



# 2006 YEH BROS CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Welcome dinner for the players



AT THE END of the first day's play, there was a lavish dinner for all the players with fine music from one of Taiwan's foremost singers, Yeh-Yung Pan (pictured above).

The players appreciated the night. Take the crew to the right - so cool it could be Benny and the Jets.



## Big Mack

Board 8, session six...

W/nil    ♠ A K Q 10 8 5  
          ♡ 10 9 6 5 3  
          ♦ -  
          ♣ K 3

♠ 7 4 2                      ♠ J 9 6 3  
 ♡ J 4                        ♡ 2  
 ♦ A J 8 6 5                ♦ Q 9 4 3 2  
 ♣ A 9 6                      ♣ Q 5 4

         ♠ -  
          ♡ A K Q 8 7  
          ♦ K 10 7  
          ♣ J 10 8 7 2

Ishmael Del'Monte reports that Hugh Grosvenor opened 1♠ on the North hand and that he responded 2♥ on the South hand. Hugh now bid 5♦, a key card ask for hearts excluding diamonds. Ish responded 6♣ to show two plus the queen.

But West, K F Mak from Hong Kong, found the sensational opening lead of the ♣6. Naturally Ish played low and down he went.



## Scores at the halfway point

With six rounds gone in the Swiss and six rounds to go, the field is starting to take shape. At the end of the Swiss the top 15 teams (plus the Yeh Bros team) will advance to the double knockout. These are the current standings.

|                |     |                  |    |
|----------------|-----|------------------|----|
| 1. Global Mix  | 117 | 10= France       | 95 |
| 2. England     | 110 | 12. Indonesia    | 94 |
| 3. Italy 1     | 109 | 13. Poland       | 91 |
| 4. Italy 2     | 108 | 14= Morris Chang | 89 |
| 5. USA II      | 105 | 14= YEH BROS     | 89 |
| 6= Israel      | 104 | 16= Australia    | 84 |
| 6=. Wolffpack  | 104 | 16= Jetox        | 84 |
| 8. Japan       | 102 | 18= Canada       | 81 |
| 9. Hongkong    | 98  | 18= Well Wise    | 81 |
| 10= NewZealand | 95  | 20. Sweden       | 80 |
|                |     | 21. Num Kun      | 79 |
|                |     | 22. Wei Chein    | 72 |
|                |     | 23. Chikan       | 68 |
|                |     | 24. Philippines  | 64 |
|                |     | 25. Korea        | 62 |
|                |     | 26. Singapore    | 60 |

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## Match 1, England v Yeh Bros

In this match, Jim Tritt from the US and our sponsor, Chen Yeh, were about to play their first face to face cards together. Mind you, they have played a lot together on OK bridge.

On the first board it was 4 imps to Yeh Bros when they were able to stop lower.

1. N/nil ♠ A 8 5 4  
♥ 8 6  
♦ K 7 5 2  
♣ K Q 10

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

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

|                 |             |                   |                |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| West<br>Helgemo | North<br>Wu | East<br>J Hackett | South<br>Huang |
|                 | 1♦          | 1NT               | 2♥             |
| all pass        |             |                   |                |

|                   |                    |             |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| West<br>Tritt     | North<br>P Hackett | East<br>Yeh | South<br>Armstrong |
|                   | 1♠                 | 2♦          | dbl                |
| pass 2NT all pass |                    |             |                    |

When Jason overcalled 1NT, Huang could bid 2♥ and stop there. This made with nothing to spare.

At the other table, Yeh overcalled 2♦, and Armstrong doubled. Paul bid 2NT and everyone passed. Yeh led ♦J taken by the ♦K. Later the defence got in with the ♥Q and took their five further tricks. The winning action on the North cards is to pass the double but that is far from clear.

Board 3 was 6 imps more to Yeh Bros.

