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The Mind Sports National Championship Starts

The 1st Mind Sports National Championship organised by the "Mindsports Association of Pakistan" commenced yesterday at the Southend Club, Karachi. The championship includes competitions in Bridge, Chess and Scrabble.

The Bridge event started with the SWISS TEAMS, in which 22 teams from all parts of Pakistan are taking part. SOLOX, ALLANA, PUNTERS, HADI, DATA STEEL, CANDYLAND and LUMS are some of the TOP teams participating. Besides the TOP teams, AVENGERS, ROSETTES and the BRADY BUNCH are the three Ladies teams in the event.

it is most heartening to see two teams of youngsters - DATA STEEL YOUTH & PUNTERS IR. consisting of players who will be representing Pakistan in the under – 21 L under – 28 categories in the 1st World Mind Sports Games to be held at Beijing, China from Oct 3 – 18, 2008. The teams will play 15 rounds of 10 boards each to finalize the winners.

At the end of first day's play (5 rounds), Team CHANDNA represented by Shakeel Chandna, Navid Anjum, Wajahat Suri, Asghar Abbas, Muqeet and Yawer Abbas with 95 VPs led the field. CANDYLAND with 94 VPs are in Second place closely followed by ATTACKERS & DATA STEEL with 91 and 90 VPs respectively. See detailed results on page 2.

The Chess & Scrabble events of the Mind Sports Championship also started yesterday. Please see the details of the events on Page 6 & 7 respectively.



















SWISS TEAMS RESULTS				
Round # 1				
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	VPs
1	1. BRADY BUNCH	Vs.	12. ABBOTABAD	08-22
2	2. SOLOX	Vs.	13. KAMSIN	16-14
3	3. ALLANA	Vs.	14. HADI	05-25
4	4. ROSETTES	Vs.	15. PUNTERS JR.	07-23
5	5. UPCOMERS	Vs.	16. DATA STEEL	10-20
6	6. DR. SARFARAZ	Vs.	17. CHANDNA	16-14
7	7. DATA STEEL YOUTH	Vs.	18. CANDYLAND	05-25
8	8. ATTACKERS	Vs.	19. LUMS	12-18
9	9. MAHMOODS	Vs.	20. AVENGERS	03-25
10	10. PUNTERS	Vs.	21. MUSHTAQ	25-05
11	11. CNG	Vs.	22. GIANTS	07-23
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5	6. DR. SARFARAZ	Vs.	19. LUMS	19-11
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2	SOLOX		
3	ALLANA		
4	ROSETTES		
5	UPCOMERS		
6	DR. SARFARAZ		
7	DATA STEEL YOUTH		
8	ATTACKERS		
9	MAHMOODS		
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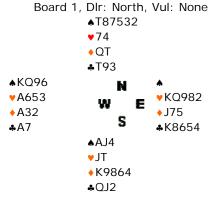
Scores at a Glance After 5 Rounds			
Team #	Team Name	VPs	
17	CHANDNA	95	
18	CANDYLAND	94	
8	ATTACKERS	91	
16	DATA STEEL	90	
19	LUMS	87	
3	ALLANA	83	
10	PUNTERS	82	
15	PUNTERS JR	82	
22	GIANTS	82	
5	UPCOMERS	81	
14	HADI	78	
12	ABBOTABAD	75	
11	CNG	72	
4	ROSETTES	68	
1	BRADY BUNCH	66	
2	SOLOX	65	
13	KAMSIN	65	
20	AVENGERS	64	
6	DR. SARFARAZ	62	
9	MAHMOODS	61	
21	MUSHTAQ	56	
7	DATA STEEL YOUTH	41	

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ROUND -1 SWISS TEAMS (ROSETTES Vs. PUNTERS JR.)

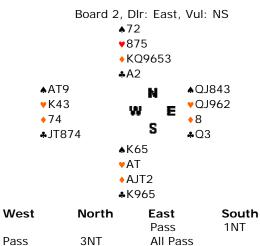
The presence of 2 dynamic youngesters on the table was enough reason for the Editor to choose the table No. 4 of the Closed room for reporting the first match of the SWISS teams. Both the youngesters are going to represent Pakistan in the World Mind Sports games at Beijing in October.

