



Bulletin 2 (27 July 2017)

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On behalf of the Daily Bulletin team – Song Zhao and Brian Senior, may I welcome you all to the Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2017. We have only two journalists and there will be 56 tables in play at any given time, so it will be a miracle if we are at the right table at the right time to see all your brilliancies, your partner's idiocies, or any funny stories. So, please, if you have a good story, find one of us in the playing room or, failing that, come down to the main office on Floor B2, where the Bulletin is also housed, and tell us about it. This bulletin will be only as good as YOU make it.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ **Today's Programme** ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

Time 時間	Event 項目	
10:00 - 11:15	Qualifying Round 6 初賽第六輪	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams/ Ladies/ President's Cup Youth Teams 深圳南港動力公開組 / 女子組 / 會長杯青年組
11:25 - 12:40	Qualifying Round 7 初賽第七輪	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams/ Ladies/ President's Cup Youth Teams 深圳南港動力公開組 / 女子組 / 會長杯青年組
13:40 - 14:55	Qualifying Round 8 初賽第八輪	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams/ Ladies/ President's Cup Youth Teams 深圳南港動力公開組 / 女子組 / 會長杯青年組
15:05 - 16:20	Qualifying Round 9 初賽第九輪	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams/ Ladies/ President's Cup Youth Teams 深圳南港動力公開組 / 女子組 / 會長杯青年組
16:30 - 17:45	Qualifying Round 10 初賽第十輪	Shenzhen Nanguang Power Open Teams/ Ladies/ President's Cup Youth Teams 深圳南港動力公開組 / 女子組 / 會長杯青年組
19:30 - 23:30	Hong Kong Executive Search IMP Pairs 香港企管人才資源顧問國際序分雙人賽 (Online registration closes at 27 July 00:00) (Walk-in registration closes at 27 July 19:00)	

<u>BBO VuGraph Matches</u>			
Round 6	廣州珠江隊	vs	深圳南港動力隊
Round 7	Geely Auto	vs	Haoran 浩然
Round 8	吉林鼎元	vs	HK Vincent
Round 9	Dragonite	vs	Bozzetto
Round 10	Jim Team	vs	Zen

<u>OurGame VuGraph Matches</u>			
Round 6	Fantasy	vs	Ambassador
Round 7	廈門廈順隊	vs	Bridge Buddies
Round 8	吉林鼎元	vs	甘肅橋協隊
Round 9	Wizards	vs	Iris
Round 10	Director Team	vs	吉林鼎元

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ Equipment and Souvenir Items for Sale ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

	Item	Description	Quantity	Selling price per unit
1	Bidding Boxes	Sets of 4	100	HK\$ 80
2	Bidding Box Inserts	Sets of 4	100	HK\$ 60
3	Boards	Set of 1-32	94	HK\$ 400
4	Polo Shirt	With Inter-City logo	100	HK\$ 60
5	Ballpens	With HKCBA logo	2, 000	HK\$ 5
6	Scorebooks	With Inter-City logo	2, 500	HK\$ 5
7	FujiX 13.3" Ultrabook (FX13UG - 01) Pickup Time: 30 July (21:00-22:00) (Used, with one year warrenty)	Core M7- 6Y75 1.2GHz 8GB RAM 256GB SSD	4	HK\$3, 500
8	Fujitsu 13.3" Notebook (U536K13B) Pickup Time: 30 July (21:00-22:00) (Used, with one year warrenty)	Core i3 6006U 2.0GHz 4GB RAM 128 SSD + 500GB HDD	12	HK\$3, 600
9	Playing Card	-	-	HK\$ 5
10	Pigeonhole	-	50	HK\$ 5

Please order at the Championship Office (Forum II, B2)
and collect on or before the afternoon of 30 July 2017















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Section A Results








Open A Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Geely Auto	 Sapphire	13 - 13	10.00 - 10.00
2	 Ambassador	 Haoran 浩然	21 - 29	7.17 - 12.83
3	 廈門廈順隊	 Mistral	10 - 44	1.56 - 18.44
4	 BBC	 Bridge Buddies	10 - 41	2.00 - 18.00
5	 Fantasy	 YOYO 5	42 - 4	18.97 - 1.03
6	 甘肅橋協隊	 Happy Bridge	36 - 9	17.34 - 2.66
7	 Wizards	 T.E.A.M.	35 - 29	12.18 - 7.82

Open A Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 T.E.A.M.	 Geely Auto	1 - 45	0.34 - 19.66
2	 Happy Bridge	 Wizards	43 - 2	19.33 - 0.67
3	 Haoran 浩然	 廈門廈順隊	36 - 0	18.71 - 1.29
4	 Mistral	 BBC	4 - 19	5.20 - 14.80
5	 Bridge Buddies	 Fantasy	30 - 39	6.86 - 13.14
6	 YOYO 5	 甘肅橋協隊	1 - 49	0.00 - 20.00
7	 Sapphire	 Ambassador	5 - 14	6.86 - 13.14

Open A Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Geely Auto	 Happy Bridge	26 - 6	15.97 - 4.03
2	 Ambassador	 T.E.A.M.	29 - 11	15.52 - 4.48
3	 Wizards	 YOYO 5	28 - 1	17.34 - 2.66
4	 BBC	 Haoran 浩然	5 - 46	0.67 - 19.33
5	 Fantasy	 Mistral	24 - 14	13.43 - 6.57
6	 甘肅橋協隊	 Bridge Buddies	4 - 15	6.28 - 13.72
7	 廈門廈順隊	 Sapphire	30 - 9	16.18 - 3.82







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Section A Results

Open A Round 4 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 YOYO 5	 Geely Auto	23 - 44	3.82 - 16.18
2	 Happy Bridge	 Ambassador	10 - 28	4.48 - 15.52
3	 T.E.A.M.	 廈門廈順隊	22 - 22	10.00 - 10.00
4	 Bridge Buddies	 Wizards	29 - 1	17.51 - 2.49
5	 Haoran 浩然	 Fantasy	8 - 11	8.86 - 11.14
6	 Mistral	 甘肅橋協隊	18 - 33	5.20 - 14.80
7	 Sapphire	 BBC	18 - 20	9.23 - 10.77

Open A Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Geely Auto	 Bridge Buddies	52 - 19	18.30 - 1.70
2	 Ambassador	 YOYO 5	53 - 22	18.00 - 2.00
3	 廈門廈順隊	 Happy Bridge	53 - 5	20.00 - 0.00
4	 BBC	 T.E.A.M.	35 - 43	7.17 - 12.83
5	 Wizards	 Mistral	28 - 32	8.50 - 11.50
6	 甘肅橋協隊	 Haoran 浩然	22 - 45	3.41 - 16.59
7	 Fantasy	 Sapphire	48 - 37	13.72 - 6.28















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Section B Results













Open B Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Zen	 Jade	28 - 23	11.85 - 8.15
2	 HK Vincent	 Macau Asvezes	34 - 11	16.59 - 3.41
3	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	 Emerald	47 - 11	18.71 - 1.29
4	 Magic Eyes	 Jerome Cheung	25 - 8	15.29 - 4.71
5	 Director Team	 Ten Miles Return	47 - 5	19.44 - 0.56
6	 CCBA	 Da Big Storm 橋風	17 - 19	9.23 - 10.77
7	 Jim Team	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	26 - 14	14.00 - 6.00

Open B Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	 Zen	11 - 20	6.86 - 13.14
2	 Da Big Storm 橋風	 Jim Team	27 - 27	10.00 - 10.00
3	 Macau Asvezes	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	45 - 21	16.78 - 3.22
4	 Emerald	 Magic Eyes	22 - 28	7.82 - 12.18
5	 Jerome Cheung	 Director Team	45 - 6	19.10 - 0.90
6	 Ten Miles Return	 CCBA	11 - 15	8.50 - 11.50
7	 Jade	 HK Vincent	24 - 20	11.50 - 8.50

