

Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2016

二零一六年香港城市橋牌錦標賽

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Welcome to Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2016



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Today's VuGraph Matches

09:15-10:45	B	Geely Auto vs West Java Open
11:00-12:30	A	ZEN vs Vincent Li
14:00-16:15	QF1	To be confirmed
16:20-18:35	QF2	To be confirmed

World Championship Book 2015 (Chennai)

I have a small supply of the 2015 World Championship book for sale at the tournament. The price is HK\$200. You can have a 10% discount off that price (HK\$180) if at the time you buy it you also give me a good hand from one of your matches for the Daily Bulletin. I can be found in the Championship Office in Basement 2.

Brian Senior

Today's Programme

Time 時間	Event 項目
09:15– 10:45	Qualifying Round 10 公開組／女子組／青年組初賽第十圈
11:00– 12:30	Qualifying Round 11 公開組／女子組／青年組初賽第十一圈
12:30– 13:00	Open/Youth Teams Captains Meeting 公開組／青年組隊長會議 Shenzhen Nanguang Power Ladies Team Captains Meeting 深圳南港動力女子組隊長會議
14:00– 16:15	Open QF/Ladies SF/Youth SF Segment 1 公開組半準決賽/女子組準決賽/青年組準決賽第一節
16:20– 18:35	Open QF/Ladies SF/Youth SF Segment 2 公開組半準決賽/女子組準決賽/青年組準決賽第二節
19:30– 24:00	San Miguel "Happy Hour" Continuous Pairs (Restricted to players 18 years of age or older) 生力啤"歡樂時光"連續式雙人賽 (Walk-in registration closes at 19:00)

Equipment and Souvenir Items for Sale

Item	Purchase Date	Quantity	Unit Cost	Selling price per unit
Lenovo E10-30	2015	2	HK\$2,900.00	HK\$900.00
Samsung NP270E5J-X01 (Intel Core i5 1.6GHz) 15.6"	2014	1	-	HK\$1,500
Lenovo S210 59-399792 (Intel Celeron 1.60GHz) 11.6"	2014	5	HK\$3,200	HK\$800
Lenovo SC360 57-324241 (Intel Dual Core 2.6GHz) - All-in-one	2014	1	HK\$6,648	HK\$1,800
Samsung AMD	Before 2013	2	-	HK\$700
Samsung i7	Before 2013	1	-	HK\$1,200
Computer Locks	2014	9	-	HK\$20
Bidding Box (Sets of 4) with slightly used inserts	-	195	-	HK\$80
Boards (Sets of 32) with/without slightly used cards	-	-	-	HK\$400
New playing cards (per deck)	-	7920	-	HK\$5
Inter-City T-shirt	-	-	-	HK\$60

**Please order at the Championship Office (Forum II, B2)
and collect on or before the afternoon of 31 July 2016**

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Inter-city Open Team Championship

Shenzhen Nanguang Power Ladies Team Championship

Open A Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 ZEN	8 宁波桥协队	68-34	18.00-2.00
2	2 Vincent Li	7 Gold Coast Australia	56-25	17.56-2.44
3	4 Fukien Club	11 Bridgeview	56-22	18.00-2.00
4	5 KORTAI	10 Sapphire (L)	27-42	5.54-14.46
5	6 Ishidaya	9 H K E S (L)	12-9	11.05-8.95
6	3 Pertamina DKI Blue	12 Popolai	40-7	17.86-2.14

Open A Round 6 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 ZEN	7 Gold Coast Australia	24-20	11.38-8.62
2	3 Pertamina DKI Blue	11 Bridgeview	60-0	20.00-0.00
3	4 Fukien Club	10 Sapphire (L)	37-10	16.91-3.09
4	5 KORTAI	9 H K E S (L)	58-5	20.00-0.00
5	6 Ishidaya	8 宁波桥协队	31-32	9.64-10.36
6	2 Vincent Li	12 Popolai	30-14	14.70-5.30

Open A Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 ZEN	6 Ishidaya	22-20	10.71-9.29
2	2 Vincent Li	4 Fukien Club	8-24	5.30-14.70
3	3 Pertamina DKI Blue	5 KORTAI	29-27	10.71-9.29
4	8 宁波桥协队	10 Sapphire (L)	22-9	13.97-6.03
5	9 H K E S (L)	11 Bridgeview	49-14	18.14-1.86
6	7 Gold Coast Australia	12 Popolai	63-0	20.00-0.00

Open A Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 ZEN	5 KORTAI	35-12	16.18-3.82
2	2 Vincent Li	3 Pertamina DKI Blue	19-8	13.45-6.55
3	4 Fukien Club	6 Ishidaya	28-6	15.99-4.01
4	7 Gold Coast Australia	11 Bridgeview	45-4	18.90-1.10
5	8 宁波桥协队	9 H K E S (L)	4-33	2.76-17.24
6	10 Sapphire (L)	12 Popolai	21-15	12.01-7.99

Open A Round 9 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 ZEN	4 Fukien Club	23-15	12.61-7.39
2	2 Vincent Li	5 KORTAI	25-10	14.46-5.54
3	3 Pertamina DKI Blue	6 Ishidaya	34-23	13.45-6.55
4	7 Gold Coast Australia	10 Sapphire (L)	39-13	16.73-3.27
5	8 宁波桥协队	11 Bridgeview	57-24	17.86-2.14
6	9 H K E S (L)	12 Popolai	17-11	12.01-7.99

Open A after R9 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	1# ZEN	138.16
2	2# Vincent Li	136.72
3	3# Pertamina DKI Blue	136.45
4	7# Gold Coast Australia	106.90
5	5# KORTAI	103.90
6	4# Fukien Club	92.48
7	8# 宁波桥协队	86.27
8	9# H K E S (L)	70.26
9	10# Sapphire (L)	67.52
10	6# Ishidaya	67.40
11	12# Popolai	60.22
12	11# Bridgeview	11.72

Scheduled Matches

Open A

Round 10 2016-07-29 09:15-10:45

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ZEN	Pertamina DKI Blue
2	Vincent Li	Ishidaya
3	Fukien Club	KORTAI
4	Gold Coast Australia	H K E S (L)
5	Sapphire (L)	Bridgeview
6	宁波桥协队	Popolai

Open A

Round 11 2016-07-29 11:00-12:30

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ZEN	Vincent Li
2	Pertamina DKI Blue	Fukien Club
3	KORTAI	Ishidaya
4	Gold Coast Australia	宁波桥协队
5	H K E S (L)	Sapphire (L)
6	Bridgeview	Popolai

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Open B Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	21 Geely Auto 吉利汽车	28 甘肃桥协队	38-4	18.00-2.00
2	22 Dragon Kiddies	27 Bozzetto	32-30	10.71-9.29
3	24 Kongo Kong	31 YOYO 5	68-13	20.00-0.00
4	25 TSANG	30 DKI Mixed	43-7	18.28-1.72
5	26 Wizards	29 KKSM(L)	29-27	10.71-9.29
6	23 West Java Open	32 Winbridge	78-25	20.00-0.00

Open B Round 6 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	21 Geely Auto 吉利汽车	27 Bozzetto	38-31	12.31-7.69
2	23 West Java Open	31 YOYO 5	62-9	20.00-0.00
3	24 Kongo Kong	30 DKI Mixed	29-15	14.22-5.78
4	25 TSANG	29 KKSM(L)	46-15	17.56-2.44
5	26 Wizards	28 甘肃桥协队	33-27	12.01-7.99
6	22 Dragon Kiddies	32 Winbridge	31-24	12.31-7.69

Open B Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	21 Geely Auto 吉利汽车	26 Wizards	17-23	7.99-12.01
2	22 Dragon Kiddies	24 Kongo Kong	4-43	1.34-18.66
3	23 West Java Open	25 TSANG	11-27	5.30-14.70
4	28 甘肃桥协队	30 DKI Mixed	17-8	12.90-7.10
5	29 KKSM(L)	31 YOYO 5	12-53	1.10-18.90
6	27 Bozzetto	32 Winbridge	38-21	14.93-5.07