NS: ROSETTES - Qudsia Dossa Roshan Bokhari EW: PUNTERS JR. - Oosman Bashir Mudassir Rahim



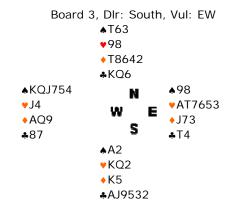
West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1D
DBL	Pass	2D	Pass
2NT	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Those of you playing Tartan (2-suiter hands) would have preferred a 2H bid (Heart & Minor) with East hand but the youngesters most probabily were not playing the convention and South with bad 12 HCPs preferred opening 1D on 3rd seat. West doubled and East forced with a 2D bid (near opening hand after an initial pass). They reached a comfortable 4H contract. On the lie of the cards there are always 12 tricks, but only one pair bid the slam. There opponents in the open room were also in 4H making 12 for no swing on the board.



The ladies bid it fast denying East any opportunity of showing his both majors. As it turns out, 4H or 4S by EW would have been an excellent sacrifice. The contract goes only one light. West led the \$J

and declarer won the trick in hand and reeled off all the 6 diamonds. The Club & Heart Aces were cashed and in the last 4-card position west kept the ♠AT, ▼K, ♣T. Declarer played her last club and West was forced to give another spade for 10 tricks to NS. He should have chucked the ▼K to save one trick. In the open room their partners also bid 3Nt making 9 tricks for an solitary imp to ROSETTES.



West	North	East	South
			1NT
2C(1)	Pass	2D(2)	Pass
2S	Pass	Pass	3C
Pass	Pass	3S	All Pass

- (1) Capalleti Single Suiter
- (2) Relay for Asking Partner the suit

May be West will be in a dilemma to bid or not, if South comes 3C over 2D. But when South passed, West got the needed bidding space and East did well to compete to 3S, as 3C is cold.

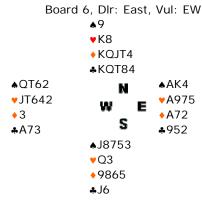
North led the *K and trying to cut the club ruff in dummy (could not have guessed partner's 1NT with 6-carder clubs) shifted to *T. South won with Ace and cashed *A. She could have now returned back the spade but thinking there may be a club ruff with partner (thinking West to have the *Q as partner did not continue after *K), she played the *J. West took the opportunity to throw a heart from hand and ruffed in dummy. He took out trumps and played to heart Ace. He now played the *J to *K and Ace to score his contract. The declarer would have scored his contract anyway as the diamond King is coming doubleton. The 140 along with 110 in the open room fetched the Punters Jr. 6 IMPs.

The next board was a flat one both teams bidding 4 Spades making 11 tricks and on board 5 both teams preferred playing in Four spades. In the open room, the contract went 2 down whereas in the closed room, defenders ducked the diamond Ace and that gave away 3 extra IMPs to ROSETTES.

The next board (#6) turned out to be the turning point of the match. (See board on next page)

East opened a 15-17 NT and West enquired for the majors. North with 13 HCPs bid 3D and East showed the heart major. This was cooly getting passed, when North could not resist the temptation of competing again. South corrected to 4 after

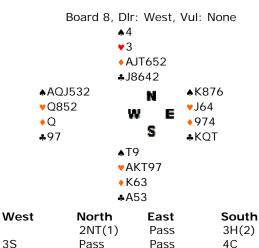
East's pass. This contract would have been fine, as it would have gone only 1 down. However, this prompted West to bid the heart game, which was promptly doubled (on sheer points) by North.



West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2C	2D	2H	Pass
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
3H	4D	Pass	Pass
4H	DBL	All Pass	

South led the *J and declarer ducked the first trick and took the continuation with the Ace. A low heart was played to 8, 9 and South won with the Queen. South shifted to a diamond, decalrer winning with Ace, ruffing a diamond and playing another heart. The hand was crystal clear now and declarer safely took the sapde finesse, throwing the club loser from hand scoring 11 tricks for 990 against 140 made by their opponents gaining a solid 13 IMPs.

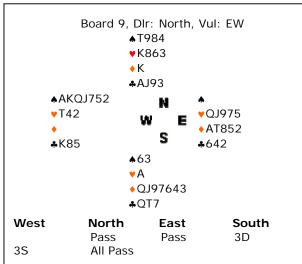
The next board was a flat 3NT both tables scoring 11 tricks.