Open B Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Zen	 Da Big Storm 橋風	21 - 19	10.77 - 9.23
2	 HK Vincent	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	18 - 10	12.83 - 7.17
3	 Jim Team	 Ten Miles Return	21 - 19	10.77 - 9.23
4	 Magic Eyes	 Macau Asvezes	10 - 36	2.84 - 17.16
5	 Director Team	 Emerald	16 - 18	9.23 - 10.77
6	 CCBA	 Jerome Cheung	9 - 17	7.17 - 12.83
7	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	 Jade	25 - 10	14.80 - 5.20





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Section B Results

Open B Round 4 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Ten Miles Return	 Zen	14 - 48	1.56 - 18.44
2	 Da Big Storm 橋風	 HK Vincent	2 - 47	0.24 - 19.76
3	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	5 - 53	0.00 - 20.00
4	 Jerome Cheung	 Jim Team	7 - 44	1.16 - 18.84
5	 Macau Asvezes	 Director Team	22 - 25	8.86 - 11.14
6	 Emerald	 CCBA	11 - 7	11.50 - 8.50
7	 Jade	 Magic Eyes	13 - 23	6.57 - 13.43

Open B Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Zen	 Jerome Cheung	29 - 24	11.85 - 8.15
2	 HK Vincent	 Ten Miles Return	67 - 12	20.00 - 0.00
3	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	 Da Big Storm 橋風	53 - 26	17.34 - 2.66
4	 Magic Eyes	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	38 - 18	15.97 - 4.03
5	 Jim Team	 Emerald	34 - 18	15.05 - 4.95
6	 CCBA	 Macau Asvezes	15 - 26	6.28 - 13.72
7	 Director Team	 Jade	33 - 24	13.14 - 6.86












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Section C Results















Open C Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 深圳南港動力隊	 The Mighty Miseres	24 - 15	13.14 - 6.86
2	 Dragonite	 YuanLong	18 - 41	3.41 - 16.59
3	 廣州珠江隊	 SHNTBC	27 - 5	16.39 - 3.61
4	 Bozzetto	 The Minions	11 - 47	1.29 - 18.71
5	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 Iris	15 - 25	6.57 - 13.43
6	 甘肅老年隊	 嘉年華集團	25 - 43	4.48 - 15.52
7	 BridgeMate III	 Flora	54 - 6	20.00 - 0.00

Open C Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Flora	 深圳南港動力隊	14 - 38	3.22 - 16.78
2	 嘉年華集團	 BridgeMate III	18 - 41	3.41 - 16.59
3	 YuanLong	 廣州珠江隊	2 - 38	1.29 - 18.71
4	 SHNTBC	 Bozzetto	24 - 31	7.49 - 12.51
5	 The Minions	 HK-Manila-Taipei	23 - 27	8.50 - 11.50
6	 Iris	 甘肅老年隊	32 - 20	14.00 - 6.00
7	 The Mighty Miseres	 Dragonite	16 - 23	7.49 - 12.51

Open C Round 3 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 深圳南港動力隊	 嘉年華集團	16 - 16	10.00 - 10.00
2	 Dragonite	 Flora	34 - 4	17.84 - 2.16
3	 BridgeMate III	 Iris	12 - 0	14.00 - 6.00
4	 Bozzetto	 YuanLong	13 - 29	4.95 - 15.05
5	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 SHNTBC	10 - 21	6.28 - 13.72
6	 甘肅老年隊	 The Minions	5 - 27	3.61 - 16.39
7	 廣州珠江隊	 The Mighty Miseres	24 - 0	16.78 - 3.22















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Open C Round 4 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Iris	 深圳南港動力隊	19 - 24	8.15 - 11.85
2	 嘉年華集團	 Dragonite	5 - 69	0.00 - 20.00
3	 Flora	 廣州珠江隊	16 - 39	3.41 - 16.59
4	 The Minions	 BridgeMate III	32 - 4	17.51 - 2.49
5	 YuanLong	 HK-Manila-Taipei	44 - 18	17.16 - 2.84
6	 SHNTBC	 甘肅老年隊	45 - 17	17.51 - 2.49
7	 The Mighty Miseres	 Bozzetto	2 - 20	4.48 - 15.52

Open C Round 5 Results














Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 深圳南港動力隊	 The Minions	51 - 29	16.39 - 3.61
2	 Dragonite	 Iris	27 - 39	6.00 - 14.00
3	 廣州珠江隊	 嘉年華集團	42 - 51	6.86 - 13.14
4	 Bozzetto	 Flora	63 - 0	20.00 - 0.00
5	 BridgeMate III	 SHNTBC	29 - 18	13.72 - 6.28
6	 甘肅老年隊	 YuanLong	57 - 14	19.55 - 0.45
7	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 The Mighty Miseres	18 - 51	1.70 - 18.30

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Section Y Results















Youth RR Round 1 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 F & B	 上海明日之星紅隊	26 - 28	9.23 - 10.77
2	 Tigers	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	20 - 15	11.85 - 8.15
3	 SKHLWMSS	 DBS	11 - 56	0.24 - 19.76
4	 上海位育初級中學	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊	25 - 12	14.28 - 5.72
5	 CUHK	 HKU	43 - 15	17.51 - 2.49
6	 Serious Friends	 上海明日之星藍隊	19 - 39	4.03 - 15.97
7	 HKUST	 BLMCSS	52 - 17	18.58 - 1.42

Youth RR Round 2 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 BLMCSS	 F & B	1 - 55	0.00 - 20.00
2	 上海明日之星藍隊	 HKUST	49 - 6	19.55 - 0.45
3	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	 SKHLWMSS	52 - 11	19.33 - 0.67
4	 DBS	 上海位育初級中學	71 - 5	20.00 - 0.00
5	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊	 CUHK	8 - 43	1.42 - 18.58
6	 HKU	 Serious Friends	8 - 15	7.49 - 12.51
7	 上海明日之星紅隊	 Tigers	21 - 49	2.49 - 17.51

Youth RR Round 3 Results















Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 F & B	 上海明日之星藍隊	13 - 12	10.39 - 9.61
2	 Tigers	 BLMCSS	29 - 11	15.52 - 4.48
3	 HKUST	 HKU	17 - 23	7.82 - 12.18
4	 上海位育初級中學	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	6 - 29	3.41 - 16.59
5	 CUHK	 DBS	30 - 25	11.85 - 8.15
6	 Serious Friends	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊	40 - 0	19.22 - 0.78
7	 SKHLWMSS	 上海明日之星紅隊	6 - 28	3.61 - 16.39

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Youth RR Round 4 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 HKU	 F & B	20 - 23	8.86 - 11.14
2	 上海明日之星藍隊	 Tigers	39 - 12	17.34 - 2.66
3	 BLMCSS	 SKHLWMSS	0 - 67	0.00 - 20.00
4	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊	 HKUST	0 - 54	0.00 - 20.00
5	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	 CUHK	30 - 5	16.97 - 3.03
6	 DBS	 Serious Friends	29 - 17	14.00 - 6.00
7	 上海明日之星紅隊	 上海位育初級中學	21 - 31	6.57 - 13.43

Youth RR Round 5 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 F & B	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊	38 - 35	11.14 - 8.86
2	 Tigers	 HKU	23 - 43	4.03 - 15.97
3	 SKHLWMSS	 上海明日之星藍隊	13 - 48	1.42 - 18.58
4	 上海位育初級中學	 BLMCSS	48 - 13	18.58 - 1.42
5	 HKUST	 DBS	9 - 37	2.49 - 17.51
6	 Serious Friend	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	38 - 31	12.51 - 7.49
7	 CUHK	 上海明日之星紅隊	39 - 24	14.80 - 5.20

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Rankings

Section A after R5 Rankings

Rank	Team	Vps
1	 Geely Auto	80.11
2	 Haoran 浩然	76.75
3	 Fantasy	70.40
4	 Ambassador	69.35
5	 甘肅橋協隊	61.83
6	 Bridge Buddies	57.79
7	 廈門廈順隊	49.03
8	 Mistral	46.91
9	 Wizards	41.18
10	 Sapphire	36.19
11	 T.E.A.M.	35.47
12	 BBC	24.98
13	 Happy Bridge	30.50
14	 YOYO 5	9.51

