,74	Lee Ching-Hung - Liu Tzu-Hao	TPE
44	841,5	48,7	C. Chopsungngen - W. Wetchaklang	THA
45	828,8	47,96	K. C. Catbagan - Mark Jason Celiz	PHI
46	827,3	47,87	Liu Chia Ling - Peng Li Chun	TPE
47	825,8	47,79	Restu Narendra - W.A. Budiono	INA
48	824,5	47,71	Chen Yanfeng - Xia Xinyu	CHN
49	811,5	46,96	S. Ruanbun - Tatiyaporn Cottanoo	THA
50	808,8	46,8	Chiu Chuei-Min - Hsieh Yuan-Hua	TPE
51	803,8	46,51	K. Chen - S. Rattanaprateeptong	THA
52	801,3	46,37	Cheng Zhiyu - Wang Xihao	CHN
53	800,5	46,33	Max Henbest - Shane Harrison	AUS
54	793,5	45,92	Bay Wei Heng - Derek Neo	SIN
55	786,5	45,52	Niko Man - Sam Tseng	CHK
56	785,3	45,44	Chang Kuei Chia - Wu Tsai Ni	TPE
57	783,8	45,36	T. Katayama - Tomoaki Nakanishi	JPN
57	783,8	45,36	Guan Andi - Liu Jing	CHN
59	775,3	44,86	Kenneth Chan - Li Shaowu	SIN
60	770,5	44,59	P. Prasert - Thapanee Chaiyasing	THA
61	769,3	44,52	Chen Kuan Hsuan - Chiu Yun-Ju	TPE
62	761,3	44,05	P. Lawtrakulngam - S. Lertpimonchai	THA
63	760,3	44	Shuta Eguchi - Toshikazu Nakao	JPN
64	750,8	43,45	Hsieh I-Ming - Hsieh I-Yen	TPE
65	744,5	43,08	Chang Chia Chi - Chen I Chun	TPE
66	721,8	41,77	Liu Yu Chen - Yu Yuxiang	SIN
67	718,5	41,58	Crystal Tang - Joyce Tung	CHK
68	717,8	41,54	Chris Chan - Dominic Wong	CHK
69	709,8	41,07	Germaine Gan - Leong Jia Min	SIN
70	691,5	40,02	Azizah Umami - Siti Nurdiana	INA
71	689,5	39,9	A. Jantawong - S. Kalampa	THA
72	674,5	39,03	A. Wanchaithanawong - P. Junjiaichai	THA
73	657,3	38,04	H. Kawised - Prangthip Meetong	THA
74	606,8	35,11	H. F. de Vera - Justin Paul Dumayag	PHI

The first 24 pairs from the qualification continued in the final. All other played on in the consolation pairs.



Fransisca - Gabriela Bindi, Indonesia, winners of the Qualification in the 2015 APBF Youth Pairs.



Results APBF Youth Pairs Final

#	Total	%	Players	NBO
1	344	65,15	Khor Shi-Jie - Peter Haw	SCBA
2	323	61,17	Matthew Brown - Victoria Bouton	NZBI
3	296	56,06	Chen Kuan-Yu - Chen Ping-Lin	CTCBA
4	293	55,49	Fang Zhengyang - Yin Yichen	CCBA
5	292	55,3	Charnrit Khongthananarat - Vatcharapol Jiamjitton	CBLT
	292	55,3	Liu Shuo - Liu Sili	CCBA
7	289	54,73	Nisanart Sirisanyalak - Raweewan Rungarun	CBLT
8	284	53,79	Petdaroon Kuenkhum - Sundusit Saekow	CBLT
9	272	51,52	Rebecca Wood - Dominic Evans	NZBI
10	271	51,33	Glenn Coutts - Andi Boughey	NZBI
11	267	50,57	Saowalak Khongkaew - Thanjira Prangsri	CBLT
12	266	50,38	Ella Pattison - Renee Cooper	ABF
13	264	50	Aurellia Angel Soputra - Ratna Ningtiyas	GABSI
14	257	48,67	Andy Pramana - Kukuh Indrayana	GABSI
15	253	47,92	Krystal Fang - Joyce Leung	HKCBA
	253	47,92	Kosuke Ito - Yuki Harada	JCBL
17	251	47,54	Lo Chi-Hsuan - Sun Li Jen	CTCBA
18	244	46,21	Gabriela Bindi - Fransisca	GABSI
19	243	46,02	Wang Wan - Zhang Runnan	CCBA
20	226	42,8	Sun Shiyu - Wei Hongji	CCBA
21	219	41,48	Monica Ayu Triana - Nettin Erinda	GABSI
22	216	40,91	Ali Akbar - Muhammad Hasyimi	GABSI
23	214	40,53	Zhou Ming Yang - Zhu Xin Chen	SCBA
24	207	39,2	Joesph Kang - Toh Zhen Huai	SCBA