Open B Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	21 Geely Auto 吉利汽车	25 TSANG	23-19	11.38-8.62
2	22 Dragon Kiddies	23 West Java Open	33-2	17.56-2.44
3	24 Kongo Kong	26 Wizards	9-33	3.63-16.37
4	27 Bozzetto	31 YOYO 5	29-3	16.73-3.27
5	28 甘肃桥协队	29 KKSM(L)	34-18	14.70-5.30
6	30 DKI Mixed	32 Winbridge	8-21	6.03-13.97

Open B Round 9 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	21 Geely Auto 吉利汽车	24 Kongo Kong	28-24	11.38-8.62
2	22 Dragon Kiddies	25 TSANG	31-20	13.45-6.55
3	23 West Java Open	26 Wizards	37-16	15.79-4.21
4	27 Bozzetto	30 DKI Mixed	10-21	6.55-13.45
5	28 甘肃桥协队	31 YOYO 5	42-6	18.28-1.72
6	29 KKSM(L)	32 Winbridge	2-52	0.17-19.83

Open B after R9 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	22# Dragon Kiddies	121.20
2	24# Kongo Kong	113.80
3	23# West Java Open	113.49
4	21# Geely Auto 吉利汽车	112.43
5	25# TSANG	102.00
6	26# Wizards	101.35
7	27# Bozzetto	95.89
8	28# 甘肃桥协队	83.77
9	32# Winbridge	83.64
10	30# DKI Mixed	79.07
11	29# KKSM(L)	39.63
12	31# YOYO 5	33.73

Scheduled Matches

Open B		
Round 10 2016-07-29 09:15-10:45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Geely Auto 吉利汽车	West Java Open
2	Dragon Kiddies	Wizards
3	Kongo Kong	TSANG
4	Bozzetto	KKSM(L)
5	DKI Mixed	YOYO 5
6	甘肃桥协队	Winbridge

Open B		
Round 11 2016-07-29 11:00-12:30		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Geely Auto 吉利汽车	Dragon Kiddies
2	West Java Open	Kongo Kong
3	TSANG	Wizards
4	Bozzetto	甘肃桥协队
5	KKSM(L)	DKI Mixed
6	YOYO 5	Winbridge

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Open C Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	41 深圳南港	48 吉林鼎元橋牌隊	38-27	13.45-6.55
2	42 廈門廈順隊	47 Simple	22-20	10.71-9.29
3	44 Ambassador	51 Lead Back	40-29	13.45-6.55
4	45 老樹獺	50 West Java Ladies (L)	10-43	2.14-17.86
5	46 Bridge Buddies	49 Harmony (L)	43-29	14.22-5.78
6	43 Pertamina DKI Red	52 Happy Bridge	33-7	16.73-3.27

Open C Round 6 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	41 深圳南港	47 Simple	27-23	11.38-8.62
2	43 Pertamina DKI Red	51 Lead Back	65-3	20.00-0.00
3	44 Ambassador	50 West Java Ladies (L)	57-21	18.28-1.72
4	45 老樹獺	49 Harmony (L)	42-4	18.54-1.46
5	46 Bridge Buddies	48 吉林鼎元橋牌隊	23-36	6.03-13.97
6	42 廈門廈順隊	52 Happy Bridge	14-21	7.69-12.31

Open C Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	41 深圳南港	46 Bridge Buddies	33-7	16.73-3.27
2	42 廈門廈順隊	44 Ambassador	34-14	15.58-4.42
3	43 Pertamina DKI Red	45 老樹獺	20-15	11.70-8.30
4	48 吉林鼎元橋牌隊	50 West Java Ladies (L)	18-29	6.55-13.45
5	49 Harmony (L)	51 Lead Back	46-16	17.40-2.60
6	47 Simple	52 Happy Bridge	27-15	13.71-6.29

Open C Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	41 深圳南港	45 老樹獺	12-4	12.61-7.39
2	42 廈門廈順隊	43 Pertamina DKI Red	12-26	5.78-14.22
3	44 Ambassador	46 Bridge Buddies	15-10	11.70-8.30
4	47 Simple	51 Lead Back	42-23	15.37-4.63
5	48 吉林鼎元橋牌隊	49 Harmony (L)	35-21	14.22-5.78
6	50 West Java Ladies (L)	52 Happy Bridge	27-26	10.36-9.64

Open C Round 9 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	41 深圳南港	44 Ambassador	41-0	18.90-1.10
2	42 廈門廈順隊	45 老樹獺	26-14	13.71-6.29
3	43 Pertamina DKI Red	46 Bridge Buddies	16-22	7.99-12.01
4	47 Simple	50 West Java Ladies (L)	26-18	12.61-7.39
5	48 吉林鼎元橋牌隊	51 Lead Back	76-0	20.00-0.00
6	49 Harmony (L)	52 Happy Bridge	21-35	5.78-14.22

Open C after R9 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	41# 深圳南港	141.05
2	43# Pertamina DKI Red	113.98
3	48# 吉林鼎元橋牌隊	111.57
4	42# 廈門廈順隊	110.80
5	47# Simple	108.10
6	46# Bridge Buddies	103.13
7	44# Ambassador	91.03
8	52# Happy Bridge	82.75
9	50# West Java Ladies (L)	65.54
10	45# 老樹獺	56.51
11	49# Harmony (L)	52.73
12	51# Lead Back	42.41

Scheduled Matches

Open C		
Round 10 2016-07-29 09:15-10:45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	深圳南港	Pertamina DKI Red
2	廈門廈順隊	Bridge Buddies
3	Ambassador	老樹獺
4	Simple	Harmony (L)
5	West Java Ladies (L)	Lead Back
6	吉林鼎元橋牌隊	Happy Bridge

Open C		
Round 11 2016-07-29 11:00-12:30		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	深圳南港	廈門廈順隊
2	Pertamina DKI Red	Ambassador
3	老樹獺	Bridge Buddies
4	Simple	吉林鼎元橋牌隊
5	Harmony (L)	West Java Ladies (L)
6	Lead Back	Happy Bridge

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Inter-city Open Team Championship

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Open D Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	61 YBM	68 四川攀枝花桥协队	29-42	6.03-13.97
2	62 广州珠江队	67 Sydney Allstars	43-20	16.18-3.82
3	64 Blesscuit Union	71 Shveta	51-41	13.18-6.82
4	65 CBLT	70 Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)	22-37	5.54-14.46
5	66 HEY YO!!	69 Diamond (L)	36-19	14.93-5.07
6	63 PON Jatim	72 Oldies	17-26	7.10-12.90

Open D Round 6 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	61 YBM	67 Sydney Allstars	23-27	8.62-11.38
2	63 PON Jatim	71 Shveta	57-3	20.00-0.00
3	64 Blesscuit Union	70 Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)	19-42	3.82-16.18
4	65 CBLT	69 Diamond (L)	27-29	9.29-10.71
5	66 HEY YO!!	68 四川攀枝花桥协队	29-25	11.38-8.62
6	62 广州珠江队	72 Oldies	39-35	11.38-8.62

Open D Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	61 YBM	66 HEY YO!!	19-17	10.71-9.29
2	62 广州珠江队	64 Blesscuit Union	17-36	4.63-15.37
3	63 PON Jatim	65 CBLT	30-23	12.31-7.69
4	68 四川攀枝花桥协队	70 Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)	33-31	10.71-9.29
5	69 Diamond (L)	71 Shveta	43-32	13.45-6.55
6	67 Sydney Allstars	72 Oldies	25-4	15.79-4.21

Open D Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	61 YBM	65 CBLT	15-23	7.39-12.61
2	62 广州珠江队	63 PON Jatim	33-0	17.86-2.14
3	64 Blesscuit Union	66 HEY YO!!	3-29	3.27-16.73
4	67 Sydney Allstars	71 Shveta	13-13	10.00-10.00
5	68 四川攀枝花桥协队	69 Diamond (L)	52-11	18.90-1.10
6	70 Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)	72 Oldies	12-4	12.61-7.39