Section B after R5 Rankings

Rank	Team	Vps
1	 HK Vincent	77.68
2	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	74.07
3	 Jim Team	68.66
4	 Zen	66.05
5	 Macau Asvezes	59.93
6	 Magic Eyes	59.71
7	 Director Team	53.85
8	 Jerome Cheung	45.95
9	 CCBA	42.68
10	 Jade	38.28
11	 Emerald	36.33
12	 Da Big Storm 橋風	32.90
13	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	24.06
14	 Ten Miles Return	19.85

Section C after R5 Rankings

Rank	Team	Vps
1	 廣州珠江隊	75.33
2	 深圳南港動力隊	68.16
3	 The Minions	64.72
4	 BridgeMate III	63.47
5	 Dragonite	59.76
6	 Iris	55.58
7	 Bozzetto	54.27
8	 SHNTBC	51.94
9	 YuanLong	50.54
10	 嘉年華集團	42.07
11	 The Mighty Miseres	40.35
12	 甘肅老年隊	36.13
13	 HK-Manila-Taipei	28.89
14	 Flora	8.79

Youth RR after R5 Rankings

Rank	Team	Vps	Pen
1	 上海明日之星藍隊	81.05	
2	 DBS	79.42	
3	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	68.53	
4	 CUHK	65.77	
5	 F & B	61.90	
6	 Serious Friends	54.27	
7	 Tigers	51.57	
8	 上海位育初級中學	49.70	
9	 HKUST	48.34	1.00
10	 HKU	46.99	
11	 上海明日之星紅隊	41.42	
12	 SKHLWMSS	25.94	
13	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊	15.78	1.00
14	 BLMCSS	7.32	


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Scheduled Matches

Open and Ladies A		
Round 6 2017- 07- 27 10: 00 - 11: 15		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 廈門廈順隊	 Geely Auto
2	 Fantasy	 Ambassador
3	 Wizards	 BBC
4	 YOYO 5	 Mistral
5	 T.E.A.M.	 Bridge Buddies
6	 Happy Bridge	 Haoran 浩然
7	 Sapphire	 甘肅橋協隊

Open and Ladies A		
Round 7 2017- 07- 27 11: 25 - 12: 40		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Geely Auto	 Haoran 浩然
2	 Ambassador	 Mistral
3	 廈門廈順隊	 Bridge Buddies
4	 BBC	 YOYO 5
5	 Fantasy	 Happy Bridge
6	 甘肅橋協隊	 T.E.A.M.
7	 Wizards	 Sapphire








Open and Ladies A		
Round 8 2017- 07- 27 13: 40 - 14: 55		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Mistral	 Geely Auto
2	 廈門廈順隊	 Ambassador
3	 Fantasy	 BBC
4	 Wizards	 甘肅橋協隊
5	 T.E.A.M.	 Happy Bridge
6	 YOYO 5	 Bridge Buddies
7	 Sapphire	 Haoran 浩然

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Scheduled Matches

Open and Ladies A		
Round 9 2017- 07- 27 15: 05 - 16: 20		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Geely Auto	 甘肅橋協隊
2	 Ambassador	 BBC
3	 廈門廈順隊	 Wizards
4	 Fantasy	 T.E.A.M.
5	 Bridge Buddies	 Happy Bridge
6	 Haoran 浩然	 YOYO 5
7	 Mistral	 Sapphire













Open and Ladies A		
Round 10 2017- 07- 27 16: 30 - 17: 45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Wizards	 Geely Auto
2	 甘肅橋協隊	 Ambassador
3	 Fantasy	 廈門廈順隊
4	 Happy Bridge	 BBC
5	 Mistral	 Haoran 浩然
6	 T.E.A.M.	 YOYO 5
7	 Sapphire	 Bridge Buddies



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Scheduled Matches

Open and Ladies B		
Round 6 2017- 07- 27 10: 00 - 11: 15		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	 Zen
2	 Director Team	 HK Vincent
3	 Jim Team	 Magic Eyes
4	 Ten Miles Return	 Emerald
5	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	 Jerome Cheung
6	 Da Big Storm 橋風	 Macau Asvezes
7	 Jade	 CCBA

Open and Ladies B		
Round 7 2017- 07- 27 11: 25 - 12: 40		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Zen	 Macau Asvezes
2	 HK Vincent	 Emerald
3	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	 Jerome Cheung
4	 Magic Eyes	 Ten Miles Return
5	 Director Team	 Da Big Storm 橋風
6	 CCBA	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊
7	 Jim Team	 Jade










Open and Ladies B		
Round 8 2017- 07- 27 13: 40 - 14: 55		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Emerald	 Zen
2	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	 HK Vincent
3	 Director Team	 Magic Eyes
4	 Jim Team	 CCBA
5	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	 Da Big Storm 橋風
6	 Ten Miles Return	 Jerome Cheung
7	 Jade	 Macau Asvezes













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Scheduled Matches

Open and Ladies B		
Round 9 2017- 07- 27 15: 05 - 16: 20		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Zen	 CCBA
2	 HK Vincent	 Magic Eyes
3	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元	 Jim Team
4	 Director Team	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊
5	 Jerome Cheung	 Da Big Storm 橋風
6	 Macau Asvezes	 Ten Miles Return
7	 Emerald	 Jade






Open and Ladies B		
Round 10 2017- 07- 27 16: 30 - 17: 45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Jim Team	 Zen
2	 CCBA	 HK Vincent
3	 Director Team	 Jilin Dingyuan 吉林鼎元
4	 Da Big Storm 橋風	 Magic Eyes
5	 Emerald	 Macau Asvezes
6	 四川攀枝花市橋協隊	 Ten Miles Return
7	 Jade	 Jerome Cheung









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Inter-city Ladies Teams Championships

Scheduled Matches

Open and Ladies C		
Round 6 2017- 07- 27 10: 00 - 11: 15		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 廣州珠江隊	 深圳南港動力隊
2	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 Dragonite
3	 BridgeMate III	 Bozzetto
4	 Iris	 SHNTBC
5	 Flora	 The Minions
6	 嘉年華集團	 YuanLong
7	 The Mighty Miseres	 甘肅老年隊

Open and Ladies C		
Round 7 2017- 07- 27 11: 25 - 12: 40		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 深圳南港動力隊	 YuanLong
2	 Dragonite	 SHNTBC
3	 廣州珠江隊	 The Minions
4	 Bozzetto	 Iris
5	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 嘉年華集團
6	 甘肅老年隊	 Flora
7	 BridgeMate III	 The Mighty Miseres



Open and Ladies C		
Round 8 2017- 07- 27 13: 40 - 14: 55		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 SHNTBC	 深圳南港動力隊
2	 廣州珠江隊	 Dragonite
3	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 Bozzetto
4	 BridgeMate III	 甘肅老年隊
5	 Flora	 嘉年華集團
6	 Iris	 The Minions
7	 The Mighty Miseres	 YuanLong










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Open and Ladies C		
Round 9 2017- 07- 27 15: 05 - 16: 20		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 深圳南港動力隊	 甘肅老年隊
2	 Dragonite	 Bozzetto
3	 廣州珠江隊	 BridgeMate III
4	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 Flora
5	 The Minions	 嘉年華集團
6	 YuanLong	 Iris
7	 SHNTBC	 The Mighty Miseres

Open and Ladies C		
Round 10 2017- 07- 27 16: 30 - 17: 45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 BridgeMate III	 深圳南港動力隊
2	 甘肅老年隊	 Dragonite
3	 HK-Manila-Taipei	 廣州珠江隊
4	 嘉年華集團	 Bozzetto
5	 SHNTBC	 YuanLong
6	 Flora	 Iris
7	 The Mighty Miseres	 The Minions





