

Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships

Hotel Miramar, Aug 10-15, 2004



Takayama Masaaki, Takano Hideki, Shoko Fukuda, Tadashi Teramoto

Teramoto holds a narrow lead over AIA at half way

The final is between:

Teramoto: Tadashi Teramoto, Hideki Takano, Masaaki Takayama and Shoko Fukuda (pictured above)

AIA: Edmund Tse, Patrick Huang, C. H. Kuo, Derek Zen and Samuel Wan

After winning their respective semi final matches AIA and Teramoto have advanced to the 64 board final. After 32 boards, Teramoto have clawed their way to the front and are leading by 76 - 71.5 imps.

After the first 16 boards AIA were leading 46.5 - 16. AIA are desperately trying to win back to back titles something they have never accomplished even though they are the most successful team ever to play in the Inter Cities.

But with 32 boards to play the championship is still up for grabs.

Two places at once



It is not often a man can be in two places at once but Englishman **Jason Hackett**, here on holidays, has managed to spread himself between two teams. In the Swiss teams Jason is playing on the Ambassador team but also - because Shoko Fukuda has to return to Japan and they are only a five man team - Jason is also playing in the finals on the Teramoto team.

In between, he is playing in poker tournaments on the net, plus he turns 34 today!!



Can you turn 8 into 9?

♠ K 4
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 8 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 7

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A Q 3
♦ A Q J
♣ K 10 6 2

On your right, it is opened 1♣. You bid 1NT, partner uses Stayman then invites with 2NT and you carry on to 3NT.

West leads ♠J. You cover with ♠K, East wins ♠A and continues spades. You play ♠9, East wins ♠10 and shifts to ♣9. This runs around to your ♣10.

How do you continue?

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Hong Kong youth comes from behind in amazing finish



Leung Chenk Hin, Baron Ng, L H Chin, Eric Tang, Tony Lau Absent YC Lai

They won the last 16 boards by 72 - 2 to win the Youth final by 175 to 140

Open teams

Youth teams

Defending Champions AIA beat Kaohsiung Yeh

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS AIA: Edmund Tse, Patrick Huang, C. H. Kuo, Derek Zen and Samuel Wan took on **Kaohsiung Yeh**: Yeh Chan, Chen Chi Hua, Wu Ching Hsiang, Wu Chia Hsing, Shen Chi Kuo and Yang Hsin Lung in the semi finals, having a fairly easy win 162 - 103 imps. Here are some of the deals.

Board 23 ♠ K 10 2
S/all ♥ J 7 3 2
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 6 3

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

♠ Q 9 7 3
♥ Q 6
♦ A 8 6
♣ 10 8 5 4

Shen West	Kuo North	Wu East	Huang South
1♥	pass	1♠	pass
1NT	pass	3NT	all pass

Against West's 3NT, C. H. Kuo, North in the closed room for AIA, led the ♦10, won by West's ♦K. Declarer thinking the diamonds to be 4-2 led a heart to the ace and played a diamond off dummy.

Huang rose with the ace and shifted to the ♠3 - ♠5, ♠K, ♠A. Shen played three rounds of hearts, C. H. winning with the ♥J and exiting with the ♠10. Shen covered with ♠J taken by Huang's ♠Q.

Huang switched to the ♣4. Shen, still thinking the diamonds to be 4-2, played low club. Kuo won the ♣K and returned a spade allowing South to cash two spade tricks for one down.

In the open room East was declarer in 3NT after West opened 1♥ and East responded with a forcing 1NT. South led the ♠3. Declarer beat North's ♠K

with ♠A and cleared the diamonds. In with the ♦A, South, Yi Wen Lai, switched to a low club. North, Chi Hua Chen, won the king and returned the ♠10, ♠J and ♠Q. South then cashed the ♠9 setting up the ♠8 for declarer's ninth trick.

On board 27, Patrick Huang found a nice line to make 4♠ which was not found at the other table. He simply followed the card play principle of setting up the side suit before touching trumps.