Open D Round 9 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	61 YBM	64 Blesscuit Union	27-0	16.91-3.09
2	62 广州珠江队	65 CBLT	20-1	15.37-4.63
3	63 PON Jatim	66 HEY YO!!	34-3	17.56-2.44
4	67 Sydney Allstars	70 Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)	10-40	2.60-17.40
5	68 四川攀枝花桥协队	71 Shveta	32-18	14.22-5.78
6	69 Diamond (L)	72 Oldies	30-40	6.82-13.18

Open D after R9 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	62# 广州珠江队	124.50
2	68# 四川攀枝花桥协队	110.08
3	70# Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)	109.56
4	63# PON Jatim	104.41
5	67# Sydney Allstars	97.23
6	61# YBM	96.14
7	66# HEY YO!!	95.71
8	65# CBLT	82.76
9	69# Diamond (L)	71.05
10	64# Blesscuit Union	70.78
11	72# Oldies	65.06
12	71# Shveta	52.72

Scheduled Matches

Open D		
Round 10 2016-07-29 09:15-10:45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	YBM	PON Jatim
2	广州珠江队	HEY YO!!
3	Blesscuit Union	CBLT
4	Sydney Allstars	Diamond (L)
5	Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)	Shveta
6	四川攀枝花桥协队	Oldies

Open D		
Round 11 2016-07-29 11:00-12:30		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	YBM	广州珠江队
2	PON Jatim	Blesscuit Union
3	CBLT	HEY YO!!
4	Sydney Allstars	四川攀枝花桥协队
5	Diamond (L)	Pertamina DKI Ladies (L)
6	Shveta	Oldies

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Youth RR Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 FF20	8 辽大金州体校	111-0	20.00-0.00
2	2 北京人大附中B	7 Today	18-66	0.36-19.64
3	4 大连青少年桥俱	11 HKU	37-59	4.01-15.99
4	5 Lethal	10 北京人大附中A	56-9	19.54-0.46
5	6 辽宁金普桥协	9 PolyU	19-61	0.98-19.02
6	3 CUHK	12 华师大宝山实验	20-38	4.85-15.15

Youth RR Round 6 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 FF20	7 Today	46-29	14.93-5.07
2	3 CUHK	11 HKU	15-43	2.92-17.08
3	4 大连青少年桥俱	10 北京人大附中A	15-70	0.00-20.00
4	5 Lethal	9 PolyU	42-8	18.00-2.00
5	6 辽宁金普桥协	8 辽大金州体校	66-23	19.13-0.87
6	2 北京人大附中B	12 华师大宝山实验	70-18	20.00-0.00

Youth RR Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 FF20	6 辽宁金普桥协	33-27	12.01-7.99
2	2 北京人大附中B	4 大连青少年桥俱	24-38	5.78-14.22
3	3 CUHK	5 Lethal	23-30	7.69-12.31
4	8 辽大金州体校	10 北京人大附中A	2-87	0.00-20.00
5	9 PolyU	11 HKU	22-32	6.82-13.18
6	7 Today	12 华师大宝山实验	39-24	14.46-5.54

Youth RR Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 FF20	5 Lethal	35-14	15.79-4.21
2	2 北京人大附中B	3 CUHK	31-19	13.71-6.29
3	4 大连青少年桥俱	6 辽宁金普桥协	36-21	14.46-5.54
4	7 Today	11 HKU	24-16	12.61-7.39
5	8 辽大金州体校	9 PolyU	16-46	2.60-17.40
6	10 北京人大附中A	12 华师大宝山实验	72-2	20.00-0.00

Youth RR Round 9 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	1 FF20	4 大连青少年桥俱	51-5	19.44-0.56
2	2 北京人大附中B	5 Lethal	5-64	0.00-20.00
3	3 CUHK	6 辽宁金普桥协	60-20	18.78-1.22
4	7 Today	10 北京人大附中A	19-15	11.38-8.62
5	8 辽大金州体校	11 HKU	37-38	9.64-10.36
6	9 PolyU	12 华师大宝山实验	31-10	15.79-4.21

Youth RR after R9 Rankings

Rank	Team	vps
1	5# Lethal	130.98
2	1# FF20	120.84
3	10# 北京人大附中A	119.39
4	7# Today	117.29
5	11# HKU	108.42
6	2# 北京人大附中B	99.50
7	9# PolyU	90.72
8	12# 华师大宝山实验	82.75
9	4# 大连青少年桥俱	79.40
10	3# CUHK	74.88
11	6# 辽宁金普桥协	38.86
12	8# 辽大金州体校	15.37

Scheduled Matches

Youth RR		
Round 10 2016-07-29 09:15-10:45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FF20	Inter College Gold: CUHK
2	北京人大附中B	辽宁金普桥协
3	大连青少年桥牌俱乐部	Lethal
4	Today	Inter College Sliver: PolyU
5	北京人大附中A	Inter College Bronze: HKU
6	辽大金州体校	华师大宝山实验学校

Youth RR		
Round 11 2016-07-29 11:00-12:30		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FF20	北京人大附中B
2	Inter College Gold: CUHK	大连青少年桥牌俱乐部
3	Lethal	辽宁金普桥协
4	Today	辽大金州体校
5	Inter College Sliver: PolyU	北京人大附中A
6	Inter College Bronze: HKU	华师大宝山实验学校

Open Qualifying Round 5 – Guangzhou Pearl River v Sydney Allstars

At the end of day one, China's Guangzhou Pearl River led Group D from Sydney Allstars of Australia. What better match to see on BBO for the first match of day two?

The match started with a thin 3NT, bid and made by the Sydney N/S pair of Avi Kanetkar and Bruce Neil for +400, while their team-mates, Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazar were making 3♠+1 in the other room for an 11 IMP swing to Sydney Allstars (BBO was not quite up to speed so early in the morning so we don't have all the details). On Board 2 it was the turn of the Chinese N/S to get to a thin game.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lazar	Zhang	Gumby	Junshan
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
ZhiWei	Kanetkar	Gumby	Junshan
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	INT
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

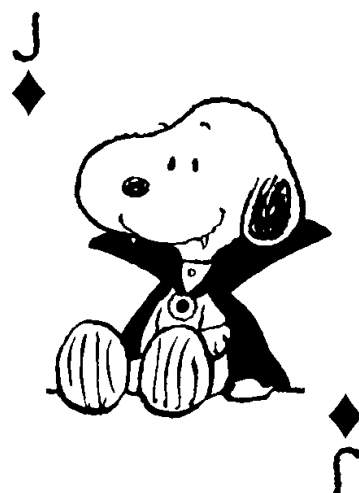
GY Zhang had an awkward rebid over Junshan Ma's INT response to the overcall. He had the all-round strength to invite game but that meant making a jump rebid in a rather empty suit. Well, Zhang went for the bid that showed his strength without worrying about the lack of trump quality and duly caught a raise from his partner.

Gumby found the best lead of the queen of hearts, attacking dummy's entries, but Zhang simply won the ace and played three rounds of clubs to establish the thirteenth card in dummy. He could win the diamond switch with the ace and draw two rounds of trumps ending in dummy. The ten of clubs took care of a diamond loser so there was no need to take advantage of the very fortunate diamond position; 10 tricks for +620.

ZhiWei Ma's 2♥ rebid gave Kanetkar an easy option at the other table and he took advantage of this by doubling to express his extra values. However, having already shown extras and expecting heart wastage in the dummy, he did not feel it right to go on over Neil's 2♠ response to the double.

Again, the lead was the queen of hearts. Kanetkar won the ace and played three rounds of clubs and Zhiwei won and tried to cash the king of hearts. Kanetkar ruffed and played king of spades then a spade to the ace and could take one pitch on the jack of hearts and a second on the ♣10. With no diamond loser he came to 11 tricks for +200 but 9 IMPs to Guangzhou.

The all-action start to the day continued on the next deal.



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 4
♥ 9 7 5
♦ K Q 10 6 2
♣ K 7 2

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

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 6 4
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A Q 10

West	North	East	South
Lazar	Zhang	Gumby	Junshan
–	–	–	1♣
2♣	2♦	Dble	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
ZhiWei	Kanetkar	Yang	Neil
–	–	–	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Neil's INT opening kept Zhiwei out of the auction, though I can think of a number of players who would have come into the auction with that West hand, even when vulnerable, and Kanetkar jumped to 3NT.