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President's Cup Youth Teams Championships

Scheduled Matches

Youth RR		
Round 6 2017- 07- 27 10: 00 - 11: 15		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 SKHLWMSS	 F & B
2	 CUHK	 Tigers
3	 HKUST	 上海位育初級中學
4	 HKU	 DBS
5	 BLMCSS	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊
6	 上海明日之星藍隊	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜
7	 上海明日之星紅隊	 Serious Friends









Youth RR		
Round 7 2017- 07- 27 11: 25 - 12: 40		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 F & B	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜
2	 Tigers	 DBS
3	 SKHLWMSS	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊
4	 上海位育初級中學	 HKU
5	 CUHK	 上海明日之星藍隊
6	 Serious Friends	 BLMCSS
7	 HKUST	 上海明日之星紅隊















Youth RR		
Round 8 2017- 07- 27 13: 40 - 14: 55		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 DBS	 F & B
2	 SKHLWMSS	 Tigers
3	 CUHK	 上海位育初級中學
4	 HKUST	 Serious Friends
5	 BLMCSS	 上海明日之星藍隊
6	 HKU	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊
7	 上海明日之星紅隊	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2017

President's Cup Youth Teams Championships

Scheduled Matches

Youth RR		
Round 9 2017- 07- 27 15: 05 - 16: 20		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 F&B	 Serious Friends
2	 Tigers	 上海位育初級中學
3	 SKHLWMSS	 HKUST
4	 CUHK	 BLMCSS
5	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊	 上海明日之星藍隊
6	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	 HKU
7	 DBS	 上海明日之星紅隊

Youth RR		
Round 10 2017- 07- 27 16: 30 - 17: 45		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 HKUST	 F&B
2	 Serious Friends	 Tigers
3	 CUHK	 SKHLWMSS
4	 上海明日之星藍隊	 上海位育初級中學
5	 DBS	 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜
6	 BLMCSS	 HKU
7	 上海明日之星紅隊	 Dalian Youth 大連青少年隊

Open Round 1 – Dragonite v YuanLong

We start our coverage of the 2017 Hong Kong Intercity tournament with a match between the Hong Kong team, Dragonite, and a combined China/Chinese Taipei team, YuanLong. With 13 x 10-board rounds to be played in the qualifying stage of the championship, nothing will be decided by the first match, but it is always good to get off to a strong start as that can sometimes set the tone for a team's tournament. The first deal saw a big gain for YuanLong.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wu	Tam	Huang	Yum
–	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fung	Huang	Cheung	Pan
–	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both Easts opened INT and both Wests raised directly to game. The two Souths each led the ten of hearts. For YuanLong, Ed Huang put up the queen and Leo Cheung won the ace, hoping that there might be a blockage in the defensive heart combination. He crossed to the queen of diamonds to run the ♠Q but that lost to the king and Weimin Pan had four hearts to cash for down one and –50.

For Dragonite, Bell Tam saw no reason to put up North's queen, while it would be necessary to play low if declarer held the nine. He played low but now Patrick Yum, after some thought, convinced himself that declarer had ducked from ♥AQ3 so switched to the ten of spades. That was all the help that Strong Huang needed. He won the ♠Q then ran the ♠J to the king. Playing clubs successfully for one loser resulted in ten tricks for +430 and 10 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wu	Tam	Huang	Yum
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Fung	Huang	Cheung	Pan
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

The Dragonite auction was simplicity itself, with Tam showing his balanced three-card game raise and Yum blasting the small slam without telling the defenders anything more about his hand. Ryan Wu led the jack of hearts and after drawing trumps Yum started diamonds by leading the queen from dummy and had 12 tricks for +1430.

At the other table, Pan opened a strong club and Ed Huang showed a balanced positive. I don't have the players' systems to hand but the auction went smoothly from here to the heart slam. Here the lead was a low spade to the queen and ace. Pan drew trumps then he too started diamonds with the queen; 12 tricks, +1430, and a flat board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wu	Tam	Huang	Yum
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Fung	Huang	Cheung	Pan
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Well, what would you open as North? Tam's choice to open 1♦ then bid the spades showed his distribution but left his range poorly defined. Yum was close to doing more than giving simple preference to diamonds but, when he did so, Tam was not really close to going on. The lead against 2♦ was a club round to the queen. Tam ran the queen of hearts, not covered, then led a club to the ace and took the losing spade finesse. Back came a diamond to Wu's ace. He returned a club for declarer to ruff and now Tam led the jack of hearts to the king and ace before playing three rounds of spades, ruffing the fourth round with the jack. A diamond to the ten allowed him to cash his trumps and come to 11 tricks for +150.

In the other room, Ed Huang's 1NT opening distorted the description of his distribution slightly but, importantly, got the range and general texture of his hand across. Pan transferred then invited game and Huang accepted, raising himself to 3NT. The opening lead was a low club and, wanting to be in dummy to play on diamonds, Huang called for the ten. That was covered by the jack and queen and Huang led the ♥Q to king and ace then the jack of diamonds. Chris Fung took the ace and returned a club to dummy's ace and Huang took the diamond finesse then cashed out for nine tricks; +600 and 10 IMPs to YuanLong. An overtrick IMP on Board 5 stretched the YuanLong lead to 21-0, but then Dragonite got on the scoreboard for the first time.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wu	Tam	Huang	Yum
—	—	1♣	1♥
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fung	Huang	Cheung	Pan
—	—	1♣	1♥
2♦	Dble	3♦	All Pass

Both Wests decided that they were worth a 2♦ bid and now Huang made a competitive double with the North hand while Tam did not. I'm not sure how much difference that should make to East and more than likely Cheung made the same bid, 3♦, that he would have done had Huang passed. Three Diamonds, of course, ended the auction, while Wu was sufficiently impressed with his partner's 2NT rebid that he raised to game – was he expecting an unexciting weak no trump for that 2NT rebid? It seems unlikely.

The lead against 3♦ was the jack of hearts. Fung ducked but won the ace on the heart continuation and played ace and another diamond. Huang needed to find a spade switch now to defeat the contract but actually chose a club and now, though that found Pan's entry so he could cash the ♥K, it also established a club discard for declarer's spade loser and Fung was home with +110.

Against 3NT, Yum led a heart round to the queen. S. Huang ducked a diamond and the hearts were cleared. Huang cashed the diamonds and ♠A and was down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to Dragonite; 5-21.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

♠	J 9 3
♥	10
♦	K 9 7 4 3
♣	10 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
Wu	Tam	Huang	Yum
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♣	Dble	4♥	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fung	Huang	Cheung	Pan
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

It would not occur to me to open INT with that North hand as the order of the suits makes it so convenient to open 1♣ and rebid 1♠ to describe the distribution accurately. However, it was Huang's INT opening which fared considerably better than Tam's 1♣. Over INT, Cheung overcalled 2♦, one major, and passed the pass or correct 3♥ response. Perhaps there is something I don't know about the E/W methods, because to me East has a raise to game now with a strong likelihood of eight winners in his hand. E. Huang cashed two clubs against 3♥ and Fung had the rest for +200.

Well, if a team is going to have two bad results, it is a good idea to have them on the same deal, as the price is quite a bit lower than if they are on separate deals. Not that I recommend having to many bad results as being a winning tactic, of course. Tam opened the strong club suit then doubled to show extras and that tempted Yum into an indiscretion. You can understand the 5♣ bid if partner has a shapely hand with extra values, as the club length suggests that the suit will not provide much defence against the opposing heart game which is likely to be successful. Well, 4♥ would have been successful, so the first test for a winning sacrifice was passed. Unfortunately, the other test, that the penalty be lower than the value of the opposing game, was not passed. S. Huang cashed a top heart then switched to ace and another spade. He duly collected his spade ruff then exited with a trump and there were still two diamond tricks to be won; down four for -110 and 14 IMPs to YuanLong, up by 35-5.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wu	Tam	Huang	Yum
-	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	3♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Fung	Huang	Cheung	Pan
-	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♦	3♥	4♦	4♥
All Pass			

Fung felt able to compete with 2♦ while Wu did not, but it was the actions of the respective North players which really decided the board. While Tam made a simple heart raise, discounting the bare king of clubs, E. Huang made the more dynamic raise to 3♥, better reflecting the playing potential of a hand containing four-card trump support, an ace and a singleton. Pan would surely have gone on to game even without the opposing diamond competition. Yum, by contrast, was not interested in game even after Tam came again with 3♥ over Wu's balancing double – after all, the North hand was limited by its initial simple raise.

