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<b>F 1:</b>	<b>CRE8IVE</b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>Vincent Lee</b>
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♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ Today's Programme ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

Time 時間	Event 項目
10:00 - 12:15	Ella Graca Open Teams Final Segment 1 Ella Graca 公開組隊制賽決賽第一節
10:00 - 13:30	Geely Automobile Open Pairs Final Segment 1 吉利汽車公開組雙人賽決賽第一節
12:00 - 17:30	Geely Automobile Swiss Pairs 吉利汽車瑞士組雙人賽 <b>*Walk-in registration closes at 21 July 11:30</b>
12:00 - 17:30	Inter-City Mixed Pairs 混合式雙人賽 <b>*Walk-in registration closes at 21 July 11:30</b>
13:15 - 15:30	Ella Graca Open Teams Final Segment 2 Ella Graca 公開組隊制賽決賽第二節
14:30 - 18:30	Geely Automobile Open Pairs Final Segment 2 吉利汽車公開組雙人賽決賽第二節
15:40 - 17:55	Ella Graca Open Teams Final Segment 3 Ella Graca 公開組隊制賽決賽第三節
19:30 - 22:30	Victory Dinner & Prize Presentation 祝捷晚宴及頒獎典禮

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



	Item	Description	Selling price per unit
1	Bidding Boxes	Set of 4	HK\$ 80
2	Bidding Box Inserts	Set of 4	HK\$ 60
3	Boards	Set of 1-32	HK\$ 400
4	Polo Shirt	With Inter-City logo	HK\$ 60
5	Ballpens	With HKCBA logo	HK\$ 5
6	Scorebooks	With Inter-City logo	HK\$ 5
7	FujiX 13.3" Ultrabook (FX13UG - 01) Pickup Time: 21 July (21:00-22:00) (Used)	Core M7- 6Y75 1.2GHz 8GB RAM 256GB SSD	SOLD OUT
8	Fujitsu 13.3" Notebook (U536K13B) Pickup Time: 21 July (21:00-22:00) (Used)	Core i3 6006U 2.0GHz 4GB RAM 128 SSD + 500GB HDD	HK\$2, 700
9	Playing Cards		HK\$ 10



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## Ella Graca Open Teams Championships

### Quarter Final Results

<b>Table O1</b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
B1	 Nangang Power		11	29	40
D7	 CCH Power		57	13	70

<b>Table O2</b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
C1	 Avia Financial	8	52	49	109
C7	 KOSING		35	36	71



<b>Table O3</b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
A2	 SYSYT 沈阳圣雨田		23	W/O	23
D2	 CRE8IVE		50		50



<b>Table O4</b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
A6	 Mountain 高山隊		26	7	33
B2	 Vincent Li		23	32	55

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### Ella Graca Open Teams Championships

#### Semi Final Results



<b>Table O1</b>			C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Pen	Total
D7		CCH Power		20	66	21	-6	101
B2		Vincent Li		56	14	32		102

<b>Table O2</b>			C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Pen	Total
C1		Avia Financial		33	26	19		78
D2		CRE8IVE		29	43	51		123

## Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2018

### Ella Graca Open Teams Championships



#### Final Match



<b>Table O1</b>			C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Pen	Total
D2		CRE8IVE						
B2		Vincent Li						

## Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2018

### Inter-City Ladies Teams Championships

#### Semi Final Results



<b><u>Table L1</u></b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
L8	 China x HK Ladies Team		69	33	102
L2	 SX Club - Fenghuang	8	17	33	58

<b><u>Table L2</u></b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
L1	 Oly-Star	8	36	32	76
L7	 Shanghai Stonehill		24	19	43



## Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2018



### Inter-City Ladies Teams Championships

#### Final Results



<b><u>Table L1</u></b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Total
L1	 Oly-Star	12	38	46	42	138
L8	 China x HK Ladies Team		24	23	11	58

**Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2018**  
**President's Cup Youth Teams Championships**  
**Semi Final Results**

<b><u>Table Y1</u></b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
X8	 SX Club - Venus		29	18	47
Y3	 Alfred Lam		33	18	51

<b><u>Table Y2</u></b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Total
Y3	 F & B		51	42	93
X7	 Bad Beat		30	28	58

**Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2018**  
**President's Cup Youth Teams Championships**  
**Final Result**

<b><u>Table Y1</u></b>		C/O	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Total
Y3	 Alfred Lam		26	31	18	75
Y1	 F & B	9.5	17	32	43	101.5

CCH Power v Nangang Power (Open Round QF I)

After three days of qualifying we have reached the knock-out stages of the Open championship, beginning with the quarter-finals, played over two x 32-board sessions. For the first half we will take a look at the match between the two Power teams, CCH Power (China/Hong Kong) and Nangang Power (China).

Nangang gained 5 IMPs on Board 1, where the CCH E/W pair bid a level higher under their own steam and were two down in 3♥ for -100 while Nangang stopped safely in 2♥ for +110.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West Lui	North Cheng	East Tam	South Li
-	-	-	INT
All Pass			

West Gan	North Hsu	East Shi	South Liu
-	-	-	1♦
Dble 4♥	3♦ All Pass	3♥	Pass

For Nangang, Jian Wei Li opened INT on the South hand and was left to play there. Barney Lui led a low spade which ran round to the eight, a good start for declarer. Li played the jack of diamonds and, when that held the trick, continued with a low diamond to the king and ace. Rocky Tam returned a low club. Lui won the ace and cashed the jack, but then switched to a low heart for the ten and king and declarer could cash out eight tricks for +120 when the defence had had an opportunity to cash seven winners themselves to beat the contract..

At the other table, Pei Hua Liu's 1♦ opening made it convenient for Xin Li Gan to double and Zen Hou Hsu's pre-emptive diamond raise was not sufficient to shut out the opposing heart fit. Though Xiao Shi's 3♥ had been bid under pressure, Gan liked his hand enough to go on to game. Now, could Shi make it? The lead was the queen of diamonds.

Shi won the ace and led the queen of hearts to the king and ace followed by a low heart, winning his seven. Next he took the club finesse, running the queen while unblocking the ten. That lost to the bare king and Hsu cashed the jack of hearts then returned a low diamond, forcing Shi to ruff with dummy's last trump. He could cash the clubs now but had a spade and his third diamond to lose at the end so was down one for -100, but Nangang still gained 1 IMP.