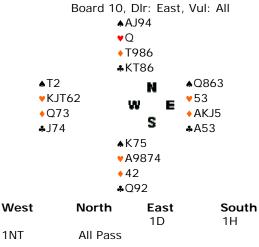
- (1) Both Majors or both Minors (< 11 HCPs)
- (2) Opening Hand (nothing to do with Hearts)

The lead was a heart and decalrer was able to get rid of the spade loser. When the diamond queen fell declarer was able to make 11 tricks for +150. It seems the lead in the open room was also a heart and declarer notched up 11 tricks for +400 as they were playing in game, thus giving another 6 IMPs to PUNTERS JR.

The next deal was an interesting one.



North led the •K and declarer won in dummy discarding a club from hand and played a low heart, south winning with Ace. The contract is down now, if South shifts to a club as declarer will have to give 2 tricks in clubs, 2 in hearts and a heart ruff. However, South preferred playing the •Q and declarer did well to ruff with top spade and took out the trumps. Now he played the heart and whatever North does now, he was forced to give a club triick to decalrer and the contract was home. It did not turn out to be a gain for the EW, as +140 was gained by the EW in open room also.



North led the ♥Q and declarer won with the King and played back the ♥J. South won with the Ace and shifted to ♣9, but it was late. Declarer could count his 7 tricks with 2 hearts, a club and 4 diamonds to score his contract. On a natural club lead, decalrer ducks from dummy and South wins the trick with Queen and returns a club. Declarer again ducks and takes the continuation. His natural play now is the heart finesse and when it loses to the Queen, the contract goes one down. That's exactly happened in the open room and that gave another 5 IMPs to the PUNTERS JR. team.

The final score 30-4 IMPs (23-7) VPs in favour of the PUNTERS JR.

It was a nice presentation of their skills by the young team. They did not miss much and played to their potential. WELL DONE BOYS. Keep it up to Beijing also.

All Pass

ROUND -2 SWISS TEAMS (CANDYLAND Vs. AVENGERS)

The editor kibitzed the 2^{nd} round match in the closed room on Table -1, where Candyland met the Ladies team Avengers.

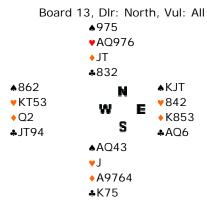
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Some of the important boards of the match (board Nos. 11-20) are detailed.

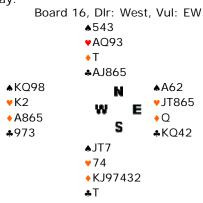
Avengers gained an IMP on Board 11, when they scored 10 tricks to their opponents 9 tricks through in a 2S contract. They again gained one IMP on the next board through an extra trick in a 4H contract.



West	North	East	South
	Pass	1D	Pass
1H	Pass	1NT	All Pass

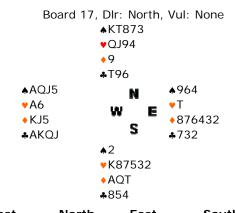
The lead was •6 and declarer won the trick in dummy with the queen and played the ♣J, which lost to the King. South now shifted to a low spade, East winning the trick with the Ten. Declarer cashed the top clubs and hoping the heart Ace to be right, played the heart to King and Ace taken by North. North played the •10, which won the trick, when declarer played low. North reverted to spade and South after cashing all the 3 spade winners, cashed the diamond Ace and returned the diamiond. Declarer could not get any further tricks and was down 2 for +200 to opponents when their partners could get only +110 in the open room.

The next board did not yield any swings and on board 15, Candyland gained another 2 IMPs, when instead of 1, the declarer went 2 down on a misplay.



West	North	East	South
1D	2C	2H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the \$6 and declarer won the trick in dummy with King and played a low heart to King losing to the Ace. North certain to get another entry, played the \$J and declarer after winning with Queen played a spade to hand and returned the heart, hoping that South has the queen. Alas that was not to be and North cashed his club winners after taking the \$\subseteq Q\$, going down 1. It looked an ordinary result as there was no way the contract could have been made unless help from the opponents. As it turned out, the Candyland pair was allowed to make the contract and Avengers lost 12 important IMPs.



west	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2D (1)
DBL	2NT(2)	Pass	3H
DBL	Pass	5D	Pass
6D	All Pass		

The 2D (Multi) had its impact, when EW were not given enough free hand to bid. North created more problems, when rather than allowing South to show his hand, he bid 2NT (with excellent major suit fits) asking partner to show his suit.