There was nothing to the play, with both declarers winning the diamond lead and giving up a club. They could take two club ruffs in the dummy and set up a second spade trick to come to ten tricks in all; +170 for Dragonite, but +420 and 6 IMPs to YuanLong. They led by 42-5 going into the final deal.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

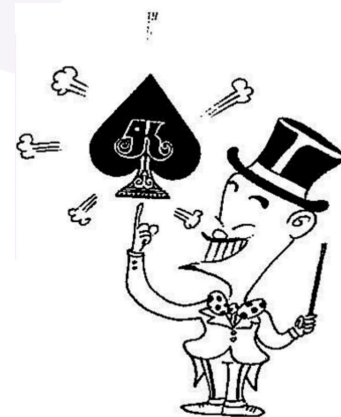
West	North	East	South
Wu	Tam	Huang	Yum
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Fung	Huang	Cheung	Pan
–	–	2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

For Dragonite, Cheung could open 2♥ to show a weak hand with both majors. Looking at a double fit, Fung had every reason to hope that game might be making and, of course, chose to bid it in spades. Four Spades can be defeated, but it doesn't look very likely that to lead a heart is the right start on this auction and in practice E.

Huang chose to lead a diamond. Fung won the ace of diamonds, drew trumps ending in dummy and led a heart towards the queen, thereby holding his heart losers to one; +620.

S. Huang could not open the East hand so Yum got to open 1♣ as South and Wu overcalled 1♠. Huang cuebid 2♣ to show a constructive spade raise and Wu bid 2♥ as a natural game try. Huang jumped to 4♥ to offer his partner a choice of games and Wu chose to play in hearts. Four Hearts too can be defeated and Tam found the lead to do so, his singleton spade. Wu won in dummy to lead a heart and Yum won the ace. He returned a spade, ruffed, and two rounds of clubs put him back in to deliver a second ruff. The contract was two down for –200 and Dragonite could feel a little better about what had been an unhappy match from their point of view. The 13 IMPs gained on this deal meant that they had reduced the margin of defeat to 18-41 IMPs, 16.59-3.41 VPs.



Open Round 2 – Emerald v Magic Eyes

For Round 2 we take a look at the match between Emerald (Japan) and Magic Eyes (Thailand). Magic Eyes picked up a small swing on the first deal then something rather more substantial on the next one.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asdang	Kono	Vallapa	Nishida
1♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Omasa	Esther	Maeda	Baisamut
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

For Magic Eyes, Asdang Riemsree opened the empty 11-count as West and Vallapa Svangopakul jumped to 3NT. Natsuko Nishida led a diamond, Vallapa winning with the queen and leading a club to the jack and ace. Makoto Kone returned a diamond to the king and ace and Nishida cleared the suit. Now Vallapa had eight winners and needed to find a ninth. She led a low heart to the nine and ten and the thr-r-three splt meant that she had the required extra trick so nine in all for +400.

For Emerald, Akito Omasa did not open the West hand so Taksahi Maeda got to open INT and was promptly raised to game. Again the lead was the fourth-best diamond. Maeda won the jack and also played a club for the jack and ace. Esther Sophonpanich returned her remaining diamond to the queen and Somchai Baisamut ducked, falsecarding with the six to make it appear that the suit was splitting four-three. It looks as though declarer was taken in by this play as he exited with the king of diamonds, only to see Baisamut win and cash two more of the suit.

With Baisamut holding the club stopper and Esther the hearts, there was no ninth trick and Maeda had to go one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to Magic Eyes.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asdang	Kono	Vallapa	Nishida
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♦	INT	3♦	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Omasa	Esther	Maeda	Baisamut
—	—	Pass	1♣
Dble	INT	2♦	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

The E/W diamond bidding encouraged Nishida in the belief that, despite her partner's no trump bid, North would not have too much wasted in diamonds and it was worth looking for slam. I believe that 4♦ was Key-card for clubs and that the response showed one key card. That was enough for Nishida, who jumped to a slam which was not as good as she had hoped for – far more often than not she could have hoped for three or even four trumps in the dummy for one thing. However, Asdang was looking at a possible trump trick and if the ace of diamonds would just stand up he would have good chances to defeat the contract. He led the diamond, only to see it ruffed. Not only did that provide a discard for declarer's spade loser, but it also suggested the actual club position so that Nishida led a club to the ten at trick two and the rest was easy; +920.

In the other room, Omasa doubled the strong club opening to show some two-suited combination but the Japanese pair only competed to the two level so the extent of their fit was less clear. Slam was never really in the picture and the bidding subsided in 5♣, against which Omasa led the singleton spade. Baisamut won and led a club to the king then ran the ten to the queen. However, the run of the black suits eventually squeezed West to provide the eleventh trick for +400 but 11 IMPs to Emerald.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asdang	Kono	Vallapa	Nishida
–	–	–	Pass
INT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Omasa	Esther	Maeda	Baisamut
–	–	–	1♦
INT	Dble	All Pass	

Nishida passed the South hand and Asdang could open INT as West, where he played. Kono led the eight of clubs to Nishida's king and she switched to the king of diamonds. Asdang won and led a heart to the jack and king and, though the defence could now cash five clubs and the ♦Q, he had the rest for down two and –100.

Baisamut opened the South hand with 1♦, Precision, and Omasa overcalled INT. Esther had plenty to double and Maeda had nowhere to run to so passed. Esther led the ♣8 but here Baisamut won and returned the suit. Six rounds of clubs put declarer under some pressure but Baisamut was having to discard in front of him and though Esther could switch to the king of spades after cashing the last club Baisamut did not have a second spade to lead back to her so the ♠Q could never be cashed. Declarer won the spade and played ace and queen of hearts and just lost a heart and a diamond. He too was only down two but here the price was –300 so 5 IMPs to Magic Eyes.

Down two is the best the defence can manage even double dummy if declarer reads the endgame correctly.

The next deal saw Kono/Nishida stop safely in 2NT, just making for +120, while Esther/Baisamut were down one in game for –50, so Emerald had regained their 5 IMPs immediately, but then it was again Magic Eyes' turn to gain a swing, and a major one at that.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asdang	Kono	Vallapa	Nishida
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Omasa	Esther	Maeda	Baisamut
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Maeda led a low club and Esther could have ensured four club tricks by putting in the eight or nine, but that would cost her the late dummy entry if the middle card held the trick, so she played low from dummy and won the king. A diamond to the queen held so Esther led a spade to the jack and queen. Maeda got off play with a spade to partner's ace and Omasa continued with a third round, won by dummy's ten. Esther led a diamond to the king, cashed the ace of clubs and paused to take stock before playing a third round of diamonds. When that created a third diamond winner she was home with nine tricks for +400. Double dummy there are only eight tricks in a no trump contract and eight tricks was the outcome at the other table. Vallapa led her low heart, Kono winning dummy's queen and playing on diamonds. Asdang held up until the third round then won the ace and led a heart through. Vallapa won and cleared the hearts and now declarer needed clubs three-three as Asdang had heart winners for when he got in with the ♠A. It was not to be and the contract was down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to Magic Eyes.

At our first table, nobody seemed to want to bid very much. Asdang competed up to 3♥ but Kono did not bid at his first turn and nor did Vallapa. There was no momentum to the auction and no way for Vallapa to guess that her diamond honours were all that were required for partner to have ten tricks; +170.