One can understand declarer's play of the trump suit, as South was marked with most of the missing high-card strength, but it left him unable to take two diamond ruffs in dummy. Had he followed the old rule about looking after the side suit before drawing trumps, he could have taken the two ruffs, but might have suffered a club ruff as well as losing to the bare king. It seems that the only sure way to bring home 10 tricks would be to get the club right.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West Lui	North Cheng	East Tam	South Li
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West Gan	North Hsu	East Shi	South Liu
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

Hsu opened 1♣ and rebid his suit, Liu leaving him to play there. Shi led the king of hearts, Hsu winning the ace and playing three top diamonds to get rid of the heart loser. next, he led a club to the king and continued with the ♣ Q in hope of pinning a doubleton ten or jack. The actual position was just as good from his point of view. He had to lose two clubs and three spades but had his contract for +90.



Cheng opened 2♣, Precision, and Li inquired with 2♦. I don't have access to their methods, but the 3♣ rebid normally shows a minimum with no major, and it is unclear why South would go on to 3NT – not that 3♣ was making on sensible defence, of course. Lui led the ten of diamonds, Li winning the queen and leading a spade to the ten, queen and ace. Lui continued the diamond attack, the jack losing to the king, and Li led a club to the king

followed by a second spade, losing to the king. Tam led the king of hearts to dummy's ace and Li played a third spade to establish the suit. The defence could have cashed out for down one now but actually did rather better. Lui returned his low club and declarer called for a low card from dummy, losing to the ten. A club back to the ace squeezed declarer, who had thrown one winner on the second club and now had to throw another winner to keep the heart guard. But Lui now put him in hand with a diamond and he had to lead away from the heart holding at trick 12 so lost two of those and was down three for -300 and 9 IMPs to CCH.

Chen made an Unusual 2NT overcall to show the minors and Tam bid a competitive 3♠. Now Li showed diamond support but why Cheng thought his hand was suitable to go on to 5♦ I do not understand. True, the North hand has a little more high-card strength than it might have had, but both minors are weak, and if partner has fewer than four diamonds it will surely be easier to defeat 4♠ than to make 5♦. Lui doubled 5♦ and led a low spade. The good news for declarer was that the queen of spades scored at trick one. The bad news was that he was in dummy and the natural play seemed to be the ace of clubs, which was ruffed. Lui returned a low heart, which was ducked to the queen, and now Tam switched to a trump. Two rounds of those left Li with nowhere to park all dummy's club losers. He could ruff one and discard another on the ace of spades, but that was still three down for -500 – more than the value of the opposing game, even had it been making.

In the other room, Hsu preferred to start with a simple 2♦ overcall, so Shi could raise spades at the two level. Liu in turn could raise diamonds conveniently and now Gan introduced his second suit as a game try. Hsu competed with 4♦ and Shi bid the spade game. South has not been invited to bid game on this sequence – if North wanted to invite game he would have bid something other than 4♦ at his second turn – so Liu's 5♦ bid was undisciplined and deserved what it got, a prompt double. This time the spade lead was through the ace so there was no danger of the queen being a cheap trick. However, when Hsu won the ace he was in the right hand to lead a club towards the ace so the good news balanced the bad. Gan discarded on the club lead so Hsu won the ace and continued with a second club, won with the ten on his left. Shi returned a trump so Gan won and played a second round. There was once again just one club ruff in the dummy so Hsu too was down three for -500; no swing.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lui	Cheng	Tam	Li
1♠	2NT	3♠	4♦
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Gan	Hsu	Shi	Liu
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♦
3♥	4♦	4♠	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

Even if declarer gets the trumps right in 4♠, the contract should be defeated, so both N/S pairs took expensive phantom sacrifices and, frankly, neither had any good reason to bid on to the five level at this vulnerability.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 6 ♥ 7 6 ♦ A Q 8 7 4 ♣ J 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ A K 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ J 10 3 ♥ Q 4 ♦ K J 6 2 ♣ K Q 9 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 9 ♥ A K J 10 5 3 2 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 10 8 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
Lui	Cheng	Tam	Li
–	–	1♣	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gan	Hsu	Shi	Liu
–	–	1♦	3♥
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Both Souths made pre-emptive overcalls. Lui now bid spades and was raised to game, while Gan could bid 4♥ as a transfer to spades, so the same contract was reached but with different declarers.

Liu led ace, king and jack of hearts against Tam, who discarded a club from dummy on the third round, hoping that this would make Cheng misjudge which minor-suit ace his partner held. But Hsu ruffed with the queen and cashed the ace of diamonds for a quick one down; –100.

Cheng led the seven of hearts and Li too played three rounds of the suit. Lui pitched a diamond on the third heart and, after ruffing with the queen, Cheng exited passively with his remaining spade. Lui could win and get rid of his remaining diamond on the clubs so had 10 tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to CCH.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q J 7 ♥ 8 5 ♦ A Q 10 7 ♣ A 8 4 2</p> <p>♠ K 9 ♥ A J 4 3 2 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ Q 9 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 10 6 4 3 ♥ K Q 9 7 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ 7 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A 8 5 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ K J 5 ♣ K J 10 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Lui	Cheng	Tam	Li
–	–	–	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gan	Hsu	Shi	Liu
–	–	–	1♣
1♥	2♥	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

As is often the case, different no trump ranges decided this deal.

For Nangang, Li opened INT and was raised to game. Lui led a low heart, Tam winning the queen and returning the seven of hearts to the ten and jack. A more careful look at the heart spots would have told Lui that his partner had started with four hearts so that a low heart return would allow the defence to cash out the first five tricks.

In practice, however, he cashed the ace, blocking the suit. A fourth heart went to the ace and Tam switched to a spade. Li went up with the ace and cashed out the diamonds, coming down to two spades in dummy with ace-doubleton club, and four clubs in hand. Though Lui had been squeezed out of his heart winner to keep the black-suit guards, there were no longer the communications to allow declarer to pick up the clubs. He played ace and another and was two down for –100.

The contract could have been made, of course, but there was no good reason for declarer to play West for the queen of clubs. Had he done so, West would no doubt have been more careful to avoid blocking his side's suits in future.