West showed a powerful hand by again doubling and East took the plunge by bidding 5D, which would have gone 1 down but West with 26 points could not resist the temptation of bidding the slam. Luckily for them, the contract was not doubled but the down 2 result was enough to lose 9 more imps, when their partners gave 300 to their opponents.

On board 18, Avengers gained 4 IMPs but gave back 4 IMPs on the next board. Hamed of Candyland playing the board well to score his 2S contract, which went 1 down in the open room.

The last board was a flat one both teams scoring +650 on a 4S contract.

The final score in favour of Candyland was 30-6 (22-8 VPs).

1st MSA National Chess Championship 2008

By ZAINUDDIN KHILJI, Chief Arbiter

- 1. <u>Mehmood Lodhi I.M. (National Champion), Imtiaz-ul-Haq, Amir Karim, Anwar Qureshi, Muhammad Waqar & Shahzad Alam won their games in Category–A Open Chess Championship.</u>
- 2. Abdul Majeed, Faraz Saleem, Muhammad Sultan & Waqar Ahmed leading in Category-B (Youth U-25) Chess Championship.
- Jakson Chee, Abdul Rafey, Bashir Habib & Ibadullah leading in Category-C (U-17) Chess Championship.

The 1st Mind Sports National Chess Championship started yesterday at Southend Club, Karachi. The Championship is being organized in three different categories i.e. category-A (for Senior open), Category-B (Youth Under-25) and Category-C (school youth), duly organized by Mind Sports Association of Pakistan with the collaboration of Chess Federation of Pakistan. In Category-A 59 players, Category-B, 22 Youth Under-25 and in Category-C (Junior Under-17) 23 players are participating from all four Provinces of the Country. Two International Masters i.e. Mahmood Ahmed Lodhi and Mr. Shahzad Mirza and several National Masters and renowned players are participating in this Event.

The Championship is played as a Swiss league of 8 rounds. Two rounds are played daily. After the conclusion of 2nd Round of 1st MSA National Chess Championship 2008 played yesterday, in **Category-A**, Mehmood Lodhi (National Champion and International Master), Imtiaz-ul-Haq, Amir Karim, Anwar Qureshi, Muhammad Waqar and Shahzad Alam won their matches in first round. In **Category-B**, Abdul Majeed, Faraz Saleem, Muhammad Sultan & Waqar Ahmed have two points each. In **Category-C**, Jakson Chee, Abdul Rafey Siddiqui, Bashir Habib, Ibadullah, Owais Hanif and Farhan Sheikh have two points each.

In Category-A, Imtiaz-ul-Haq (Karachi) beat Shahzad Mirza (International Master) and scoreed a vital point to his credit.

The important Results of Category - A (Open) were as under: -

Beat	Imtiaz Ahmed
Beat	Shahzad Mirza (International Master)
Beat	Irfan Ahmed
Beat	Israr Hussain
Beat	Jahangir Ahmed
Beat	Junaid Latif
	Beat Beat Beat Beat

The important Results of Category - B(Youth U-25) were as an under: -

Abdul Majeed	Beat	Muhammad Ahmad
Faraz Saleem	Beat	Kamaluddin Khilji
Muhammad Sultan	Beat	Shafiqur Rehman
Waqar Ahmed	Beat	Bilal Khan
Awwad Mirza	Beat	Raheel H. Ismail
Sabeeka Mishraz	Draw	Abdullah

<u>Category - B Point position after 2nd round.</u>

- 1. Abdul Majeed, Faraz Saleem, Muhammad Sultan, Wagar Ahmed with 2 Points
- 2. Abdullah, Awwad Mirza with 1 ½ points

Important Results of Category - C(Children U-17) were as an under: -

Jackson Chee	Beat	Ali Aziz Khan
Bashir Habib	Beat	Rana Fehmeed
Owais Hanif	Beat	Dayan Ahmed
Ibadullah	Beat	Sheryar Effendi
Usama Fahim	Draw	Abbas Murtaza

Point position after 2nd round. (Category-C).

- 1. Jakson Chee, Abdul Rafey, Bashir Habibi, Owais Hanif, Ibadullah & Farhan Sheikh = 2 Points
- 2. Usama Fahim with 1 ½ points

The players showed excellent exhibition of their positional / factual plays against their opponents and scored a vital point to their credit.

Youth U-25 and School Under-17 are played in six rounds of swiss league.

The 3rd round of Championships will be played today morning at 10-30 a.m. and 4th round will also be played today.