3. S/EW ♠ Q 7 5 4 3  
♥ J 9  
♦ K 9  
♣ J 9 7 3

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

♠ A J 9 8 6  
♥ Q 8 7 4 2  
♦ A 10 8  
♣ -

|                 |             |                   |                |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| West<br>Helgemo | North<br>Wu | East<br>J Hackett | South<br>Huang |
|                 | 4♠          |                   | 1♠             |
| pass all pass   |             |                   |                |



Chen Yeh, event sponsor, Mrs Yeh, and executive secretary Chi-hua Chen

That's all pretty normal when playing five card majors.

|               |                    |             |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| West<br>Tritt | North<br>P Hackett | East<br>Yeh | South<br>Armstrong |
|               | pass               | 2♠          | all pass           |
| 1♠            |                    |             |                    |

No doubt Paul had fears that his partner's 1♠ opening would be like his own opening on board 1 so he just gave a very conservative single raise. Helgemo did well not to balance.

Both sides made 11 tricks.

Board 4 was 4 imps to England when they stayed out of trouble.

4. W/all ♠ -  
♥ K 8 7 2  
♦ A K 9 8 4  
♣ Q 9 7 5

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

♠ A 10 9 8 4  
♥ Q 6 5 4  
♦ J 7 6 5  
♣ -

|                 |             |                   |                |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| West<br>Helgemo | North<br>Wu | East<br>J Hackett | South<br>Huang |
| Pass            | 1♦          | 2♣                | dbl            |
| 3♣              | 3♥          | pass              | 4♥             |
| all pass        |             |                   |                |

Jason did well not to bid 5♣ in the hope of finding West with ♠AJxx or so. In 5♣ you would be happy to get out for 800.

East led the ♣K. 4♥. Declarer trumped three clubs and pitched the fourth on the ♠A before leading the ♥Q. His only losers were three trump tricks.

|                      |                    |             |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| West<br>Tritt        | North<br>P Hackett | East<br>Yeh | South<br>Armstrong |
| Pass                 | 1♦                 | 2♣          | 3♣                 |
| Pass 5♦ dbl all pass |                    |             |                    |

Yeh led ♣K. Paul trumped in dummy and trumped a spade in hand to lead

a low heart to the queen followed by another heart, ducked to the ace.

He now had 11 tricks.

The last board of the match was 10 imps to England when the defenders dropped a trick.

|                 |             |                   |                |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| West<br>Helgemo | North<br>Wu | East<br>J Hackett | South<br>Huang |
| pass            | pass        | 1♦                | 2♣             |
| 2♠              | 3♣          | 3♠                | pass           |
| 4♠ all pass     |             |                   |                |

Wu led ♣6 to the ♣K and ♣A. Huang switched to ♥8. Declarer won ♥A and played spades. North won the third round and tried to cash two hearts but declarer trumped, drew trumps and threw his losing club on the diamonds. I would guess that it never occurred to North that his partner could have five hearts on the side, despite the fact that declarer's play suggested that this was the case.

NS would have had a much smoother ride if South had been able to show 55 in hearts and clubs. For starters, they can bid their cold game.

|               |                    |             |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| West<br>Tritt | North<br>P Hackett | East<br>Yeh | South<br>Armstrong |
| pass          | pass               | 1♦          | 2♣                 |
| 2♠            | dbl                | 3♠          | pass               |
| pass          | 4♣                 | pass        | pass               |
| 4♦ all pass   |                    |             |                    |

Armstrong had a 55 bid available but he judged that he wasn't strong enough to use it opposite a passed hand. Double was showing hearts but Armstrong still had the idea that his hand wasn't worth much.

Armstrong did well not to lead his singleton spade – that would let the contract make. Instead he led a heart for one down.

In the end it was England by 20 VPs to 10.

