

CIMB Junior Scrabble Circuit 2010

Perak

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The heat was intense in SM Sains Teluk Intan but it did not deter the Scrabblers from battling it out on the board. Scrabblers from SMJK Jit Sin Penang, MGS Ipoh, SMK Convent Sitiawan came to Teluk Intan and showed amazing spirit and determination against more seasoned players such as Ker Jen Ho, Tan Kar Hee and Lau Jian Ning. Players from SMJK San Min showed dominance in the top half of the field.

The first game in the morning began with some explosive action exhibited by the players. Ker Jen Ho had a tough time playing against Lok Jun Leong who had a good start but the more seasoned Ker Jen Ho prevailed easily after overcoming the early jitters. Lok Jun Leong played LEANING but missed OPIATES which could have given him a better chance against Ker Jen Ho.

In game two, Tan Kar Hee displayed his vocabulary prowess against Arvindran Rajendran by placing 4 bingos. Tan Kar Hee started off with EBONITE and followed by TENACITY. With a rack of AILRSSV and a floating E on the board, Tan Kar Hee played REVISALS. Tan's fourth bingo was LATRINES but he missed DILATORS which would have scored more points. On another board, Ker Jen Ho was twice frustrated by Chear Tze Xian. Ker Jen Ho had AILNOTY on his rack and immediately spotted TONALITY because of a loose T on the board but overlooked the floating G for ANTILOGY. Chear Tze Xian played QIS to block Ker Jen Ho's TONALITY. In another move, Ker Jen Ho had AEILMNN on his rack for LINEMAN and MELANIN but he was blocked once again by Chear Tze Xian.

Tan Kar Hee and Lau Jian Ning nearly defeated Ker Jen Ho before lunch but Ker Jen Ho won because Ker did tile tracking while his opponents did not. Ker Jen Ho's unbeaten streak was finally halted by Tan Kar Hee during their second encounter. A clever play by Tan Kar Hee helped him pip Ker Jen Ho by several points. Tan Kar Hee played FY which scored a decent 40 points at the Triple Letter Score making OF and VEERY in the process. Eow Li Ni and Tarcayani Prebagan were the only girls who made it to the top ten. All ten players automatically qualified for the Nationals. On another note, some bingos missed by several players were TEAROOM, SALAMON, ERMELIN, SCALDED, NUTLETS, TROULED, VITREOUS and DEMIGOD.

Rank	Player	Wins	Margin
1	Ker Jen Ho	6	+886
2	Tan Kar Hee	6	+735
3	Arvindran Rajendran	5	+664
4	Lok Jun Leong	5	+470
5	Chear Tze Xian	5	+251
6	Lee Siew Weng	5	+230
7	Eow Li Ni	5	+160
8	Elvin Ng Chi Kin	5	+155
9	Dylan Yeoh Yan San	5	-119
10	Tarcayani Prebagan	4.5	+247



The winners, (from left) Chear Tze Xian, Ker Jen Ho, Tan Kar Hee, Arvindran Rajendran