Board 27 ♠ A J 4
S/nil ♥ Q J 9 8 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ J 7

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

♠ Q 10 8 7 2
♥ 10 6
♦ K 5
♣ A K 10 5

West	North	East	South
pass	2♥	pass	1♠
pass	4♠	all pass	2♠

Patrick as South won the ♦Q opening lead in hand with the king then placed the ♥10 on the table. East won the ♥K and returned the ♣8. South won the ♣A and played another heart. East took the ace and switched back to diamonds but Patrick was in control. He won the ♦A in dummy, ruffed a diamond back to hand and led the ♠Q, ♠K and ♠A. Next came the ♠J followed by ♣K, a club ruffed in dummy then a top heart for a club discard. West could ruff but that was the last trick for the defence. In the other room declarer started on trumps straight away and was eventually forced to take a losing club finesse for one down.



Yi Wen Lai from the Yeh team says farewell after losing a tough semi final battle with Teramoto

It has taken many years for bridge to evolve, tactics change but certain things remain the same. It is the disciplined player that gets the good consistent results. Occasionally an undisciplined action will be rewarded but not in the long run.

On the following deal, East-West ran into problems of style. West preempted on a six card suit and East went wrong because he thought it was seven.

Board 28 ♠ J 7
♥ Q 10 8
♦ K Q 5
♣ A J 10 9 6

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

♠ 9 3
♥ K J 6 5 4
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
3♠	pass	3NT	all pass

Declarer could only muster up eight tricks.

In the open room Samuel Wen (AIA) West opened 2♠, North doubled and East raised to 4♠. On the lead of the ♦K, declarer was able to win ♦A, ruff a diamond, draw trumps ending in dummy and ruff another diamond. With the queen dropping declarer had ten tricks.

It is not often Patrick Huang goes down in a makable contract but he did here.

Board 30 ♠ K 4
 E/nil ♥ K 8 6 5
 ♦ 8 5 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 7

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

♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ K 10 6 2

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1NT
pass	2♣	pass	2♦
pass	2NT	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

West led ♠J to ♠K, ♠A, ♠3. A spade was ducked to West's ♠10. West then switched to ♣9, ducked round to Huang's ♣10. Huang played ace and queen of diamonds without luck.

The winning line is, play three rounds of hearts ending in dummy. Play a diamond to ♦J and exit with a club to ♣Q and East's ace. East exits with a club to South's ♣K. But South cashes ♠Q and exits with a club to East who has nothing left but diamonds, allowing declarer to take a second finesse.

When luck is with you it seems that nothing can go wrong.

Board 31 ♠ A Q 7 5
 S/NS ♥ 7 6 5 4
 ♦ J
 ♣ J 9 6 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
			1♦
pass	1♥	pass	1♠
pass	2♠	3♥	4♠
all pass			

As can be seen 4♠ has no play. West lead the ♥3, East wins and shifts to ♣4 and that's that.

Patrick Huang was South but East carelessly led a heart out of turn. Huang forbid a heart lead so West led ♦9. Huang won and quickly drew trumps and set up a club trick for ten tricks.



The 10th NEC BRIDGE FESTIVAL

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At Pacifico Yokohama, Yokohama City, Japan

Tournament Schedule

<i>Tuesday, February 7</i>	
Welcome Reception.	6:30 p.m.
<i>Wednesday, February 8</i>	
NEC Cup qualifying rounds	10:00 a.m.
<i>Thursday, February 9</i>	
NEC Cup qualifying rounds	10:00 a.m.
<i>Friday, February 10</i>	
NEC Cup qualifying rounds	10:00 a.m.
<i>Saturday, February 11</i>	
NEC Cup Semi-finals	10:00 a.m.
Consolation Teams	10:00 a.m.
<i>Sunday, February 12</i>	
NEC Cup Final	10:00 a.m.
Consolation Teams	10:00 a.m.
<i>Monday, February 13</i>	
Asuka Cup	10:00 a.m.
Closing Ceremony	6:00 p.m.

Tournament Details

NEC Cup: Open Teams

Fees: US\$ 600 per team including participation in Ouchi Cup (when

eliminated), pairs events on Sunday and Closing Ceremony
 Cash Prizes: 1st US\$ 12,000, 2nd US\$ 6,000, 3rd US\$ 3,000, 4th US\$ 2,000 per team

Ouchi Cup:

Open combination of RR & Swiss teams

Fees: 40,000 yen per team (for non-NED Cup participants)

Cash Prizes: 1st US\$ 1,000, 2nd US\$ 500, 3rd US\$ 300 per team

Asuka Cup: Open pairs

Fees: 10,000 yen per pair (for non-NEC Cup participants)

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