Which major would you lead from the West hand? I can't tell you what is theoretically correct, but I can tell you that Zhiwei's choice of a low heart was a big winner. Yang won the ace and returned the jack and, though Neil ducked, ZhiWei followed with a suit-preference ten, leaving Yang in no doubt where his outside entry lay; down two for -100.

Junshan Ma opened a strong 1♣ and Lazar over-called to show the majors. When Junshan rebid 2NT over Gumby's competitive double, Zhang went on to game.

Again, what major should West lead on this different auction? Lazar went for the stronger one, the nine of spades. This was covered all around and Ma had nine tricks for +400 and 11 IMPs to Guangzhou. Sydney Allstars picked up 3 IMPs for an extra undertrick in yet another thin game on Board 4 and 2 more in the same fashion on Board 6 so trailed by 16-20 at the midpoint in the match.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 5 4
♥ K Q J 7 2
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 6 2

♠ A Q 10 8 7
♥ 10 9
♦ 10 4
♣ A 9 8 4

♠ J 3
♥ A 4
♦ A K J 7 5 2
♣ K Q J

♠ 9 6 2
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ Q 8
♣ 10 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
Lazar	Zhang	Gumby	Junshan
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♥	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
ZhiWei	Kanetkar	Yang	Neil
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

ZhiWei opened the West 10-count, protected by the limited nature of his opening (up to 15), and Yang drove to slam once his partner admitted to some diamond tolerance.

Neil led the three of clubs to declarer's king and Yang cashed the top diamonds. The fall of the queen meant that he could draw the last trump then take the spade finesse and, though the king was offside,

he had 12 tricks for +920.

Does that trump play look right to you? We have to give credit where credit is due, so well done Yang, but I would have thought that to lead the jack of spades to dummy's queen, intending to take the diamond finesse, was a better bet. If there is a spade loser, diamonds will have to come in without loss, while if there is no spade loser declarer can afford to lose one diamond trick but not two. Yang's line goes down with the ♠K onside and diamonds four-one, quite apart from the fact that ♦Qxx onside is more likely than ♦Qx offside. Against that, I suppose that his line gains when there is a club ruff out if he doesn't cash the top diamonds.

In the other room, Lazar did not open the West hand and slam was never a consideration. Gumby declared 3NT on a heart lead, which she ducked. She won the continuation and went for the combination play of cashing the top diamonds, intending to fall back on the spade finesse if the queen did not fall. When it did fall, she had the rest for 12 tricks and +490 but 10 IMPs to Guangzhou.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K J 10 3
♥ K 7 3 2
♦ Q J 6
♣ 7 5

♠ A
♥ A Q 9 5 4
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ A 9 2

♠ Q 7 5 2
♥ J 10
♦ K 10 7 3 2
♣ 4 3

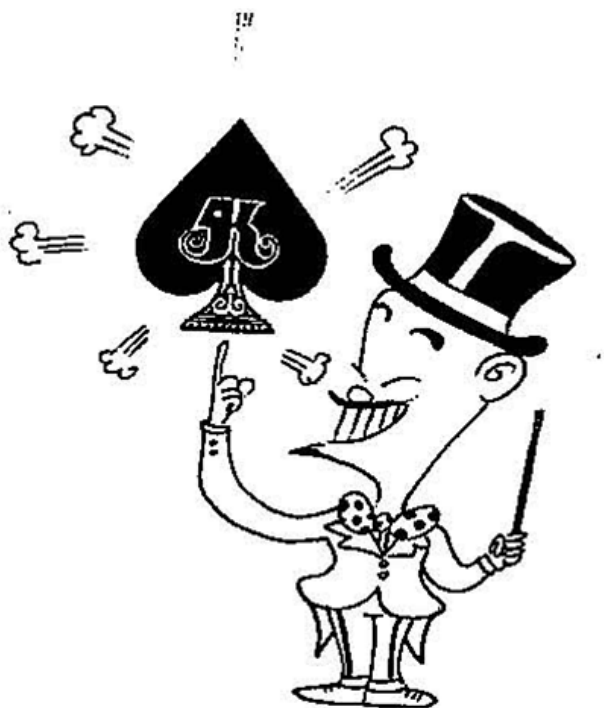
♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ 8 6
♦ 5
♣ K Q J 10 8 6

West	North	East	South
Lazar	Zhang	Gumby	Junshan
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
ZhiWei	Kanetkar	Yang	Neil
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	2♣
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Kanetkar picked up 3 IMPs for his side with a sharp double of a freely bid game. He had seen his partner make a vulnerable two-level overcall and knew that he was sitting over a strong club holding two major-suit kings, plus he was almost guaranteed to have a trump trick. Right he was, as his club lead set up a winner there and the losing heart finesse meant a second side-suit winner for the defence for down one and -200.

In the other room Junshan Ma had made a weak jump overcall of the natural auction and Zhang did not find the double. Five Diamonds was still down one after the automatic club lead, but that was only -100 so Sydney Allstars had a modest pick-up.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 9
♥ A J 10 7 6
♦ 8
♣ A K 9 6 5

♠ 7 6 2
♥ 9 4
♦ Q 5 4 3
♣ 8 4 3 2

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ Q 5 3
♦ K 9 7 6
♣ 10 7

♠ A K J 5
♥ K 8 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ Q J

West	North	East	South
Lazar	Zhang	Gumby	Junshan
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
ZhiWei	Kanetkar	Yang	Neil
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Neil showed a balanced 18-19 then admitted to having heart support. Kanetkar asked about key cards then about the trump queen and settled for the small slam. Winning the spade lead he played hearts from the top and had 12 tricks for +980.

Junshan Ma opened with a strong club then agreed hearts and Zhang simply took control with Keycard, not worrying about a possible third-round club loser. Junshan showed three key cards so Zhang asked about the trump queen and it looks as though there was a misunderstanding because Junshan now bid the grand slam when not holding it.

Gumby led the ten of clubs and Zhang promptly won the queen and led a heart to his ace then ran the jack on the way back. I thought the old theory that one should always lead a trump against a grand slam so that a non-trump lead marks the opening leader with either a void or the queen was no longer considered to be a sound one, but perhaps it is still valid where the opposition appear to have promised possession of the queen – as had South in this auction. Clearly that is how Zhang thought, as he went against the pure odds play to land his contract and pick up 11 IMPs for his side when getting the trumps wrong would have cost 14.

This board clinched the match for Guangzhou Pearl River, who won by 43-20 IMPs, 16.18-3.82 VPs, consolidating their position at the head of their qualifying group.



Open Qualifying Round 6 – Nanguang Power v Simple

Nanguang Power (China) led Group C after five rounds while Simple (Singapore) lay fifth. The first swing went the way of Simple.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tan	Chen	Ng	Shen
–	1♠	2♦	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gan	Seng	Shi	Yen
–	1♠	2♦	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

For Simple, Lam Cheng Yen made a negative double, while Nanguang Power's Jiaying Shen preferred to bid his hearts. Both, however, followed up with an invitational raise to 3♠, quite an aggressive action given the dubious value of the bare king of diamonds. North also had to look at his diamond holding and, seeing difficulty in getting rid of queen to four with West having the potential to over-ruff dummy, Tan Wei Seng judged to decline the invitation. At the other table, Shenghong Chen took the opposing view and went on to 4♠.

Xiao Shi led the jack of diamonds against 3♠. Xinli Gan won the ace and switched to a trump, Seng rising with the ace and playing the queen of hearts. Shi ducked that so Seng switched his attention to diamonds, ruffing the seven in dummy then ruffing a heart back to hand to play king then jack of spades. Gan won that and returned a heart and, after a little thought, Seng ruffed, seeing the ace fall on his left. He drew the outstanding trump then led a club towards the king and had ten tricks for +170.