## Match 2, Indonesia v Sweden

Indonesia scored 6 imps on board 3 when they found their fit.

|             |                |            |  |
|-------------|----------------|------------|--|
| 3 .S/EW     | ♠ J 9 6 3 2    |            |  |
|             | ♥ K 7 2        |            |  |
|             | ♦ K 10         |            |  |
|             | ♣ K J 8        |            |  |
| ♠ 7 5 4     |                | ♠ A K Q    |  |
| ♥ J 6       |                | ♥ A 9      |  |
| ♦ A Q 9 8 2 |                | ♦ J 7 6 4  |  |
| ♣ Q 7 3     |                | ♣ 10 9 6 2 |  |
|             | ♠ 10 8         |            |  |
|             | ♥ Q 10 8 5 4 3 |            |  |
|             | ♦ 5 3          |            |  |
|             | ♣ A 5 4        |            |  |

At one table, the six card heart suit was used for discards.

|           |          |       |            |
|-----------|----------|-------|------------|
| West      | North    | East  | South      |
| Sawirudin | Sundelin | Sacul | Carruthers |
| Pass      | 1♠       | pass  | 1NT        |
| All pass  |          |       |            |

West led ♦8 and Carruthers was booked for two down.

At the other table NS found their hearts via a multi.

|         |       |           |         |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|
| West    | North | East      | South   |
| Veehees | Lasut | Van P'gen | Manoppo |
| pass    | 2♥    | dbl       | pass    |
| 3♦      | 3♥    | all pass  | 2♦      |

Lasut was home when hearts came in 2-2.

Board 4 was 11 imps to Sweden when they cruised into game.

|           |              |               |  |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|--|
| 4 .W/all  | ♠ Q 8 6 5    |               |  |
|           | ♥ Q 10 9 7   |               |  |
|           | ♦ Q 9 8 3    |               |  |
|           | ♣ 8          |               |  |
| ♠ K 9 3 2 |              | ♠ -           |  |
| ♥ K 5     |              | ♥ A J 8 6 4 3 |  |
| ♦ J 10 5  |              | ♦ 6 4         |  |
| ♣ K 9 7 6 |              | ♣ A Q J 10 2  |  |
|           | ♠ A J 10 7 4 |               |  |
|           | ♥ 2          |               |  |
|           | ♦ A K 7 2    |               |  |
|           | ♣ 5 4 3      |               |  |

|         |       |           |          |
|---------|-------|-----------|----------|
| West    | North | East      | South    |
| Veehees | Lasut | Van P'gen | Manoppo  |
| Pass    | pass  | 1♥        | 1♠       |
| 1NT     | 2♠    | 3♣        | pass     |
| 3♠      | dbl   | 4♥        | all pass |

Declarer trumped the third diamond and played a trump to the king and one back to the jack for ten tricks.

|           |          |          |            |
|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| West      | North    | East     | South      |
| Sawirudin | Sundelin | Sacul    | Carruthers |
| Pass      | pass     | 1♥       | 1♠         |
| 1NT       | 2♠       | 3♣       | pass       |
| pass      | 3♠       | all pass |            |

That was a conservative pass from Sawirudin holding useful honours in both of partner's suits.

West led the ♥K and one to the jack, which was ruffed. Declarer ducked a club to East who came through with a third heart. Declarer trumped with the ten while West pitched a diamond. Declarer cashed the trump ace and in due course he lost three trumps for a total of one off.

Then Indonesia surprisingly picked up 5 imps on this...

|                |                  |           |  |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| 5.N/NS         | ♠ 6 4            |           |  |
|                | ♥ Q 10 8 7 6 5 4 |           |  |
|                | ♦ A 6            |           |  |
|                | ♣ 10 5           |           |  |
| ♠ Q 10 9 7     |                  | ♠ A K 8   |  |
| ♥ 9            |                  | ♥ A K J 3 |  |
| ♦ Q 10 8 5 4 2 |                  | ♦ K J     |  |
| ♣ A 6          |                  | ♣ 9 4 3 2 |  |
|                | ♠ J 5 3 2        |           |  |
|                | ♥ 2              |           |  |
|                | ♦ 9 7 3          |           |  |
|                | ♣ K Q J 8 7      |           |  |

|          |          |       |            |
|----------|----------|-------|------------|
| West     | North    | East  | South      |
| Saurudin | Sundelin | Sacul | Carruthers |
| 3♦       | 2♦       | dbl   | 2♥         |
|          | pass     | 3NT   | all pass   |

South led the K♣. North unblocked the ten and declarer carelessly won the ace, leading to his demise.