Results APBF Youth Pairs Consolation

#	Total	%	Players	NBO
1	656,8	65,16	Tang Zhi - Tao Yong	CCBA
2	655,4	65,02	Cheng Zhiyu - Wang Xihao	CCBA
3	627,5	62,25	Max Henbest - Shane Harrison	ABF
4	591,5	58,68	Eishi Imakiire - Koki Kobayashi	JCBL
5	587,9	58,32	Hsieh I-Ming - Hsieh I-Yen	CTCBA
6	578,6	57,4	Dong Muyun - Ren Siyu	SCBA
7	564,1	55,97	Lee Ching-Hung - Liu Tzu-Hao	CTCBA
8	560,1	55,57	Tadahiro Kikuchi - Takahiro Honda	JCBL
9	558,4	55,39	Liu Chia Ling - Peng Li Chun	CTCBA
10	549,6	54,53	Jamie Thompson - Stephen Williams	ABF
11	548,9	54,45	Niko Man - Sam Tseng	HKCBA
12	539,1	53,48	Restu Narendra - Welly Agus Budiono	GABSI
13	538,1	53,38	Phatsavee Lawtrakulngam - Sirada Lertpimonchai	CBLT
14	531,5	52,73	Liu Yu Chen - Yu Yuxiang	SCBA
15	530,8	52,65	Ruby Hui - Elaine Lu	HKCBA
16	527,2	52,3	Hatna Kawised - Prangthip Meetong	CBLT
17	526,9	52,27	Chang Kuei Chia - Wu Tsai Ni	CTCBA
18	524,5	52,04	Setthawut Ruanbun - Tatiyaporn Cottanoo	CBLT
19	523,4	51,92	Junaidi - Wellya Azis	GABSI
20	520,5	51,63	Vila Rosa - Yessi Grasella	GABSI
21	508,1	50,41	Azizah Umami - Siti Nurdiana	GABSI
22	505,4	50,14	Kenneth Chan - Li Shaowu	SCBA
23	501,9	49,79	Lee Yi Hsien - Wu Meng Fei	CTCBA
24	498	49,4	Chen Kuan Hsuan - Chiu Yun-Ju	CTCBA
25	496,6	49,27	Kittiya Chen - Sirawitch Rattanaprateeptong	CBLT
26	493,5	48,96	Phattharin Lawtrakulngam - Racha Thamtaksin	CBLT
27	491	48,71	Takanori Katayama - Tomoaki Nakanishi	JCBL
28	481	47,72	Homer Franz de Vera - Justin Paul Dumayag	PTBA
29	477,9	47,41	Ailada Jantawong - Suangsuda Kalampa	CBLT
30	476,9	47,31	Jaycee Urriquia - Nika Francisco	PTBA
31	467,5	46,38	Chang Chia Chi - Chen I Chun	CTCBA
32	466,4	46,27	Naoto Katagiri - Shutaro Mitomo	JCBL
33	466,1	46,24	Chris Chan - Dominic Wong	HKCBA
34	460,1	45,65	Germaine Gan - Leong Jia Min	SCBA
35	446,2	44,26	Chiu Chuei-Min - Hsieh Yuan-Hua	CTCBA
36	444,1	44,06	Ananya Wanchaithanawong - Phakawin Junjiawchai	CBLT
37	443,2	43,97	Chou Fang Ju - Chou Yun Hsien	CTCBA
38	430,5	42,71	Bay Wei Heng - Derek Neo	SCBA
39	428	42,46	Kimmy Kam - Selina Leung	HKCBA
40	424	42,06	Kevin Christopher Catbagan - Mark Jason Celiz	PTBA
41	423,8	42,04	Lim Jing Xuan - Yeo Hui Teng	SCBA
42	421,5	41,82	Shuta Eguchi - Toshikazu Nakao	JCBL
43	400	39,68	Kridsada Promjak - Sirawich Thongtra	CBLT
44	365,9	36,3	Phonphan Prasert - Thapanee Chaiyasing	CBLT
45	353,4	35,06	Chittiphon Chopsungngan - Wichuda Wetchaklang	CBLT