Kelvin Ng led a low diamond against 4♠ and Paul Tan too won and switched to a trump. I incline to the view that, off three aces, declarer should take his best shot in the trump suit and run the spade switch to dummy's ten, as queen to three or four onside is more likely than dropping a short queen offside. Had he done so, Chen could have picked up the spades without loss then played the queen of hearts. However, having led a low diamond at trick one, Ng could have won the ♥A and played the ♦J to set up a fourth defensive trick before declarer could get to the heart winners. All that proved to be academic as Chen actually rose with the ♠A and played the heart ace. Ng won and cashed the ♣A and the ♠Q was the setting trick; down one for –50 and 6 IMPs to Simple.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tan	Chen	Ng	Shen
–	1♣	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gan	Seng	Shi	Yen
–	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Seng opened 1NT and Yen did not try for game so Gan balanced with 2♥ and, not liking the look of that, Shi introduced his own suit, spades. Now Yen doubled for take-out and Seng responded 3♣, where he played.

Shi led his singleton heart to the queen and king and Gan switched to the ten of spades for the queen and king. Shi in turn switched to a trump round to declarer's ten and Seng drew the rest of the trumps then led a heart to the jack and ace. He won the spade return and crossed to the king of diamonds to lead a heart towards his hand. That blocked the diamonds so he could no longer take advantage of the queen-jack doubleton so there was a spade to lose at the end for down one and –100. Blocking the diamonds was unnecessary, of course. The ♦8 went at trick one so Seng should have been in a position to lead the third round from hand.

Chen opened a strong club at the other table and Ng traded on the favourable vulnerability to overcall 2♠. However, with 8 HCP facing a strong club, Shen was not going to stop short of game so doubled then raised the 2NT response to game.

Nine tricks cannot be prevented if declarer reads the hand correctly but Ng's decision to lead a spade made life very easy. Chen won the queen and led a heart to the queen and ace, won the spade return and played on clubs, finessing the ten on the third round so having four tricks in the suit. Next he led a second heart to the jack and king and Gan played ten and another heart. Chen won the fourth heart, cashed the ace of diamonds and, knowing that the

king of spades was still on his left, knew to drop the second diamond honour at trick 12 and claim his overtrick; +630 and 12 IMPs to Nanguang.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tan	Chen	Ng	Shen
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♦	1NT	2♥
2NT	4♥	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gan	Seng	Shi	Yen
–	–	–	1♥
Dble	4♥	4NT	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Yen opened a natural 1♥, enabling Seng to make a big pre-emptive raise over the take-out double. Four Hearts did not inconvenience Shi at all as he could bid 4NT to show a minor two-suiter and might well have done so even after a lower heart raise on his right. If Yen was right to bid 5♥ now on a hand with several potential losers, then Seng was wrong to bid 4♥, and a regular pairing should know each others style and expectations sufficiently well to avoid bids that offer such an easy 1100 to the opposition. For me, Yen was far too balanced to go on to the five level, but it does depend to some degree on what he had a right to expect from partner.

When 5♥ came back to Shi he doubled and that ended the auction. A club lead and diamond switch saw the defence collect two tricks in each side-suit for down four; -1100.

That proved to be a far less serious adverse swing than it might have been for Simple. In the other room, Shen opened a strong club and Ng overcalled INT to show the minors after Chen's negative 1♦ response. The Nanguang pair found the heart fit and bid up to game but Tan had shown interest in both minors so Ng, with extra playing strength over what he had shown initially, felt justified in 'saving' in 5♣. That was doubled by Shi, who didn't really have the defence to justify it, and the same friendly lie of the cards that had provided E/W with 1100 at the other table provided 12 tricks and +950 in this one. The swing, therefore, was just 4 IMPs to Nanguang, a mere pinprick from Simple's perspective.

On Board 24, Seng/Yen did well to bid a low point-count 5♦ which rolled in with an overtrick while diamonds were not even mentioned at the other table as Shen/Chen stopped in 3♣. That earned Simple a 7 IMP swing.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 6 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ K J 9 6 4 ♣ A J 10</p>	<p>♠ K Q 10 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ A Q 10 5 3 ♣ Q 5</p>
<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ J 10 9 5 3 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ 8 6 4</p>	<p>♠ J 9 8 7 4 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ — ♣ K 9 7 3 2</p>

West	North	East	South
Tan	Chen	Ng	Shen
—	1♦	Dble	1♠
Pass	INT	Dble	2♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gan	Seng	Shi	Yen
—	INT	Dble	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♥	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Chen opened a Precision 1♦ and rebid INT, up to 14, while Shen simply bid and rebid his spades. Tan led the jack of hearts, Ng putting in the queen to keep open communications with his partner as declarer won the king. Shen cashed the ace of spades then led a club to the ace and a second club. When the queen appeared he won the king and played a second round of spades and had 10 tricks for +170. Seng opened a weak no trump and was doubled. Yen ran to 2♣, fully expecting to have future opportunities to introduce the spades. Right he was and he bid 2♠ at his next turn when 2♣ was doubled then competed to 3♠ over Shi's 3♦. I suspect a BBO glitch now as North's supposed 4♥ bid makes no sense at all. Anyway, the upshot of all this was that Yen declared 4♠ doubled.

The lead was again the jack of hearts. Shi won the ace and returned the queen to Yen's king. Yen played ace and another spade so Shi won and cashed his second spade trick then exited with the two of hearts. Yen ruffed that and it was all down to the club guess. It is a guess, but declarer had seen East turn up with three cards in each major and he had shown long diamonds during the auction. Though East had also shown the bulk of the E/W strength during the auction, it was quite possible that he had a singleton club. Accordingly, Yen led a club to the ten and was one down when that lost to the queen; -100 and 7 IMPs to Nanguang instead of +590 and 9 IMPs to Simple.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

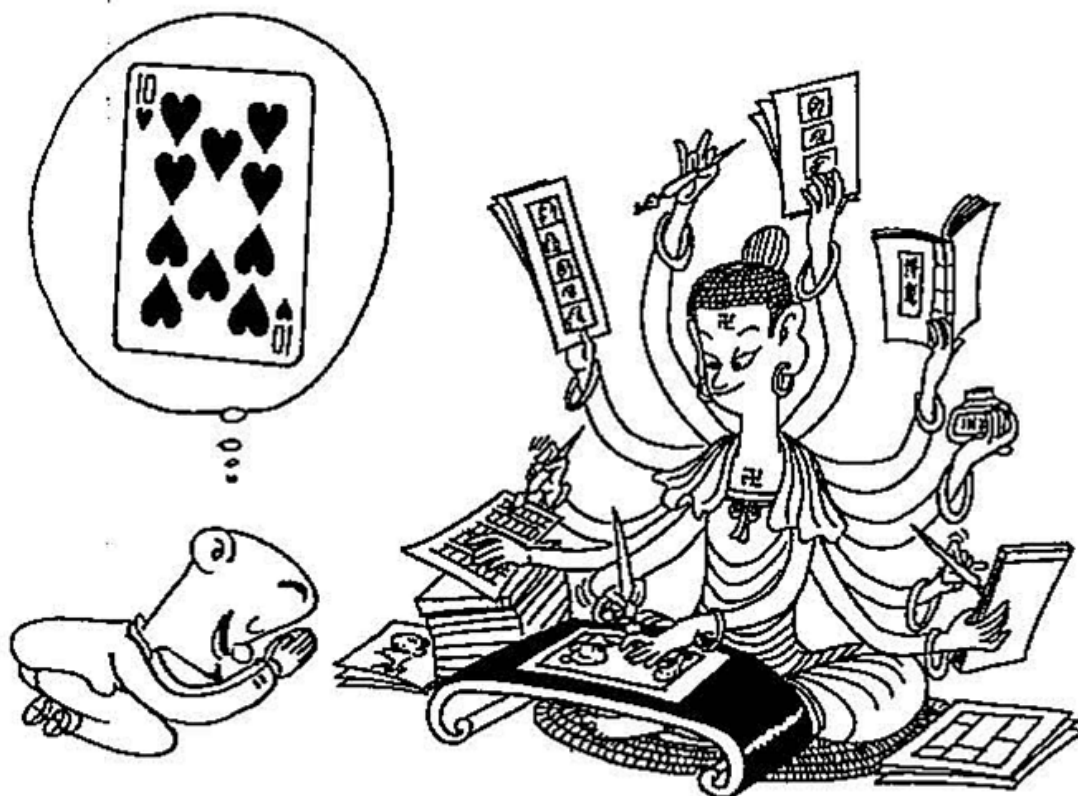
West	North	East	South
Tan	Chen	Ng	Shen
Gan	Seng	Shi	Yen
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Two simple auctions saw both Norths prepared to go quietly rather than compete in a suit bid on their right. No doubt the vulnerability had something to do with that.