At the other table, Veehees - Van Proogen had a long unopposed auction to 6♠. South led the ♣K while North unblocked the ten. Declarer won the ♣A and played three rounds of spades before playing a diamond. North took the ace and returned a club and declarer was five down. The defence made four clubs, a spade and a diamond.

The final score was Indonesia by 16 imps to 12.

**BBO BROADCAST** starts today for the last 3 matches of the qualifying, and continues for all knock-out matches and finals.

## Match 3, Israel v New Zealand

New Zealand scored 9 imps on the first board with an opening preempt.

|               |                |               |  |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1.N/nil       | ♠ Q 9          |               |  |
|               | ♥ 5 4 3        |               |  |
|               | ♦ K Q 10 8 6 3 |               |  |
|               | ♣ Q 6          |               |  |
| ♠ J 8 7 6 5 3 |                | ♠ 10 2        |  |
| ♥ J 8 2       |                | ♥ K 9 6       |  |
| ♦ J 2         |                | ♦ A 7         |  |
| ♣ 8 3         |                | ♣ A K J 7 5 4 |  |
|               | ♠ A K 4        |               |  |
|               | ♥ A Q 10 7     |               |  |
|               | ♦ 9 5 4        |               |  |
|               | ♣ 10 9 2       |               |  |

|          |       |        |       |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| West     | North | East   | South |
| Yadlin   | Bach  | Yadlin | Ware  |
| 4♠       | 3♦    | 3NT    | pass  |
| all pass | pass  | pass   | dbl   |

This was three down for -500.

|          |       |          |           |
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|
| West     | North | East     | South     |
| Gardiner | Barel | Sarten   | Camponile |
| 1♠       | Pass  | 1♣       | dbl       |
|          | 3♦    | all pass |           |

3♦ made three. But then Israel turned in three great scores.

Board 2 was a Israel's turn to pick up imps by starting with a preempt.

|            |                |               |  |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 2 .E/NS    | ♠ Q 5          |               |  |
|            | ♥ 9 8 6 2      |               |  |
|            | ♦ 9            |               |  |
|            | ♣ K 10 6 4 3 2 |               |  |
| ♠ K J 8 4  |                | ♠ 10 9 7 3    |  |
| ♥ J 10 7 5 |                | ♥ Q 4         |  |
| ♦ K 7 6    |                | ♦ A Q J 5 3 2 |  |
| ♣ 7 5      |                | ♣ 9           |  |
|            | ♠ A 6 2        |               |  |
|            | ♥ A K 3        |               |  |
|            | ♦ 10 8 4       |               |  |
|            | ♣ A Q J 8      |               |  |

|        |          |        |       |
|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| West   | North    | East   | South |
| Yadlin | Bach     | Yadlin | Ware  |
| 4♦     | all pass | 3♦     | dbl   |

|          |       |        |           |
|----------|-------|--------|-----------|
| West     | North | East   | South     |
| Gardiner | Barel | Sarten | Camponile |
| Pass     | 1♥    | 2♦     | dbl       |
| 3♦       | 4♣    | 5♦     | dbl       |

On board 3 both sides played game but only one side made. They opened with 2NT and played 4♥ after a Puppet Stayman sequence.

## The Global Mix squad – bowling along in front

3. S/EW ♠ K 6 5  
 ♥ A Q 8 4  
 ♦ A 10  
 ♣ A K 8 7

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

♠ A 7 4 2  
 ♥ J 10 7 5  
 ♦ 8 7 6  
 ♣ 6 4

Bach for New Zealand played 4♥ from North. He won the ♦K lead and returned the ♦10. East ducked this to the ♦J and the ♣Q came back. Bach won the ace and played a spade to the ace and trumped dummy's last diamond. He cashed the two black kings and exited with the third spade to West, while East showed out. West won and played the fourth spade. Bach ruffed with the ♥Q and cashed the ♥A. Now he had to lose two trump tricks and he was down.