SCRABBLE UPDATE - 14 AUGUST 2008

The first day of the Scrabble Tournament saw the Masters level Scrabble players battling against each other in some hard fought and high scoring matches.

Asif Rizvi with 12 points and a spread of +375, Waseem Khatri, 12 points with a spread of 375, M. Sulaiman 10 points and a spread of 353, Shahid Khan, 10 points and spread of 285 were the main contenders at the half-way mark.

Close on their heels were Anwar Siddiqui, Rodney Judd and Maria Soares who remained within touching distance of the leaders.

The next session to be held on Saturday 16th August is likely to be a thrilling encounter with a number of participants vying for the coveted title of Pakistan Scrabble Champion. The winner will gain automatic selection to represent Pakistan at the World Scrabble Championships.

The day saw some very interesting plays including a well placed INDEVOUT by Rodney Judd, FILAGREE by M. Sulaiman and the high 101 point scoring play of the day "JOSTLES" by Rashid Khan.

The honors for maximum bonuses for the day was shared by Rodney Judd, Waseem Khatri, Asif Rizvi and M.Sulaiman who placed five bonus words in a single game.

IMPORTANT FOR PARTICIPANTS

Saturday 16th August 2008 - SCHEDULE

AWARDS GALA DINNER

Prize Distribution by Chief Minister, Sindh: 2000 Hrs.

Dinner: 2030 Hrs.

Musical Programme: 2130 Hrs.

All the participants of the Mind Sports National Championship are kindly requested to attend the Prize Distribution Ceremony, where the Chief Minister of Sindh is the chief guest. Your presence at the Prize distribution ceremony will be a big impact to acquire recognition to our newly formed Mind Sports organisation in Pakistan.

Sunday 17th August 2008

Prize Distribution by Ms. Nasreen Jalil, Naib Nazim, CDGK: 2000 Hrs.

The Prize Distribution will be followed by a high Tea.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

The Chief Tournament Directors desires that all participants follow the Daily Programmes as announced or displayed very religiously.

Please be seated at your allocated tables well on time so that no delay in start of play is caused. Failure to follow the instructions can get you a penalty.

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Tournament Schedule

BRIDGE EVENTS



Friday 15th August 2008

1030 - 1150 Hrs: OPEN TEAMS (Rounds 6 of 10 boards)
1220 - 1340 Hrs: OPEN TEAMS (Rounds 7 of 10 boards)

1340 – 1500 Hrs: Lunch / Juma Prayer

1500 - 1620 Hrs: OPEN TEAMS (Rounds 8 of 10 boards)
1650 - 1810 Hrs: OPEN TEAMS (Rounds 9 of 10 boards)
1840 - 2000 Hrs: OPEN TEAMS (Rounds 10 of 10 boards)

Saturday 16th August 2008 1000 Hrs: OPEN TEAMS (Rounds 11-15 of 10 boards)

Sunday 17th August 2008 1000 Hrs: INDIVIDUAL PAIRS (2 Sessions) (About 30 boards per session)



CHESS EVENTS

System: Swiss League of 8 Rounds (2 Rounds per day)

For Youth (U-25): Swiss league of 6 rounds (Aug 14-15: 2 Rounds per day &

Aug 16-17: 1 Round per day)

Categories: A: Open (Masters and rated 2100 & above)

B: Youth (under 25 Years)

Time Control: 90 Minutes for each player per game

Special: Master Vs. Players on August 17, 2008. Winners will get special prizes. Both

categories of players can compete.



SCRABBLE EVENTS

Categories:

Masters: 7 games on August 14 & 16 (Final on Aug 17)

Doubles: 8 games on August 15 Intermediates: 6 games on August 17

Recreational: 5 games on August 17 Students: 3 games on August 17 (Classes 6 to 10)

<u>Note:</u> All Programs are subject to adjustment / change to suit the sports organizers and participants of the event.

No Smoking



Smoking in the playing area, Press & Bulletin Rooms and the Scoring & Results Room is strictly prohibited. Any player or team official smoking in the areas designated may attract penalties.

No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area.



Entries for INDIVIDUAL Event

All Bridge Players who intend to compete in the Individual Pair event on Sunday, 17th August 2008 are required to positively register their entries latest by 1300 Hrs. on Saturday, the 16th August 2008. After that the entry will only be accepted subject to a vacancy.

Syed Ameer Hasan Tournament Director