Both Souths led the ten of spades and both Norths overtook and cashed a second spade. Chen now continued with a third spade but this proved not to be good enough, though it did achieve its initial goal of promoting a trump trick for South. Ng ruffed with the queen then cashed the ace and king of trumps. He continued with the queen of diamonds followed by a third trump to the jack and Shen was endplayed. Seeing that to play a diamond would give declarer access to two winners which he could not otherwise reach, Shen tried a low club instead. That went to the ten, jack and queen, and the subsequent fall of the ♣8 meant that Ng had an eighth trick for a nicely played +110.

Seng found the killing defence. After cashing the second spade he switched to the jack of clubs and only after he had ruffed the third club did he play the third spade to promote the jack of hearts into the setting trick. That was down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to Simple.

Nanguang Power won the match by 27-23 IMPs, 11.38-8.62 VPs, and they continued to head the group.



Open Qualifying Round 7 – Zen v Ishidaya

Two Hong Kong teams met in Round 7 of Group A. Going into the match, Zen was very much in contention in third place in the group, while Ishidaya looked dead and buried over 50 VPs behind them in eighth.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K 10 6
♥ J 8
♦ K 9 2
♣ A 8 3 2

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

♠ Q J 7 2
♥ K Q 9 5 2
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
Lee	Sze	Chan	Chiu
–	INT	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Chun	Chin	Zen	Mok
–	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

For Ishidaya, L.H. Chin opened 1♣ and rebid 1♠. Wen C.C. Mok could only raise to 2♠, that was that. Derek Zen led the ten of hearts and Peter Chun won the ace and, mindful of his partner's overcall, switched to the ten of diamonds. Three rounds of diamonds saw Chun ruffing but that was it for the defence; nine tricks for +140.

For Zen, Alan Sze opened with INT and Abby Chiu

used Stayman, doubled by Jim Lee, then raised the 2♠ response to game. The double of 2♣ naturally enough attracted a club lead from Simon Chan, the king. Sze won and, with no diamond overcall to warn him of the dangers of this approach, played on hearts. The jack was ducked but Lee won the second round and now needed to find a diamond switch. However, just as declarer did not know of the threat posed by the diamond suit, neither did Lee. He gave his partner a heart ruff and now the defence could get only one diamond trick so the contract made for +420 and 7 IMPs to Zen.

From West's point of view, East could have had one diamond trick and one spade, when giving the ruff could have been the winning defence.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 7
♥ K 5 2
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ A K Q 9

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

♠ Q 8
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 7
♣ 7 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
Lee	Sze	Chan	Chiu
Chun	Chin	Zen	Mok
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

What do you think – is North worth his second double? There will be a fair few Souths who will answer, no, and I would have sympathy with them. North has good defence, though not good enough to defeat 3♠, and poor offense, in particular having only three hearts. My vote goes to a pass, and it

seems that the majority agree with me. In the Open, 4♥ was played 12 teams, doubled exactly half the time, while 3♠ was played 20 times. There were a couple in 4♣ N/S, a couple in 3♥, and the rest were in 2♠ or 4♠, the latter occasionally doubled.

Four Hearts was hopeless, of course, drifting four off at one table and five at the other for -200 and -250 respectively and 2 IMPs to Zen. It could have been a lot worse – just imagine if West finds that double!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ –
♥ 10 9 5
♦ Q 10 7 4 3
♣ J 8 6 4 3

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

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K Q 8
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ Q 10 2

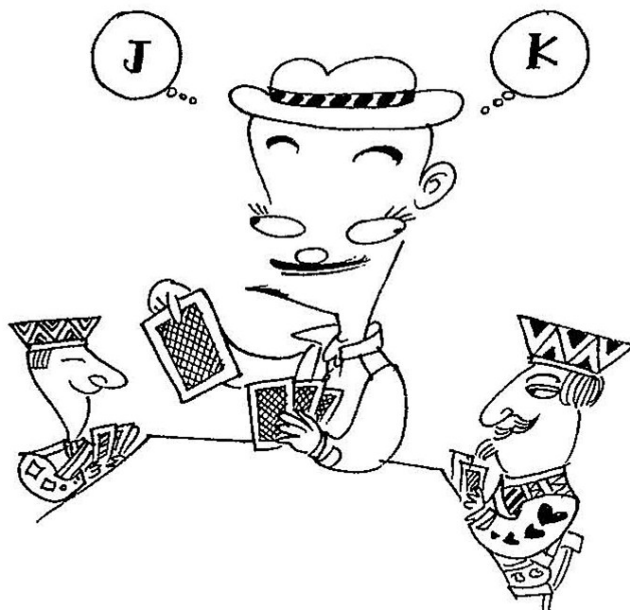
West	North	East	South
Lee	Sze	Chan	Chiu
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Chun	Chin	Zen	Mok
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♠	All Pass

Lee and Chan had a slow and controlled auction with Chan eventually jumping to the cold small slam. Lee's diamond cuebid was not what Chan really wanted to hear, hence his giving up on a grand, but it did at least suggest that there would be a parking place for the club loser; +980.

Zen took a more direct approach, launching into Keycard as soon as the spade fit came to light. Was there a misunderstanding regarding the meaning of the 6♥ bid – two kings for West, the ♥K for East – or were they playing one of my least favourite methods, which some of my partners assure me to be wonderful, in which 6♠ shows either the ♥K or the other two side-suit kings, and Zen guessed wrong?

Whatever went wrong, the bottom line was that Zen was in a hopeless grand. Mok led the king of hearts and the contract was down one for -100 and 17 IMPs to Ishidaya.



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 7 3
♥ A J 7 6 2
♦ 5 4 3
♣ Q 9 2

♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ 9 4
♦ A K
♣ K 8 5 4

♠ 6
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 9 7 6
♣ 7 6 3

♠ A 8 5 4 2
♥ K Q
♦ J 8 2
♣ A J 10

West	North	East	South
Lee	Sze	Chan	Chiu
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Chun	Chin	Zen	Mok
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			

I was surprised to see Chin pass the protective no trump overcall – would have thought it was normal to transfer, as did Sze in the other room. Certainly, passing worked out badly.

Chun led the king of spades against INT. Mok won and played queen then king of hearts, overtaking and cashing the jack. No luck there so he took his second shot at the contract by running the ♣Q. When that lost the contract was down one for -50.

In the other room, Lee doubled the completion of the transfer for take-out and Chan responded 3♦ and played there.

Chiu led the king then queen of hearts and, still on lead, switched to a trump to dummy's king. Chan played a spade so Chiu won the ace and exited with a second diamond to the ace. Chan threw a club on

a spade then played another spade and, when that was ruffed by North, discarded a heart. That put Sze on play, rather to his surprise, and he cashed the ace of hearts then played a fourth round. That promoted a trick for the ♦J and the contract was down three for -150 and 5 IMPs to Zen.