At our second table, everyone wanted to bid. Omasa too began with just a simple overcall, but then Esther bid freely as North and Maeda bid freely as East. If partner had the values to bid freely, and INT suggested possibly a little something in diamonds, then Omasa thought he should have some play for game so bid it. And right he was, with ten easy tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to Emerald.

Magic Eyes won the match but only by 28-22 IMPs, converting to 12.18-7.82 VPs. That was sufficient to see them top Group B at this early stage.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asdang	Kono	Vallapa	Nishida
-	-	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Omasa	Esther	Maeda	Baisamut
-	-	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	INT	2♠
4♥	All Pass		



Open Round 4 – Macau Asvezes v Director Team

The multi-national Director Team lay slightly below average in Group B after three matches, while Macau Asvezes were in second place. Director Team picked up 2 IMPs on the first board when both N/S pairs were down in a normal-enough spade game which needed a lot of luck and didn't get it. Director were down one, Macau down two. Board 2 was a slam board – if the E/W pairs could find a way to bid it.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chu	Di Sacco	Kam	Zajac
–	–	1♦	Pass
INT	3♠	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Yip	Tsang	Lam	Shum
–	–	1♦	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♠	Dble
4♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The Macau E/W pair's auction left a great deal to be desired, and they alighted in 3NT with neither slam nor the club fit ever being in the picture. The fact that they were already booked for a double figure swing out before declarer, for some reason which perhaps even he could not explain, got the clubs wrong by winning the opening spade lead and leading a club to the king – how can that be the correct play on this auction(?) – means that declarer's error cost only an 3 or 4 IMPs. He won the ♠A and ♣K then led the ♥J for king and ace and after cashing three hearts took his two aces and settled for down two and –100.

In the other room, Yip could respond with a non-forcing 2♣ and Lam was immediately deciding between 6♣ and 7♣. Having cuebid and got nothing of interest from partner, he settled for the small slam. Yip won the spade lead and got clubs right then took each red finesse in turn so had 12 tricks for +920 and 14 IMPs to Director. There was more good news for Director on the next deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chu	Di Sacco	Kam	Zajac
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♦	INT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Yip	Tsang	Lam	Shum
–	–	–	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

For Macau, Shum's INT opening led to a very simple auction to 3NT. Yip led a spade so Lam won the ace and returned a spade to declarer's king. Shum had time to knock out the other missing aces now and had ten tricks for a painless +430.

Shum's teammates did not find the board to be quite as painless at the other table. Here, Zajac opened 1♣ and Di Sacco responded 1♦ – all very natural – and now Kam decided that it was more important to show his strong no trump type by overcalling INT than to get the fifth heart into the game. Had he had a differently textured hand, with slow stoppers and extra tens and nines dotted around it, I might have more sympathy, but these empty suits headed by aces are all about suit play, not no trump, and I don't like INT at all. When INT ran around to him, Di Sacco doubled for penalty and Chu then redoubled for rescue. Eventually, Kam had to bid his hearts after all, but now he had to play there doubled.

Zajac led a diamond to the eight and ace, won the queen on Kam's low spade play, and continued with a second diamond. Di Sacco won that and led a club through, Kam winning the ace and playing ace and a third spade to Zajac's king. Zajac cashed the ♣K and continued with the queen but Di Sacco ruffed his partner's winner to play a diamond, ruffed low and over-ruffed. He ruffed the next club lead with the king and played a fourth diamond but there was no trump promotion and declarer had got out for down three; -800 and 9 IMPs to Director, who led by 25-0. Now, however, the momentum in the match shifted.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chu	Di Sacco	Kam	Zajac
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Yip	Tsang	Lam	Shum
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Chu and Kam got to 2NT when Chu showed a weak no trump type and Kam had the playing strength to invite game. Wouldn't it be nice, though, to have methods whereby you can invite 3NT but play in 3♣ when partner declines the invitation? Today it didn't matter which partscore was played. Chu won the spade lead in dummy and took the club finesse then ran the suit and had nine tricks for +150.

Yip opened a potentially doubleton club then showed a weak o trump type with fewer than four hearts over the transfer response. Two Clubs was presumably an inquiry and 4♣ forcing, but the 4♦ cuebid did not encourage Lam to do more than sign off in the club game. The lead was the queen of spades. Yip won in dummy and picked up the clubs then played the king of diamonds and discarded a spade from dummy. He won the spade return, ruffed his last spade and ducked a heart to the jack. There was a second heart to be lost so the contract was down one for -100 and 6 IMPs to Macau.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chu	Di Sacco	Kam	Zajac
–	–	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Yip	Tsang	Lam	Shum
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	Dble	2♥
Dble	3♥	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Chu	Di Sacco	Kam	Zajac
–	–	–	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Kam opened a two-suited weak two bid and Chu raised him to game. N/S, who can actually make game in hearts, never had a chance of getting into the auction. Zajac led the jack of clubs, Di Sacco winning the ace and returning a club. Kam ruffed and took the losing spade finesse, ruffed the club return and had to lose two hearts in the ending so was one down for –100.

With no 2♠ opening in the other room, there was less momentum in the auction and the Director E/W stopped a level lower, offering the prospect of a swing in their favour. One Club was again a potential doubleton and double a transfer to spades. When Shum raised to 2♥, Yip doubled to show three-card spade support and that enabled Lam to compete to 3♠ over 3♥. Shum led the jack of hearts and Lam made the autopilot play of covering with the king. That was to come back to bite him a few tricks later, because Tsang switched to his singleton diamond and Lam had a problem. After some thought, he won the diamond in hand and led a spade to the queen. That lost to the king and now Tsang could put his partner in with a heart to give the diamond ruff for down one and a flat board.

Had declarer not covered at trick one, there would have been no entry to the South hand for the ruff. Yes, declarer could have made the hand anyway by playing ace and another trump instead of taking the finesse, but that would have been the losing play had it been South who held ♠Kx.

West	North	East	South
Yip	Tsang	Lam	Shum
–	–	–	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The perils of playing in irregular partnerships. When Zajac opened INT, Di Sacco followed a simple Stayman sequence as one would if playing rubber bridge, where everyone would know that 2♣ followed by 3NT over a 2♥ response showed game values with four spades. It doesn't always mean that when using more sophisticated duplicate methods and Zajac passed out 3NT – oops! Chu led a diamond and, even though the defenders managed to block the suit, declarer had to go down two as he didn't have sufficient tricks with the hearts; –200.

In the other room there was a regular partnership. Shum too opened INT but Tsang could inquire via an artificial 2NT response and Shum showed four-four in the majors. Tsang bid 4♠ and there were no problems in making ten tricks after a diamond lead and continuation; +620 and 13 IMPs to Macau.

Director Team won a close match over Macau Asvezes by 25-22 IMPs, or 11.14-8.86 VPs. That moved them up to seventh, while their opponents slipped to fifth after four rounds.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Round 5 – Ambassador v YOYO5

For the final match of day one we feature the multi-national Ambassador team and YOYO5 of Korea. The match began with a thin game for N/S, bid by Ambassador but not by YOYO5, and making +430 against +150 for 7 IMPs to Ambassador.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Whayoung	Sze	Hwang	Chiu
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Lam	Daehong	Ng	Moon
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	4♦	4♥
All Pass			

For Ambassador, Abby Chiu responded with a natural 1♠ and was soon at the helm in the spade game. He won the club lead in hand with the ace and led a spade to dummy's king, getting the bad news, followed by a diamond to the queen and ace. Back came a diamond so he won the king and discarded a heart from hand then led a heart towards the king. Hwang went in with the ace then gave his partner a heart ruff but that was the end for the defence; +620.