At the other table, CCH's Liu opened 1♣ and that left room for Gan to get his hearts into the game. The only problem with that was that N/S were warned off 3NT and did well to content themselves with 4♣ instead despite North's 13 HCP facing an opening bid. Gan led a diamond so Liu won on table and ran the queen of spades, losing to the king. Now Gan underled in hearts, Shi winning the queen and cashing the king before switching to a diamond. Liu won that and in dummy and proceeded to get the trumps right, leading low to the king followed by the jack; +130 and 6 IMPs to CCH.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lui	Cheng	Tam	Li
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
3♥	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gan	Hsu	Shi	Liu
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When Shi opened 1♥ and Liu doubled, Gan decided to pin all his hopes on a heart contract and jumped to 2NT to show a constructive raise. Having no idea who could make what with his shapely minimum, Shi guessed to jump to 4♥, which ended the auction. Hsu, with ace-ten to four trumps and an outside ace-queen, never found a way into the auction. With no particularly attractive lead, Liu chose to underlead the ace of spades. Shi won the king and led a diamond to his king and the ace. Seeing the crossruff being established, Liu switched to his trump, which ran to declarer's jack. Shi duly crossruffed in the minors until he ran out of trumps but that meant only seven tricks so down three for -150.

Tam opened a two-suited weak two bid and Lui raised pre-emptively over the double. Now Cheng doubled on the North cards. That would normally be played as responsive, so whether this pair have a different arrangement or whether Li just judged very well is unclear. He passed and, with no making contract available to either side above the one level that was the right thing to do, at least in theory. Now the defence had to justify the decision made in the auction. Li led his heart on the go, the nine running to declarer's king. Tam led his spade and Li rose with the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds then, after some thought, exited with a spade to dummy. Tam took a club discard and a second discard on the next spade. Things might have got interesting had he continued with a fourth round of spades, playing for trumps to be 4-0, but in practice he crossruffed the next few tricks until, having ruffed with dummy's last trump, he now played a winning spade. Cheng ruffed with the ten, Tam over-ruffing, but with declarer down to only one trump that was his last trick; down one for -100 but 2 IMPs to CCH.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lui	Cheng	Tam	Li
-	-	Pass	Pass
2♥	Dble	2NT	Dble
3♦	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gan	Hsu	Shi	Liu
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Another two-level opening caused problems for the opposition on this deal as Cheng and Li got to 4♠ on the 4-3 fit. Tam led his singleton heart, Cheng winning the ace and leading the jack of clubs. When that held the trick, he switched his attention to trumps, leading low to the ten then cashing the ace. When the queen appeared, he continued with a low spade to the jack followed by the ten of clubs to the queen and king. That left Cheng with a fourth-round club loser. He cashed the ♣A then led a heart up, winning the king as Tam discarded a diamond. Another heart was won by Lui who continued with a fourth round and there was no way to avoid four losers; one down for -50. Declarer could have succeeded by playing the ♣8 instead of the ten on the second round of the suit.

Gan's 1♥ opening left more room for his opponents to explore and they reached 3NT. Though declarer is off the entire diamond suit, diamonds divide evenly and the black suits are kindly placed so the defence is powerless. Gan led the queen of hearts, Liu winning and leading the jack of clubs to the queen and king. He played a club back to the ten then switched his attention to spades and the doubleton queen meant that he had four tricks in that suit and nine in all for +400 and 10 more IMPs to CCH.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 2  
♥ 6 2  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A K Q 10 7 5 3

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

♠ K 9 8 4  
♥ Q J 8 4 3  
♦ 4 3  
♣ 9 8

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

West	North	East	South
Lui	Cheng	Tam	Li
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Gan	Hsu	Shi	Liu
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Lui opened 1♦ and, when Cheng's 3♣ overcall came back to him, competed with 3♦. Cheng cashed two top clubs then switched to a spade. Lui won the king to lead a diamond to his jack – KQx onside and 10x offside is the legitimate chance of holding the losers to one here – but that lost to the queen and there was a second diamond plus the ace of hearts to be lost; down one for –50.

Gan upgraded to a strong club and again there was a 3♣ overcall. That must have been quite a strong bid, because Liu converted to 3NT and stood Shi's double. Three No Trump can be beaten, double dummy, if West leads a major, but why would he do other than lead a diamond? That was Gan's choice and Liu won the ten and cashed his nine tricks for +750 and 12 IMPs to CCH.

The match score had been 11-11 after nine deals, but CCH Power had scored 46 unanswered points and led by 57-11 at halfway. It would take a big effort for Nangang Power to come back in the second half.

Vincent Li v Mountain (Open QF 2)

At the halfway stage the closest of the Open quarter-finals was that between two China/Hong Kong combinations, Vincent Li and Mountain. After 16 boards Mountain led by just 3 IMPs, at 26-23.

The second half began quietly with a couple of partscores on which Vincent Li scored 1 IMP to close to 24-26, then:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 3  
♥ 9 8 7 6  
♦ 8 7 5 3 2  
♣ 9 3

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Jianhua	Weimin	Zhang	Li
–	–	–	1♥
Dble	3♥	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Shen	Ma	Wenfei	Gao
–	–	–	1♥
1NT	2♥	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

For Vincent Li, Qi Shen overcalled 1NT with the west cards, taking all the momentum out of the auction as Junshan Ma now only raised to 2♥, leaving room for Wenfei Wang to transfer to 3♣ then cuebid to ask Shen to pick a game contract. Despite the strong four-card spade suit, Shen chose 3NT, against which Ma led a heart to the queen and ace. Shen cashed two top spades to check how many tricks she had there then played the jack of hearts. Gao won the king and returned a heart so Shen won the ten and cashed her winners; +630.

Jianhua Pan preferred to double the opening bid as the best chance to find a spade fit, and Weimin Wang made a pre-emptive jump raise to 3♥. Guangyang Zhang cuebid to show his game values and heart shortage and Jianhua picked 4♠, as who would not. When that came round to Vincent Li he saved in 5♥, a questionable decision with no extra heart length and decent defence. Jianhua was delighted to double, of course, and cashed two top spades then switched to a diamond. Zhang won the ♦K and switched to a club, Li rising with the ace and ruffing his last spade in the dummy. A heart to the queen told Li the bad news. Jianhua won the ace and forced declarer with a diamond. Li attempted to cash the king of clubs but Jianhua ruffed.