Why did declarer not over-ruff the spade, cash the queen of diamonds to draw the last trump, and play a club towards the king? That would make the contract as the two heart losers would go away on the spades and there would be no trump promotion. Curious.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2
♥ A
♦ K 8
♣ A K Q 9

♠ J 7
♥ J 9 7 6 4
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 7 6 2

♠ K 8 3
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ J 10 8

♠ 10 5
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A Q J 9 5
♣ 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
Lee	Sze	Chan	Chiu
-	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Chun	Chin	Zen	Mok
–	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠

All Pass

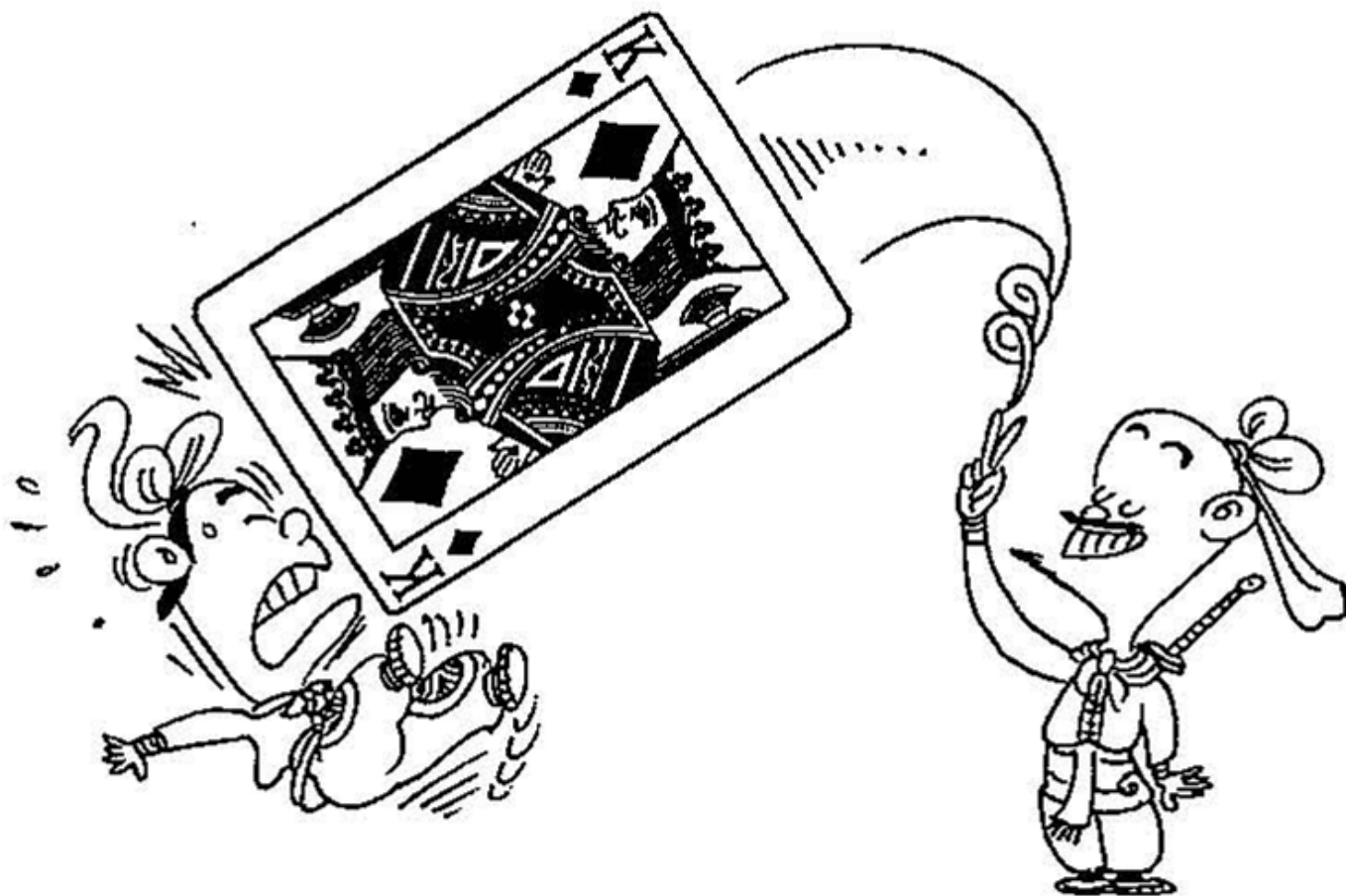
I don't have sufficient information to describe exactly what was going on in the two auctions so let's just say that both Norths found themselves at the helm in the borderline slam.

Chan led a heart to declarer's bare ace and Sze cashed the ace of spades then crossed to dummy with a low diamond to the jack to lead the ten of spades. When the jack appeared he could cover and there was only one trump loser; +980.

Zen led the jack of clubs, Chin winning the ace and overtaking the king of diamonds to lead the ♠10 to the jack, queen and king. Zen returned a diamond, giving declarer a guess as to which minor would be breaking evenly – as it turned out, he couldn't go wrong, of course, but this defence would have beaten the contract had North held the same hand without the ♣Q, however unlikely that was on the auction. Chin chose to cash a third diamond for a club discard and had 12 tricks for +980 and a flat board.

What about declarer's trump play? I am sure I would have played as did Chin, crossing to dummy to lead the ten. On Sze's line there is the possibility to go down with king to three outside if you mis-guess on the second round and it feels wrong to rely on a good guess on a three-two break to guard against a possible bare honour.

Zen sneaked the win by 22-20 after Sze/Chiu stayed out of a thin game on Board 11 while Chin/Mok were going down. That converts to 10.71-9.29 VPs.



2016 年香港城市橋牌錦標賽

2016 年 7 月 28 日

今天又进行了小组循环赛的第 5 至 9 轮，预赛仅剩最后 2 轮了，出线局势进入白热化阶段。

第 9 轮结束后，4 个小组领先的队是：

- A 组 ZEN(138.16)
Vincent Li(136.72)
- B 组 Dragon Kiddies(121.20)
Kongo Kong(113.80)
- C 组 深圳南港(141.05)
Pertamina DKI Red(113.98)
- D 组 广州珠江(124.50)
四川攀枝花桥协(110.08)

青年组 9 轮后领先的队是：

- Lethal(130.98), FF20(120.84)

小组循环赛第 5 轮，D 组，广州珠江队 vs 悉尼全明星队。

第 5 轮
第 2 副
南北有局

♠ K87652
♥ 6
♦ A62
♣ AK3

♠ QJ4	N	♠ 103
♥ K109542	W	♥ Q3
♦ Q	E	♦ K108754
♣ QJ9	S	♣ 762

♠ A9
♥ AJ87
♦ J83
♣ 10854

澳大利亚队员在闭室的叫牌过程：

西	北	东	南
		—	—
1H	1S	—	1NT
2H	X	—	2S
—	—	=	

开室：

西	北	东	南
	张广阳		马俊山
		—	—
1H	1S	—	1NT
—	3S	—	4S
—	—	=	

闭室北家的加倍虽然也显示了足够的实力，但南家仅有 2 张黑桃，找不到更好的叫品，2S 也是不得已的处理办法。

相比之下，开室广州珠江队张广阳的 3S 跳叫避免了同伴的艰难选择，轻松进局。广州珠江赢得 9imp。

这副牌在全部 48 桌中叫到 4S 进局的占 1/4。

第 5 轮
第 3 副
东西有局

♠ J4
♥ 975
♦ KQ1062
♣ K72

♠ A10982	N	♠ Q65
♥ K10832	W	♥ AJ
♦ 4	E	♦ 975
♣ J9	S	♣ 98654

♠ K73
♥ Q64
♦ AJ83
♣ AQ10

开室叫牌过程：

西	北	东	南
	张广阳		马俊山
			1C
2C	2D	X	2NT
—	3NT	—	—
=			

同伴的应叫性加倍很暧昧，选择还是靠自己！如果是你？你持西家的牌会首攻什么呢？

澳大利亚队员选择了首攻 S9，庄家轻松吃到 9 墩，完成 3NT。

闭室叫牌过程：

西	北	东	南
马智威		杨小光	
			1NT
—	3NT	—	—
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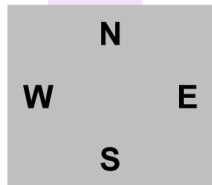
没有任何帮助信息，马智威只能自己选择。最终马智威选择了首攻 H3，杨小光 HA 吃进，继续 HJ，庄家防小顽强抵抗！但马智威跟 H10 指明方向，杨小光回出黑桃，3NT 定约宕 2。