Camponile for Israel played from South. He won the ♠J lead, cashed the top clubs and trumped one with the ♥10. West over ruffed and played the ten of spades, crashing the ♠Q. Declarer won the ♠A, cashed the ♥A and ♥Q before playing a third spade to set up his ♠7 while he still had an entry to hand with the ♥10.

### An appealing hand

Then came board 4 where most of the deep thinking was done away from the table.

4. W/both ♠ Q J 7 6 4 3 2  
 ♥ A 8  
 ♦ 8 3  
 ♣ K 3

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

♠ A 8  
 ♥ K Q 5 4 3 2  
 ♦ Q 6 5 2  
 ♣ 8

Let's start this saga with what happened at the table...

| West   | North | East     | South |
|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| Yadlin | Bach  | Yadlin   | Ware  |
| 1♦     | 1♠    | pass     | 2♥    |
| pass   | 2♠    | all pass |       |

East led the ♥9. Declarer won in hand and ran the ♠Q. West won the king



Juan Ventin, Sabine Auken, Daniella Von Arnim, Pablo Lambardi, the Global Mix teams that holds a clear 7-point lead at the half way

and delivered two heart ruffs for one down. At the other table...

| West     | North | East     | South     |
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Gardiner | Barel | Sarten   | Camponile |
| 1♣       | 1♠    | 3♣       | 3♥        |
| pass     | 3♠    | all pass |           |

Declarer won the ♥9 lead with the ace and played a spade to the ace. When the king came down she had 10 top tricks.

Let's go back to the first table. The tray was pushed under the screen for North and East whereupon East promptly put a 1♠ bid on the tray! North pointed out that he hadn't bid so East retracted his 1♠ bid and North made his. Later North claimed that he had been misled. If East did indeed have four spades he would indeed have to take the finesse. So what was East doing? EW say that they would bid one natural spade on the East hand because it has no attractive alternative. The director ruled no change and North-South appealed. The committee ruled that the table result stand and they fined EW 1VP for not calling the director at the time of the fuss.

At table two, West explained East's bid to South as a limit raise. But East explained it to North as weak. South later claimed that if he had known it was weak he would have bid four spades. The director ruled South would bid and make 4♠ 75% of the time and stay in 3♠ 25% of the time. East-West appealed this ruling saying that if South had bid 4♠ they would have bid and made 5♣. The committee ruled that the table score stand and they fined NS 3 imps for the mistaken explanation.

### Match 4, Global Mix v Canada

Canada won the match by 8 imps or 17 VPs to 13.

Both sides made a fair slam that the other side missed. The remainder of the difference occurred on board two.

2. E/NS ♠ K 10 9 8  
 ♥ 9 8 4  
 ♦ A 7  
 ♣ 10 8 7 3

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

♠ Q 6 5 3  
 ♥ A K Q 6 5 2  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ J 6

| West   | North  | East      | South    |
|--------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Kokish | Ventin | Mittleman | Lambardi |
|        |        | 1♦        | 1♥       |
| 2♦     | 2♥     | 3♦        | 3♥       |
| 4♣     | pass   | 4♦        | all pass |

| West             | North   | East  | South |
|------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| V'Arnim          | Wolpert | Auken | Demuy |
|                  |         | 1♦    | 1♥    |
| 2NT <sup>1</sup> | pass    | 3♦    | dbl   |
| 4♣               | 4♦      | 5♦    | dbl   |
| all pass         |         |       |       |

Both sides made ten tricks in diamonds. Best defence will beat four hearts by two tricks so you might say that Von Arnim-Auken overbid and that would be true but it is quite possible that Kokish-Mittleman would have done the same thing if they were put under the same pressure.