Best now is a trump return to reduce dummy's ruffing potential, but Jianhua actually chose a diamond, so Li could ruff, ruff a club in dummy and ruff a diamond in hand. The contract was down four for -800 and 5 IMPs to Mountain, ahead now by 31-24.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jianhua	Weimin	Zhang	Li
-	-	-	1♣
1♠	2♣	2♠	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shen	Ma	Wenfei	Gao
-	-	-	1♣
1♦	Dble	3♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Li opened a natural 1♣ so Weimin could raise after Jianhua's overcall. When Zhang in turn raised his partner's spades, Li cuebid 3♠ to assess the possibility of a spade slam. Though Weimin now admitted to a spade stopper, Li wisely chose to play in clubs, thinking that there would need to be a double spade stopper for 3NT to be good, while the wasted spade values suggested that slam would be impossible. That was well-judged and the play in 5♣ presented no problems. Li won the heart lead, drew trumps and knocked out the ace of diamonds to set up a discard for dummy's heart loser; +600.

Gao's 1♣ was strong and the 1♦ overcall showed spades. Ma doubled to show a semi-positive and Wenfei jumped to 3♠. With sufficient extras to fancy game, Gao doubled for take-out and Ma responded 3NT. Here there was no surety of a minor-suit fit so Gao passed and hoped that his partner had enough in spades to allow nine tricks to be made. The defence began with a spade to the ace, a spade back to the ten and jack, and a third spade to the king. Gao cashed the clubs but there was no defensive mistake and he had only eight tricks; down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to Vincent Li, who took the lead in the match by 37-31.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jianhua	Weimin	Zhang	Li
-	-	1♣	1♠
INT	2♦	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Shen	Ma	Wenfei	Gao
-	-	INT	Pass
2♣	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Zhang opened a standard 1♣ and Li overcalled. Weimin then competed twice in diamonds and bought the contract at the three level. Zhang led ace and another club, Weimin running the second round to his jack.

In the other room, Wenfei opened a 13-15 INT and Shen used Stayman in search of a major-suit fit. When Ma overcalled 3♦, that shut out Wenfei but not Shen, who doubled for take-out. Unwilling to go past 3NT to show her five-card club suit, Wenfei bid 3NT, hoping that her diamond stopper would prove to be sufficient. Gao led his diamond, Wenfei ducking Ma's eight. The diamond continuation was won with the king and Wenfei played a spade up, the queen scoring when Gao played low. The queen of hearts went to the king and ace and Wenfei continued with the nine of spades, Gao taking the king and returning a heart. That ran round to the seven and Wenfei played a third spade to the ace. Gao returned a spade to set up his long card then bared the ♣K as declarer cashed her tricks in hope that she might get careless, or greedy. No, Wenfei played a club to the ace and the ♣Q was her tenth trick for +630 and 11 IMPs to Vincent Li. Two big swings meant that Vincent Li now led by 50-32 with six boards remaining in the match.

Just when Vincent Li appeared to have taken a grip on the match, this next board looked as though it might breathe new life into the Mountain challenge.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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West	North	East	South
Jianhua	Weimin	Zhang	Li
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	Dble	3♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♦
Dble	4♥	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Jianhua cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a heart. Vincent Li took a while before going up with the ace and continuing with the queen, ruffing out Zhang's king. Next, Li led a low spade to the jack and king, and back came a diamond. He won the ace then played the queen of spades and there was nothing Zhang could do to take more than two more tricks. In practice, he won the king and played a club to dummy but, when hearts proved to be evenly divided, there was only one more spade to be lost. The contract was down only one for –100 – just another dull flat board.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jianhua	Weimin	Zhang	Li
–	–	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Shen	Ma	Wenfei	Gao
–	–	1♠	Dble
3♠	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Jianhua responded with a forcing INT, not wanting to raise spades with only 6 HCP, and gave simple preference at his next turn. It seemed that his opponents did not have a genuine fit to Li, who therefore did not balance with his spade shortage. Li led the ten of spades. Zhang won in hand and led the queen of clubs, which ran to Weimin's ace. Back came the queen of spades. Zhang won it and tried to split the hearts to get rid of dummy's club loser. That didn't work out so he ruffed the fourth heart and, when Weimin did not over-ruff, led the eight of clubs to the jack and king. Zhang could ruff his last club so just lost a spade; ten tricks for +170, and you could say that Jianhua's 'clever' bid had not really worked out for him.

At the other table, Gao scraped up a double of the 1♠ opening. Shen's pre-emptive raise put a lot of momentum into the auction. Ma took a shot at 3NT but Wenfei went on to 4♠ and when that came back around Ma bid 5♦, doubled by Wenfei to complete the auction. Wenfei cashed a top hearts then switched to the queen of clubs. Ma won the ace and led a diamond to the king, discovering the 4-0 split. She played dummy's ♠10 next and Shen went up with the ace and returned a diamond, won cheaply in hand to take the ruffing spade finesse. Wenfei covered the queen so Ma ruffed and had nine tricks; down two for –300 and 4 IMPs to Vincent Li.

A strong last 10 boards had seen Vincent Li take control of what had been a tight match throughout. They won by 55-33 IMPs and would take their place in the semi-finals in little more than half an hour's time.

Avia Financial v CRE8IVE(Open SF 1)

The semi-finals are played over three 16-boards sessions. For Session One, we take a look at the match between China's CRE8IVE and the multi-national Avia Financial. Avia picked up an overtrick IMP on the first board but the first major swing went in the opposite direction.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bi	Cheng	Jin	Lee
-	-	1NT	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Ng	Dong	Sia	Liu
-	-	1♣	Dble
2NT	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

For CRE8IVE, Zhanjie Jin opened a weak no trump and Jim Lee doubled. Redouble was a puppet to 2♣ and when Jin did as requested Lee doubled again, this time for take-out of clubs. Shuguang Bi's pass confirmed that he actually had clubs and Chuan Cheng took out into 2♠ with the North cards. Jin led the seven of clubs to dummy's bare ace. Cheng gave up a heart, Jin winning the seven and playing ace and another spade. Cheng got that wrong by calling for the jack, but the queen of spades was the last trick for the defence as Cheng negotiated a club ruff so had five diamonds, three spades, a ruff and the ♠A; +170.

For Avia, Alan Sia opened 1♣ and Yan Liu doubled. Two No Trump was a pre-emptive club raise and Chunhui Dong passed for now with the weak North hand. However, when Sia signed off in 3♣ and Liu doubled again, Dong jumped to 4♠, ending the auction. Sia led a low spade. As that was unlikely to be away from the queen, Dong put up the king, leaving the defensive trumps blocked. He too gave up a heart, this time with West, Kelvin Ng, winning with the nine. Ng cashed the queen of spades then played a heart. Once again, declarer had 10 tricks, but this time that was worth +620 and 10 IMPs to CRE8IVE.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bi	Cheng	Jin	Lee
-	-	-	1♣
1♠	2♠	Dble	3♣
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ng	Dong	Sia	Liu
-	-	-	1♦
1♠	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Lee opened 1♣ and Bi overcalled 1♠, Cheng's 2♠ cuebid showing a good club raise. Jin doubled to show a bit of something in support of spades and Bi jumped to 4♠ over Lee's 3♣ sign-off. With spade shortage and internally solid clubs, Cheng took the view to save in 5♣ doubled. Bi cashed three diamonds then switched to a spade and that was down two for -500.