For YOYO5, Moon started with a 2♣ response and now when E/W pre-empted up to 4♦ any hope of ending up in spades was gone. Moon had little option but to bid 4♥ over 4♦ and that contract was doomed by the awful trump split. Ng led a diamond to the queen and ace and Lam continued with a second diamond to declarer's king. Daehong Kim pitched a club from dummy then led a heart to the king and knew there was big trouble about. A club to the king was followed by a second club to the ace then the ace of spades. That was ruffed and Ng returned a club, forcing declarer to ruff. It was just a matter of how many down from here and declarer's next play of the ♥Q just added an extra trick or so to the defence's collection. Ng won the ace, cashed the ♥J and played a minor-suit winner to remove declarer's last trump so then had the rest for down four; -400 and 14 IMPs to Ambassador.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Whayoung	Sze	Hwang	Chiu
–	1♥	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Lam	Daehong	Ng	Moon
–	1♥	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Both Easts made a jump cuebid to ask partner to bid 3NT with a heart stopper. Chiu passed as South and Whayoung Kim, not having the requested stopper, showed the spades. Hwang now showed the not quite so solid diamonds and Whayoung repeated the spades, doubled by Alan Sze to end the auction. Sze led a club to dummy's ace and Whayoung led a spade to the jack, which Sze ducked to keep control of the hand.

Whayoung led a diamond up, Sze pitching a heart, then took a heart pitch on the second diamond, Sze ruffing. Sze led a club, forcing a ruff in dummy, and declarer took another heart pitch on the last top diamond. Sze ruffed again then exited with the ♠K to prevent a ruff in the dummy and Whayoung had to concede two club tricks so was down one for -200.

That, however, proved to be just fine for E/W. In the other room, Moon doubled the jump cuebid to show something in hearts and Daehong bid 4♥ as North and played there. Ng cashed the ace of clubs then played the ♦Q but it was declarer who was ruffing and Daehong now played the ♠K from hand. Lam won and played a club but, though Ng could ruff, his diamond return posed no problems for declarer. Daehong ruffed and ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and ruffed another spade. Next he overtook the ♥K and drew the missing trump and there were two club tricks in the dummy for the last two tricks; +620 and 9 IMPs to YOYO5. On Board 14 YOYO5 gained another 5 IMPs when their N/S pair stopped in 3♥ just making with four top losers while Ambassador were down one in game, to close to 14-21. On Board 15, Ambassador played game at both tables.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Whayoung	Sze	Hwang	Chiu
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Lam	Daehong	Ng	Moon
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	3♥	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Sze opened 4♥ in third seat and was left to play there. Hwang led the ace of clubs, felling the bare king, then continued with his remaining club to the ten, queen and ruff. Sze played the queen of hearts, which was ducked, Whayoung throwing an encouraging three of spades. That, however left the spades tangled as far as the defence was concerned. Sze continued with the king of hearts and this time Hwang won the ace and led a diamond. Sze won, drew the missing trump and led a low spade. Hwang went in with the king, crashing his partner's queen. There was still a second spade to come but that was all; down one for -100.

Lam opened in third seat and Daehong made a simple overcall then jumped in hearts at his next turn. Lam's hand was getting better with each passing bid from his opponents and partner and he eventually drove to game when Ng competed with 4♦ over 3♥. Daehong led a heart against 5♦, Lam winning dummy's ace and pitching a club from hand. He led a diamond to Daehong's king and back came a heart, which he ruffed. Lam played ace of spades, a spade to the king, then ruffed the last heart before playing the queen of spades. He had set up a possible endplay by eliminating the spades before playing a second trump and now came that second diamond. Had North been 3-6-2-2 with the king of clubs, this would have been a neat play. As it was, all the hard work proved to be unnecessary as, Daehong had the bare king of clubs and it would always have come down under the ace. Sometimes virtue must be its own reward. Anyway, Lam was not complaining as the favourable club position meant he had 11 tricks for +400 and 7 IMPs to Ambassador.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Whayoung	Sze	Hwang	Chiu
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Whayoung	Sze	Hwang	Chiu
–	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Lam	Daehong	Ng	Moon
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Lam	Daehong	Ng	Moon
–	1♠	4♦	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

I'm not sure why Sze/Chiu stopped in 3♦. Presumably 1♠ was not natural, but that still doesn't explain why the spade fit was not found later in the auction. Anyway, against 3♦ the lead was the queen of hearts to the ace and a heart back. Chiu won the king, crossed to the ace of diamonds and took a heart pitch on the ace of clubs. Then he crossed to hand with a spade and played the ♦Q. That meant three trump losers but the contract was still secure for +110. Yes, the ♦Q was the correct play – it would save a trick when there was either jack- or ten-doubleton, twice as likely as the losing case of king-doubleton.

The Korean auction was natural and they reached the spade game without any difficulty. The lead was a trump, which Daehong won in hand with the jack. The ace of diamonds was followed by a heart, Ng rising with the ace and continuing with a heart when he saw his partner's queen. Daehong took the ♥K, ruffed a diamond and discarded dummy's last heart on the ace of clubs. He could draw trumps, give up a diamond and claim 11 tricks for +450 and 8 IMPs to YOYO5.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

What would you bid as East when RHO opens 1♠? I have to say that I like Ng's 4♦, treating the hand as a single-suiter, where the clubs just add to the playing strength in diamonds rather than being offered as an alternative trump suit. Lam made the smart response of 4♥ for the lead, as he must have suspected that Daehong was about to bid 4♠. Right he was, and having got that important message across Lam now took the save in 5♦.

To even get close to making 5♠, declarer must get at least one diamond ruff in the dummy, and that means that he cannot afford to draw trumps early in the play. That, however, means that the defence is in a position to get a ruff itself, and a club opening lead will defeat the contract. However, Ng had been asked to lead a heart and that is what he did. Lam won the heart and underled the ace at trick two. Daehong ruffed with the nine and led the ten of diamonds from hand. Ng won that and played his trump so there could be at most one ruff in the dummy. Daehong won the trump, took a diamond ruff and led a club to his king. The appearance of the queen was a nice bonus and he proceeded to rattle off all the trumps. The last one squeezed Ng between his long clubs and the ace of diamonds and, forced to keep the latter, dummy won the last three tricks with clubs; just made for +450 and nicely played.

Hwang preferred to show a two-suiter by overcalling 2NT and Whayoung showed diamond preference, which was good news. Now Sze and Chiu bid to the unbeatable spade game and Hwang judged to take the save in 5♦, duly doubled by Sze to complete the auction. Sze cashed a top spade then switched to his low trump. From here it is possible to get out for down two and make a modest profit, but a cow flew by, or something, because Whayoung proceeded to rise with the ace of diamonds then return a low diamond to Sze's ten. Sze cashed the ♦K then played a club to his partner's ace and Chiu returned a spade. Whayoung ruffed and led a heart to the ten then pitched a club on the ace of hearts and pitched another club on the losing ♥J. He came to just six tricks, four trumps and two hearts, so was down five for -1100 and 12 IMPs to Ambassador – not quite what Daehong's play in 5♠ deserved.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Whayoung	Sze	Hwang	Chiu
–	–	–	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Lam	Daehong	Ng	Moon
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Two No Trump or 1♠ – what is your preference with the West cards? Either could be the winner on any given day. Today, both worked out fine. Whayoung opened 2NT and his partner showed some kind of minor-suit hand. Whether 4♥ had a specific meaning or just showed a suitable hand with a heart control, it was enough to see Hwang jump to the excellent club slam. The lead was a spade. Hwang won in dummy, cashed the ace, king and jack of clubs, then took the diamond finesse. When that was successful, he could draw the missing trump and claim 13 tricks for +1390. Lam opened at the one level and bid a strong and forcing 2NT over the Drury 2♣ response. After a series of cuebids, he checked on key cards, found that all were present, then asked about the queen of trumps. Six Spades said yes to that question but denied having an outside king to show. Again a spade was led. Lam could win, take a heart ruff and pull trumps before claiming all 13 tricks without need of the diamond finesse; +1460 and 2 IMPs to Ambassador.