48 桌中，一共有 36 桌叫到 3NT，但完成和宕掉的比例是：26 比 10。

有牌手说，类似的这样两个套中选择，应该不从带 A 的套中首攻，因为 A 可以保持控制。有没有道理呢？

第 5 轮 ♠ K54
第 8 副 ♥ KQJ72
双方无局 ♦ 963
♣ 62

♠ AQ1087
♥ 109
♦ 104
♣ A984



♠ J3
♥ A4
♦ AKJ752
♣ KQJ

♠ 962
♥ 8653
♦ Q8
♣ 10753

开室，悉尼全明星队东家主打 3NT 定约。首攻红心，面临险情！一旦脱手，定约就要宕掉。

这是一副标准的组合打法牌，完成概率大于一个简单飞牌的 50% 概率：先兑现一个套中的 AK，如果 Q 击落，定约回家；如果没击落 Q，再去进行第 2 套的飞牌。

这个打法大家已经熟知，在叫到 3NT 的桌上，多数桌都完成了定约，但也还有少量几桌没能完成。

闭室叫牌过程不同：

西	东
马智威	杨小光
1S	2D
3C	3H
3S	4D
5D	6D

南家首攻 C3，你要找 DQ 和 SQ 两个 Q，先飞一个不成，再飞一个又不成，只能抱怨今天运气不佳，或者有人背后说你 rp 不够...

在桌上，广州珠江队东家杨小光思考后直接兑现将牌 DAK！定约回家。

同样的结果发生在吉利汽车队的桌上。

西	东	
彭剑锋	周清宏	
1S	2D	
2S	2NT	*2S=低限
3C	3D	*3C=实叫
3NT	4C	
4D	6D	

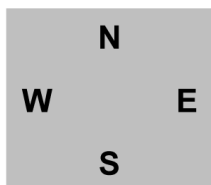
周清宏评说这副牌，认为有几个关键点需要考虑：

1. 如果要飞 DQ，需要立刻在黑桃上去飞牌上手，桥路问题需要考虑；
2. 草花首攻，还要考虑南北方草花将吃的可能性；
3. 敲 DQ 的打法综合考虑了上面两种情况，概率上和 3NT 的组合打法是一样，只会增加成功率；
4. 即使 DQ 敲不下来，也还有成功机会。

第 5 轮
第 11 副
双方无局

♠ Q9
♥ AJ1076
♦ 8
♣ AK965

♠ 762
♥ 94
♦ Q543
♣ 8432



♠ 10843
♥ Q53
♦ K976
♣ 107

♠ AKJ5
♥ K82
♦ AJ102
♣ QJ

闭室叫牌过程:

北	南
	1D
1H	2NT
3C	3H
4S	4NT

5C 5H
6H

开室叫牌过程:

北	南
张广阳	马俊山
	1C
1H	2H
4NT	5D
5S	7H

通常在关键张问叫之后，接力问将牌 Q。此时，由于红心是将牌，所以北家张广阳越过了 5H，用 5S 问同伴是否有 HQ。

然而马俊山误以为同伴问他是否有 SK。我有 SK! 当然要去大满贯!!!

多数时候面对大满贯的首攻都是将牌，然而可怜的东家手上有将牌 Q! 自动暴露了军情...广州珠江歪打正着，叫到并完成 7H，又赢得 11 imp。





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NS Overall Ranking

EW Overall Ranking

Rank	Pair	Score	Name	Rank	Pair	Score	Name
N-S	1	2644	David Ip - Wilson Mok	E-W	1	142	Paul Tan - Selene Tan
	2	2384	Ivan Hu - Simon Hinge		2	61	KF Mak - Da Wei Chen
	3	2287	York Kwan - Rocky Tam		3	103	Lian Shi Sim - Tan Wei Seng
	4	1973	Yiu Wai Sing - Mickey Law		4	33	Leo Cheung - Karen Li
	5	1841	Jackson Lai - Sukon Hung		5	65	Vincent Lui - Kawai Chan
	6	1670	Dave Pang - CC Hon		6	106	WH Fok - Ricky Chu
	7	1606	Charmian Koo - WK Lai		7	29	Charlie Lee - Francis Chan
	8	1382	KY Chan - Gary Tam		8	144	Zoe Chan - Julian Lui
	9	1266	Boris Tam - Edmund Yim		9	149	KW Tam - Patrick Wu
	10	1237	Wong Kon - Billy Fung		10	68	Suena Manalang - Phil Manalang
	11	1192	Lam Cheng Yen - Kelvin Ng		11	23	Barney Lui - Abby Chiu
	12	1110	Abhinav Gorawara - Ramesh Vishvanathan		12	62	CHIU Dah Mong - York LIAO
	13	9	Terence Chan - Benjamin Yip		13	107	Vincent Fung - Chris Chung
	14	85	Samme Lee - Ricky Fung		14	64	Rei De Cheng - Seneca Kwan
	15	125	Raju Ramchandani - Priya Kirpalani		15	150	Rajan Gupta - Seema Kothari
	16	89	Sidney Ho - Samuel Fung		16	108	Baron Ng - Mark Ng
	17	121	Ko Chuen Ho - Ricky Lai		17	151	Jackson Tsang - Chris Chan
	18	131	David CC Ng - Lo Wing Ho		18	111	Jeff Luk - Johnny Lui
	19	46	Alan Mok - Samuel Choi		19	73	Poon Ling - Bryan Yip
	20	11	Yin Binti - Zhao Ying		20	146	Derek Zen - Liu Yiu Qian
	21	84	Windsor Chan - Kelvin Chung		21	63	Douglas Tsang - Kavan Chan
	22	87	Beacon Lam - PH Cheng		22	110	Edward Ng - TK Kong
	23	88	Zhu Ping - Jin Ke		23	21	Samson Hung - Louis Chu
	24	47	Eugene Chung - Nick Fung		24	22	Wilson Leung - Kongo Kong
	25	91	CS Law - John Lai		25	145	Leo Chow - WH Cheung
	26	44	Peter Chow - Sing Leung		26	102	Antony Au - Charles Ip
	27	10	Brandon Poon - Charmain Ng		27	141	Jopet Maliwat - Nonot Carreon
	28	3	Andy KO Leung - Louis CM Chan		28	71	Crystal Tang - Helen Yeung
	29	83	Mai Rongguang - Zhao Qiang		29	25	Benny Kwok - WK Wong
	30	5	Ray Cheung - Kieth Chu		30	69	Paul So - Bob Ham
	31	129	Steve HT Wong - Tommy Cho		31	70	Doreen Pao - Jim Lee
	32	50	Robert Zajac - Matthew Leung		32	67	Jason Chu - Alex Tang
	33	7	Zia Wai - Gavin Tang		33	28	Kishin Chainani - Chan Wing Cheung
	34	81	Frankie Chan - Victor So		34	27	Edward Cheung - Angus Lum
	35	49	Sophia Sin - Emesa Lee		35	66	Chad Law - Mick Yeung
	82	-847	John Tsang - Vinci Wan		36	109	Patrick Tang - Curtiss Yeung
	37	123	Michael Wu - Philip Chan		37	101	Antony Mok - Sunny Lam
	38	126	Lincoln Yue - Ko Man Fu		38	30	Bacon Lam - Jenny To
	39	130	Oscar Chan - Arnold Kwan		39	148	Jennifer Karamoy - WD Karamoy
	40	8	SONG Jinwoo - YOU Garam		40	143	City Lam - Barry Chan
	41	42	Fred Lee - Martin Cheung		41	26	Kevin Poon - Ken To
	42	124	FH Chow - Boaz Szeto		42	147	Jacky Chan - Charlie Cheng
	43	127	Corona Tsuei - Samson Zhang		43	31	Kit Chan - Wing Kwan
	44	45	Wendy Simpson - Bagwanfi Moha		44	104	Felix Lam - Karen Wu
	45	48	Maverick Lam - Eileen Dai		45	24	Yao Dong Bai - Zou Jia Yu
	46	72	Guo Xiao Yi - Li Peng Fei		46	105	Ken Yip - Shirley Kwok

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