Liu opened a Precision 1♦ and Ng overcalled 1♠. Dong bid his clubs and Liu raised. However, this time when E/W reached 4♠ there was no sacrifice. Dong led the king then queen of hearts before switching to the queen of clubs. Liu thought for a while after overtaking but eventually returned the ten of hearts. Now it was the turn of Ng to think. Finally, he ruffed low and led a spade to the ace, claiming 10 tricks a few seconds later; +620 and 3 IMPs to Avia.

Why did Ng get the spades right? Well, partly because South had opened the bidding and would have only 11 HCP without the ♠Q, but that is a quite normal Precision opening. More likely he realised that this kind of defence is easier to see for the defender who actually holds the missing trump honour, suggesting that South did indeed hold the queen.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bi	Cheng	Jin	Lee
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ng	Dong	Sia	Liu
1♣	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Bi opened a Precision 2♣ then showed his hearts in response to the 2♦ inquiry. Now Jin just blasted 6♣. I don't like this approach to the hand at all when there was so much room to have an intelligent exploration of the deal's possibilities, but it worked very well. Cheng led the seven of spades so Bi could win, cash the ace and king of clubs, then ruff a spade. Three rounds of diamonds got rid of the heart loser and there was just the trump queen to be conceded; +920 without having to pick the trump suit.

Ng opened at the one level and that left room for Liu to get the hearts into the game. When the 2♥ overcall was passed round to him, Sia jumped to 4♥, a splinter bid in support of clubs. Looking at 12 HCP outside hearts, including two key cards, there must have been some temptation for Ng to accept the slam try, but he was no doubt concerned at the mediocrity of his club suit so signed off in game. It didn't matter, as Sia was the second East to take a rosy view of his side's prospects as he raised to the small slam. Here, however, the heart lead was marked. Liu won the first trick and switched to a diamond. Ng won the ace, thought for a moment, then cashed the ace of clubs and played a second club. When the nine appeared on his left he thought for a while longer but eventually called for the ten and had done well to flatten the board; +920 and no swing.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bi	Cheng	Jin	Lee
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ng	Dong	Sia	Liu
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Both E/W pairs bid to the thin heart game, Bi/Jin after a strong club opening, Ng/Sia after a 1NT opening and transfer break. However, that led to different declarers. Where Jin played the contract from the East seat, Lee cashed the top spades then switched to a low club. Jin didn't put up the king, playing low and losing to the jack. Had Cheng tried to cash the ace now dummy's king would have provided a discard for Jin's diamond loser, but Cheng was not born yesterday and switched to a trump. In the fullness of time, the defence had to come to a diamond trick for down one and –100.

What would you lead from the North hand at the other table? I would lead a trump today, a trump tomorrow, and a trump next week. Dong led a low club away from the ace and up to a strong balanced hand. It cost him 12 IMPs and, in my opinion, it deserved to do so. Ng won the king and draw trumps in three rounds. Liu discarded a diamond on the third heart. Ng ran the nine of diamonds to the queen, ruffed the club return and played diamonds from the top, dropping the jack; 10 tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to Avia.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bi	Cheng	Jin	Lee
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
4♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ng	Dong	Sia	Liu
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Dong opened 5♣ after two passes, silencing everyone. With the opposition cold for 4♥, that had worked out nicely in the auction, but it worked even better in the play, as nobody knew what his hand looked like (apart from a lot of clubs, obviously). Sia led the king of hearts and Ng overtook to switch to the queen of spades. Of course, he was scared of dummy's diamonds. Dong won the ♠A, Sia following with the eight, and led his diamond. Sia grabbed the ace and played a heart, but Dong could ruff and play the king of clubs and eventually take the spade finesse for the contract; +400.

At the other table, Cheng contented himself with a simple 1♣ opening. Lee showed his diamonds, but Cheng never got spades into the game, and once again that was to prove beneficial in the play. Cheng bid 5♣ over 4♥, not knowing whether he was bidding to make or as a save, and was doubled for his pains. Jin cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a low heart. Bi won the ace and he too could not resist the spade switch. Again the queen was won by the ace and declarer played the king of clubs. When the jack appeared, Cheng overtook and played a winning diamond. That was ruffed but he could over-ruff and cross to dummy's nine of clubs to cash the queen of diamonds for a spade pitch. Finally, he took the spade finesse and had 11 tricks for +550 and 4 IMPs to Avia. Note that the diamond plays meant that Cheng did not need to eight of spades to be short on his left as there was no fourth round of spades to be played.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bi	Cheng	Jin	Lee
-	2♦	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ng	Dong	Sia	Liu
-	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Cheng opened with a multi 2♦, thinking that his 6-4 distribution made up for ant frailty in the main suit. Jin doubled and Lee's redouble asked partner to bid his suit, which he did. When 2♠ reached Bi he doubled and Jin left it in rather than go looking for an uncertain game. Jin led a low heart, Bi winning the king and switching to his low spade. Cheng ducked that so Jin won the nine and cashed the ace. Next he led the ten of hearts to the jack, king and ruff, and found himself back on lead with the ♠K. This time he tried a low diamond. Bi won the ace and continued with a second diamond to the jack. Jin cashed the king of diamonds but was now endplayed and his low club switch ran round to Cheng's queen. the contract was two down for -500.

Dong did not like to open a weak two on such a poor suit when vulnerable so passed and saw his opponents bid uncontested to 3NT via Stayman and a forcing 2NT inquiry from West. Liu led a low club to the ten and king. Sia led a diamond to the ace and a diamond back to the jack. When that held he had nine winners and didn't bother to mess around in search of an overtrick in case the clubs were running against him. He settled for nine tricks for +600 and 3 IMPs to Avia.

The CREBIVE N/S pair bid two poor games on the last two boards of the set, both going down, while Avia stopped safely in partscore, those two 5 IMP gains meant that Avia Financial led by 33-29 after 16 deals. There were two more sets to play.