And finally, what would you open second-in-hand with everyone vulnerable holding:

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

Daehong opened 2♠ and played there making an overtrick for +140. Sze opened 1♠ and reached 3NT, just made for +600 and 10 IMPs to Ambassador. My view – even vulnerable in second seat, the position where weak two bids should be at their soundest – this hand is too good. It has a strong six-card suit, with an ace-king and another king, plus a singleton and decent support for the other major, so my vote goes to the one-level opening. Anyway, those 10 IMPs brought the Ambassador winning margin up to 53-22 IMPs, converting to 18.00-2.00 VPs. Ambassador ended the first day of qualifying in fourth position, while YOYO5 were at the bottom of the rankings and looking to have a better second day.

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一年一度的橋壇盛典香港城市錦標賽如期而至,今年共有 36 支公開隊、6 支女子隊、14 支青年隊參加為期 5 天的角逐。牌手分別來自港澳台和大陸以及新加坡、泰國、韓國、日本、菲律賓,還有一位特殊的牌手,來自意大利的世界橋聯主運行官 Maurizio Di Sacco, 他與香港和新加坡牌手聯合組成了一支名為 Director Team (裁判隊) 參賽。

深圳南港動力冠名公開團體賽,比賽分預賽的小組循環賽和淘汰賽兩個階段。預賽女子組混入公開組,共分 3 個小組,進行 13 輪循環賽,每輪 10 副牌。

除了三大團體賽之外,吉林汽車冠名公開雙人賽,其他項目還有混合雙人賽、IMP 雙人賽、生力啤酒“歡樂時光”連續雙人賽、瑞士團體賽。

全部比賽將於 30 日結束。

第 1 輪	♠ K62		
第 2 副	♥ A105		
南北有局	♦ Q1063		
	♣ KJ9		
♠ J8743	N	♠ Q1095	
♥ J6	W	♥ 872	
♦ J72	E	♦ K4	
♣ Q82	S	♣ 10754	
	♠ A		
	♥ KQ943		
	♦ A985		
	♣ A63		

北	南
陳勝洪	王銳
	1C
1NT	2H*
3D*	3S*
3NT	4C*
4NT*	5C*
5D*	6H
6NT	=

深圳南港隊陳勝洪和王銳使用精確體系。

3D=11-13 點, 紅心支持

5C=4 個關鍵字

5D=問 HQ

6H=我有 HQ

6NT=套結構適合坐莊, 首攻有利!

這副牌叫到滿貫的沒叫滿貫的差不多各一半桌。基本都是南北打紅心或方塊定約, 只有陳總富有想象力的正確判斷了局勢和莊位, 唯一一個叫到 6NT 定約的桌。坐莊過程很簡單, 防守方的東家居然在打牌過程中將方塊墊成單張 K, 讓陳總超一完成 6NT 定約。

同伴那桌, 對手叫到 6H, 但打錯了方塊(沒有選擇 75% 成功率的方塊雙飛打法), 定約宕一。深圳南港隊這副牌贏得 17IMP。

第 1 輪	♠ AQJ82		
第 3 副	♥ 943		
東西有局	♦ 852		
	♣ KJ		
♠ 9643	N	♠ K7	
♥ 872	W	♥ AQJ106	
♦ KJ	E	♦ Q763	
♣ A854	S	♣ 63	
	♠ 105		
	♥ K5		
	♦ A1094		
	♣ Q10872		

这是一副小牌，但却蕴藏着攻防学问。叫牌过程大致都一样：

西	北	东	南
—	1S	2H	X
3H	—	—	=

南家首攻 S10，北家 SA 吃进再续打黑桃到暗手 SK。小方块到桌上后调将飞过到南家 HK。南家换攻小草花。

多数桌上，北家 CK 吃进后继续出黑心，寄望南家将牌升级，但已失去击宕定约的时机。可以看出，如果此时北家 CK 大了之后继续出草花，之后庄家为了要明手将吃暗手的方块输墩，就必须清完将牌之后先送出方块到南家 DA。南家再出草花，北家顺势垫掉小方块，手中的 H9 看住了明手最大的 H8 将牌，定约将无法完成。

再回到前面的南家换攻小草花，如果庄家明手直接 CA 定住呢？！如果你是北家，会不会扔掉 CK 解封呢？如果你看到并做到了这一步，同伴和队友下桌后一定会给你一个大大的拥抱！

第 1 轮 ♠ 10432
第 9 副 ♥ J1032
东西有局 ♦ A983
♣ K

♠ QJ7	N	♠ K9
♥ 74	W	♥ 65
♦ QJ1065	E	♦ K72
♣ Q86	S	♣ AJ5432
♠ A865		
♥ AKQ98		
♦ 4		
♣ 1097		

西	北	东	南
	杨小光		马智威
	—	2C	2H
3C	3H	—	4H
—	—	=	

西	北	东	南
宋宏斌		黎永传	
	—	—	1H
	2C*	X	2S
	3H	—	—
	=		

*2C=Durry

第 1 轮的最后 2 副牌，广州珠江队依靠叫牌赢得 2 个局分。第 9 副，开室马智威主打并完成 4H，闭室对手丢局。

在吉林鼎元队的桌上，叫牌如下：

西	北	东	南
	董春辉		魏宇
	—	1C	2C*
—	2D*	—	2H
—	3C*	—	4H
—	—	=	

2C=双高，迈克尔扣叫
2D=等待
3C=强邀叫

第 1 轮 ♠ 7
第 10 副 ♥ J95
双方有局 ♦ 107652
♣ AQ72

♠ AK963	N	♠ QJ52
♥ Q432	W	♥ K10876
♦ A4	E	♦ K9
♣ 64	S	♣ 53
♠ 1084		
♥ A		
♦ QJ83		
♣ KJ1096		

西	北	东	南
	杨小光		马智威
		—	1D
1S	3D	3S	—
—	—	=	

西	北	东	南
宋宏斌		黎永传	
		—	1D
1S	—	2D*	—
4S	—	—	=

这副牌，东西方主打黑桃的庄家几乎都完成了 10 墩。

想要击宕这个 4S 定约，需要北家首攻红心到南家单张 A，再利用北家草花的进张，南家可以将吃 2 次红心。

实战中这样做并不是容易的事情。因为多数北家都是选择首攻同伴叫过的方块，定约回家。

在吉林定约的桌上本该有机会上演这个精彩的防守路线，但他们叫牌抢打了定约，丧失了表演机会。

西	北	东	南
	董春辉		魏宇
		—	1D
1S	3C*	3D*	4H*
4S	5C	X	—
—	=		

1D=保证 4 张
3C=配显
3D=配合黑桃
4H=Splitter

魏宇的 4H 显示红心单缺，如果让对手打 4S，董春辉极有可能首攻出红心，那么就会很轻松的防宕定约。

西	北	东	南
施斌		静旭	
		2D*	—
4S	—	—	=

2D=双高花弱牌

这个桌上的叫牌过程，红心是东西方的主套，北家很难首攻出红心。

实战中北家首攻 CA!! 很不错，机会犹存。但面对摊在桌上东家明手的牌，你是选择攻击方块？还是寄望同伴红心有将吃机会呢？不是很容易。

再说说南家的牌，首先第一张牌的信号就很难，而且还会很暧昧？又要表示出草花有大牌，还要希望同伴换攻红心而不是方块，很难吧！用不欢迎草花来让同伴换攻？那同伴就极可能以为你希望换攻方块！

不同的叫牌过程，不同的信息渠道，你的思维也会随之而变。正所谓：机会无处不在！能够把握机会才是赢家！

Maurizio Di Sacco，大陆裁判都亲切地称呼他“毛里”。作为 WBF 的运行官，同时他也是水平很高的牌手和裁判。去年中国桥牌协会邀请他在武汉举行了裁判培训班。

第一次来香港打牌，对手对这位似乎是赛场中唯一一位欧洲朋友也给与了极大的“友好”！

在毛里的桌上，毛里坐北家，同样面对西家 4S 定约，首攻方块。但庄家暗手吃进之后居然主动打出红心！意外的绣球哪能拒绝？毛里和搭档成为全场唯一击宕 4S 定约的防家。







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