



Observer report for Edewecht Riichi Open (Riichi, MERS 1)

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Place: Edewecht, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of the German Mah-Jongg League. I missed an emergency telephone number there, but this was mailed to me directly when I asked for it.

Participants: 28 players (27 players + playing referee; his results were not included in the results, as a result of DMJL policy). Some substitute players had to be brought in.

Represented countries: Germany (15), the Netherlands (10), Denmark (2); the Russian subscriber cancelled her subscription.

Playing schedule: 1 day, 4 hanchan of 90 minutes. NB: Within the schedule (09:00 AM~18:00 PM), I think it would have been no problem to fit in a fifth hanchan, when shorter intermissions would have been programmed.

Location: A hall in the local restaurant Schützenhof in the village.

Equipment: Gameplay was convenient on the table tops, which were put on the tables in the room. The well-know German mahjong tiles; we are used by now to the white dragons that look exactly the same on both sides. Standard score forms, plus score sheets to look up the appropriate number of points for the winning hands. No calculators.

Referee: Norbert Luckhart was the playing referee. He assistance was never asked.

Complaints: None

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong timely informed players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up-to-date between sessions, printed and posted on walls.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

Catering: Hot lunch in the adjacent room after the third hanchan. Good food in abundance for everyone. After the third hanchan there was delicious pastry. Coffee, sweets; it is always great to come to Edewecht!

Prizes: Trophies and the famous DMJL mug for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd). Due to an error, the wrong number three player was laureated during the award ceremony. After this was discovered, the mistake was corrected smoothly and without problems.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Edewecht. The next day, part II of the double tournament (MCR) would take place.

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