Vincent Li v CCH Power (Open SF 2)

Two China/Hong Kong combinations met in the Open semi-finals, with Vincent Li leading CCH Power by 56-14 after 16 boards. There were two sets to go, but CCH Power would want to at least make significant inroads into that deficit in the second session so that they did not have too much to do in the third.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K 10 8 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ A Q ♣ 9 8 6	♠ 7 5 4 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ J 9 7 5 ♣ A 7 5	♠ Q 3 2 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ 10 6 3 2 ♣ J 3 2	♠ J 9 6 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ K Q 10 4
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West	North	East	South
Liu	Wenfei	Hsu	Shen
–	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Weimin	Tam	Li	Lui
–	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	Pass	2♣	All Pass

Both Souths opened INT in third seat and both were doubled. While Qi Shen, for Vincent Li, was left to play there, at the other table Vincent Li judged to remove to 2♣ with the East cards, planning to scramble if he got doubled.

Li was left to play in 2♣. Barney Lui led a spade, dummy's eight winning the trick, so Li crosses to hand with the queen of spades, took the diamond finesse and continued with the ace of diamonds then ace and king of spades, pitching a heart from hand after a low ruff from Rocky Tam (North). Tam played ace and another club so Lui won and drew a third round of trumps. Dummy's ♥K had to win a trick so the contract was down two for –100.

Events at the other table suggested that Li had done well to run from his partner's double. Pei Hua Liu led the ace of spades against INT doubled and continued with the king. Jen-Hou Hsu followed with the three then the two, if we are to trust the BBO operator. What that meant to Liu is unclear, but she tried the desperation switch to ace then queen of diamonds now which doesn't look like the play of someone who has just seen an encouraging spade signal. Shen won the king of diamonds and played king of clubs and a club to the ace then ran the queen of hearts. That lost to the king but also established Shen's overtrick. Plus 280 was worth 5 IMPs to Vincent Li, not the start the trailing team had been hoping for.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ K Q 10 7 2 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ K 8 7 3	♠ Q J 10 9 8 7 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 5 4	♠ 6 4 3 ♥ A 9 4 3 ♦ Q J 10 7 2 ♣ 6	♠ A K 5 ♥ 8 ♦ K 8 6 5 ♣ A Q J 10 2
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West	North	East	South
Liu	Wenfei	Hsu	Shen
–	–	–	1♣
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Weimin	Tam	Li	Lui
–	–	–	1♣
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dble
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

I should know what system Wenfei/Shen play but I've forgotten. It looks like a strong club though, given the failure to double 4♥ and North's jump to 4♠. Hsu led the singleton club and declarer had two possibilities, to go up with the ace and hope to be able to draw trumps in two rounds then give up a club, or to finesse and hope that either the king was onside, unlikely, or that the suit was divided 3-2. Wenfei took a while but eventually chose to finesse, putting in the queen. That lost to the king and the return of a suit preference eight got a low heart return from Hsu after taking the ruff. A second ruff was followed by a diamond and the contract was down two for –200.

Tam was a level lower on the same lead and went the other way, rising with the ace. He played the king of diamonds from dummy to minimise the risk of losing the lead to the dangerous defender at an inopportune moment and Weimin Wang won the ace and played king and another club. Li ruffed and underled in hearts to put his partner in to lead the fourth club, but Tam could ruff high, draw trumps in two rounds and give up a heart, ruffing one heart and discarding one on the fifth club; +140 and 8 IMPs to CCH Power, who needed them.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 9 7 4 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ A K 6 4 ♣ 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ 10 6 5 ♥ – ♦ Q J 9 5 3 ♣ A 10 8 6 5</p>	<p>♠ A K J 8 3 2 ♥ K 9 8 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ Q ♥ A Q 10 6 5 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ K Q J 7</p>
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West	North	East	South
Liu	Wenfei	Hsu	Shen
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♣	3♥	Dble	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Weimin	Tam	Li	Lui
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♣	3♥	4♣	All Pass

When West could raise to 2♠, Hsu made a game try double of the heart raise and Liu accepted, while Li simply bid game himself, knowing that there were heart ruffs coming in the dummy.

Shen led the king of clubs to dummy's ace and Hsu ruffed a club, Shen following low, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, and ruffed another club. A third heart ruff was followed by a winning club, ruffed by North as declarer and South both pitched diamonds. Wenfei tried to cash the ace of diamonds now, no doubt with little hope in her heart, so Hsu ruffed with the jack and had 10 tricks for +420. All very straightforward, and it appeared that once Shen had not led her bare queen of trumps there was nothing the defence could have done.

Lui also led the king of clubs to dummy's ace and Li too ruffed a club at trick two. Lui dropped the queen on this trick and Li took it seriously. He ruffed a heart then led the ten of clubs and ran it, pitching the diamond loser from hand. If he thought that was a free play, he was swiftly disabused of the notion as Lui won the ♣J and returned the queen of spades. Li won, ruffed a heart with dummy's last trump and attempted to cash the eight of clubs, only to find Tam ruffing in front of him. He over-ruffed, cashed two more trumps and exited with a low heart. That lost to the jack and the ace of diamonds came back. Li ruffed but had to lead away from the ♥K once again and was a trick short; -50 and another 10 IMPs to CCH, who were really getting back into this match in a big way.

A couple of minor swings also went the way of CCH, adding 5 IMPs to their tally, and there was time for one more big swing to complete a remarkable run of deals.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K J 2 ♥ K ♦ Q J 9 8 6 ♣ A 10 9 6</p> <p>♠ A Q 8 5 4 3 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ 4 ♣ J 7 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ A 5 3 2 ♣ Q 4 3 2</p> <p>♠ 9 6 ♥ A 10 9 6 4 2 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ K 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
Liu	Wenfei	Hsu	Shen
–	–	–	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Weimin	Tam	Li	Lui
–	–	–	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both Souths opened with a multi 2♦ and both Wests passed. That was where the similarities between the two auctions ended. Wenfei responded 2♥, pass or correct, on the North cards, as I'm sure would I. When 2♥ came round to Liu he balanced with 2♠ and was left to play there. The defence took two hearts, two clubs, a club ruff and two spades, for down two and -100.

In the other room, Tam looked for game with the North hand, using a 2NT inquiry and, presumably, discovering that he was facing a maximum weak two in hearts. He bid 3NT and played there and Li, with nothing much to go on, led fourth of his longest and strongest in time-honoured fashion. The two of diamonds was won with dummy's seven and Tam played a heart to the ace then the jack of diamonds, overtaking with the king when Li played low. Tam continued with ace and another heart to Weimin's queen and Weimin played ace and another spade. Tam could even afford to put in the jack in search of a second overtrick and, when it held, that is what he had; 11 tricks for +660 and 11 IMPs to CCH.

Six boards into the set, Vincent Li had led by 70-14 IMPs and looked to be in total control. Sixty-six unanswered IMPs later, it was CCH Power who would go into the third and final set with the lead, by 80-70. Talk about a momentum shift!

Vincent Li v CCH Power (Open SF 3)

After the dramatic second set, I felt that the decision had been made for me regarding which of the two semi-finals to watch in set three. It had to be Vincent Li v CCH Power. Could CCH go from strength to strength and power their way through to the final, or would Vincent Li in turn make a comeback – their deficit was, after all, only 10 IMPs, but they had to be in shock after what had just happened.

The set began very peacefully. CCH Power had single IMP gains on the first two deals and the third was a flat partscore. Then the action began.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shen	Tam	Wenfei	Lui
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Liu	Weimin	Hsu	Chiu
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Wenfei Wang and Qi She, for Vincent Li, had a straightforward Precision auction to the safe heart game, played by East after a transfer sequence to offer a choice of games. After a trump lead there were two clubs to be lost but that was all; +650.

For CCH Power, Hsu opened 2♣ and rebid 2NT. Again there was a transfer sequence to offer a choice of games but, when Hsu chose to play 4♥, Liu made the very aggressive decision to invite slam by raising to 5♥ – is that really wise with such weak hearts and no way for partner to know that his spade values are far less valuable than those in the other three suits? Well, looking at all the top three trumps, it is not surprising that Hsu accepted the invitation and got to a hopeless slam. Did I say hopeless? Those who had witnessed the previous set would have seen how the momentum was so strongly behind CCH and, sure enough, not only was the ace of clubs onside,

but Karic Chiu led the only suit to give the contract – a spade! Two club discards on the ace and queen of spades and the club onside, plus of course no jack to four trumps or singleton club anywhere, and the slam rolled in for +1430 and 13 IMPs to CCH. They led by 95-70.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shen	Tam	Wenfei	Lui
–	–	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Liu	Weimin	Hsu	Chiu
–	–	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

So, what would you open with the South hand. You are at favourable vulnerability, which suggests aggression, but second in hand, which is the position where you are supposed to be soundest. My vote goes to 3♠, but pre-emption is to some extent a personal thing and we should all do what we feel comfortable doing.

Lui opened 3♠ and played there, making exactly when there were two diamonds and two spades to be lost; +140

Chiu opened 2♠ and Weimin made a slightly optimistic game try by using the 2NT inquiry. It looks as though 3♣ showed a minimum, or maybe a club shortage, and 3♠ was a sign-off but, rightly in my opinion, South now went on to game. It is always a guess when you have a shapely hand like this. How is partner to know that the king of diamonds is gold-dust and the king of hearts waste paper? Today, 4♠ was down one for –50 and 5 IMPs to CCH, but tomorrow it might be cold.

The CCH lead was up to 100-70, but it was too soon to relax, as evidenced by the very next deal.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shen	Tam	Wenfei	Lui
–	–	–	1♣
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Liu	Weimin	Hsu	Chiu
–	–	–	1♣
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

When Liu overcalled 1♥, Hsu made an unassuming cuebid then gave up when partner showed a near minimum by repeating the hearts. After a club lead, Liu made nine tricks for +140.

In the same position, Wenfei went on with 2NT over 2♥ and Shen raised her to game. Lui led a low club to the seven and queen. Wenfei played ace and another heart, getting the good news, and won the king then led a spade to the jack and queen. Seeing that everything was working for declarer, took what seemed the only chance, leading a low diamond in hope that partner would hold the king. Close, but the queen lost to declarer's king and now Wenfei cashed the hearts, led a spade to the ace and took the club finesse. Lui, who had been squeezed by the major-suit plays, had discarded the ace of diamonds to keep a club guard so Wenfei had the ten of diamonds at the end and 11 tricks in all for +660 and 11 IMPs to Vincent Li. They closed to 81-100.

Two tiny gains for Vincent Li closed the gap to 84-100, then came something more substantial.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shen	Tam	Wenfei	Lui
–	–	–	2♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Liu	Weimin	Hsu	Chiu
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Lui opened a multi and Tam jumped to 4♣ to ask him to transfer to his major. Four Diamonds duly did so and Tam signed off in 4♥. After a top diamond lead there were 13 easy tricks for +510.

Chiu opened a natural weak two bid. Weimin inquired. Did the response show club shortage, or just a minimum? I have been spoiled by working at major championships where the players' convention cards are available to study, so feel naked at times at tournaments which, however prestigious, do not require the registration of systems with the organisation. Given his leap to 6♥, Weimin could have just been having a gamble on the opening lead, or he could have known there could not be two club losers, making 6♥ rather more of an informed decision. Played by South the lead was a top diamond, so there were only 12 tricks for +980 and 10 IMPs to Vincent Li. It was getting very close now at 94-100.

Vincent Li picked up 2 more IMPs on Board 12 for an extra undertrick; 96-100. Board 13 was 3NT by N/S at both tables, with Tam making 10 tricks to Weimin's nine, and that was 1 IMP back to CCH. They led by 101-96 with three boards to play.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West Shen	North Tam	East Wenfei	South Lui
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West Liu	North Weimin	East Hsu	South Chiu
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Both N/Ss bid to 4♠, Weimin/Chiu by natural methods, Tam/Lui via artificiality.

Liu led a cunning nine of clubs through dummy's side-suit. Not knowing that there would be two trump losers as well as the ace of diamonds, Chiu thought for a while but then took the lead at face value and went up with dummy's ace. He led a heart to the ace then a spade to the king and ace. Hsu played ace and another diamond and, seeing no other hope, Chiu discarded the losing club. Liu won the ♦K and there was still the ♠Q to come. One card, the opening lead, had given declarer a chance to go wrong, and he had taken that chance; -50. Shen led a low diamond at the other table, Wenfei winning the ace and continuing with a second diamond. Lui had to ruff and he next led a spade to the king and ace and Wenfei returned a third diamond, forcing declarer to ruff once again. Lui took the club finesse now and, when it held, led a spade up. Wenfei won and played a fourth diamond. Lui could not ruff in hand, of course, as that would have been with the ♠J and would have promoted the ten into the setting trick, so he threw a heart from hand and ruffed in dummy. Then he led dummy's heart and sat and thought. Lui had seen the ten of clubs from East and had reason to suspect that she held the heart length, and anyway, isn't jack to four or five onside more likely than jack doubleton or to three offside? So eventually he put in the ten and that lost to the doubleton jack. Worse, much much worse as it was to turn out, Shen returned a club for Wenfei to ruff and the contract was two down for -100 and 2 IMPs to Vincent Li, who trailed by only 98-101.

Wasn't that great defence to create a situation where declarer could go wrong? Unlike the other table, this was a whole series of plays, but what a nice board, with both defences deserving of a game swing.

N/S made game at both tables on the penultimate board, 3NT and 5♣ respectively for a flat board at +600. The gap was therefore 3 IMPs in favour of CCH going into the final deal.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West Shen	North Tam	East Wenfei	South Lui
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West Liu	North Weimin	East Hsu	South Chiu
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Chiu made a simple raise to 2♠ and nobody had anything more to say. Hsu led a spade, Liu winning the ace and switching to a heart. Hsu won the queen and led a second spade. Weimin won that cheaply in dummy and cashed the ten of spades then led a heart to the jack and ace. Now Hsu played a low club to the ten and ace and Weimin cashed the king of hearts then led a diamond towards dummy. Hsu rose with the ace and cashed the queen of clubs and the contract was just made for +110.

Lui made a Bergen raise of 3♦, showing around 6-9 HCP with four-card spade support, and Tam signed off in 3♠. Again the lead was a trump. Shen won the ace and switched to the jack of clubs to declarer's ace. Tam drew trumps then exited with his losing club, hoping to get some help. There was none forthcoming. Shen won the club and pushed a heart through so Wenfei could win the queen and ace then cash the ace of diamonds and the contract was one down for -50 and 4 IMPs to Vincent Li. The final score: Vincent Li 102 CCH Power 101. Remember my comment at the end of Board 14? If Lui had been only one down in 4♠ the board would have been flat and it would have been CCH Power who won by a single IMP!

CRE8IVE won the other semi-final by 123-78 against Avia Financial so the final would be their all Chinese squad against Vincent Li's Shanghai/Hong Kong combination, to be played over three 16-board sessions.



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**Feishang Swiss Teams**  
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**Results**

**2018-07-20 Feishang Swiss Teams**

**Final result**

62 teams. Number of rounds: 6.

Rank	Team	Score	Name	Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	Extra	Pen/Adj
1	59	89.64	Shanghai Stonehill	10	10	10	10	15.5	18.83	11.27		14.04
2	36	83.92	SX Club - Starlord	20	18.37	16.68	18.97	1.17	8.73			
3	60	83.88	Mountain	10	10	10	14.39	11.67	13.78			14.04
4	49	82.86	Oly-Star AODA	19.62	11.27	16	7.95	15.75	12.77			-0.5
5	19	81.92	KF Mak	17.31	10	13.78	15.23	16.46	9.14			
6	43	81.37	Hao Ran	13.78	15.5	13.45	12.05	16.23	10.86			-0.5
7	3	80.51	Ben Law	8.33	10	12.05	13.45	20	16.68			
8	41	80.48	Ghost of Red	18.21	7.58	12.42	11.27	15.5	15.5			
9	28	79.67	PHILIPPINES MANILA	12.77	7.58	14.96	13.45	14.68	16.23			
10	25	78.91	Gerry Alquiros	5.61	18.68	15.23	13.78	5.61	20			
11	9	76.96	Rainbow	7.95	15.23	13.78	15.75	4.25	20			
12	21	76.50	Mistral	20	9.56	17.31	5.91	3.77	19.95			
13	5	74.22	Geely Automobile	19.37	10	6.55	17.69	14.39	6.22			
14	57	73.37	Guangzhou Pearl River	11.67	20	12.05	14.09	8.33	7.23			
15	17	71.78	KW Tam	1.47	14.96	18.68	4.25	13.45	18.97			
16	8	71.38	SX Club - Jupiter	4.77	19.62	10.86	6.55	13.12	16.46			
17	2	70.95	Singapore - HK	16.68	10	7.58	10.86	13.78	12.05			
18	15	69.41	Just Play	18.68	10	12.42	4.77	3.54	20			
19	48	68.61	Bridge Buddies	9.56	17.87	6.22	15.23	15.23	4.5			
20	53	68.44	Xiamen Xiashun	0	7.23	14.96	14.96	16.9	14.39			
21	7	68.27	Komhill	15.23	2.89	16.46	5.61	13.12	14.96			
22	62	67.36	SX Club - Fenghuang	10	10	10	5.61	14.39	3.32			14.04
23	47	66.73	Magic Eyes	10.44	10	11.67	14.39	16.46	3.77			
24	54	66.44	Cupware	20	1.63	11.67	12.77	12.42	7.95			
25	42	64.10	Dark Chocolate	1.79	10.44	16.23	10	7.95	17.69			
26	39	63.26	Felix Lee	12.77	4	4.25	18.68	6.88	16.68			
27	10	62.85	Indian Summer	12.05	10	12.05	2.31	10.44	16			
28	38	62.45	Percy Wu	5.91	1.32	18.04	16.68	0.5	20			
29	1	62.40	SX Club - Honghu	3.32	14.09	15.75	4.77	12.05	12.42			
30	14	61.92	Lose Road Morse	20	10.44	7.95	6.22	0	17.31			
31	58	60.57	Abhinav	8.33	4.77	15.75	7.58	4.77	19.37			
32	27	60.49	SX Club - Spark	7.23	16.23	18.53	14.96	3.54	0			
33	26	60.26	Samme Lee	14.39	6.22	8.33	12.77	6.88	11.67			
34	61	59.47	SX Club - Venus	10	10	10	4.5	5.32	5.61			14.04
35	51	58.88	Bozzetto	13.12	12.42	9.14	14.39	4.77	5.04			
36	37	58.05	Seoul	14.09	13.78	4	6.55	12.05	7.58			
37	45	57.68	BLU2	15.5	17.11	16	1.03	4.5	3.54			
38	52	57.29	Minerva	6.88	17.31	4.77	12.42	7.58	8.33			
39	29	57.06	Shanghai Youth	17.69	12.42	2.69	5.04	7.95	11.27			
40	4	56.58	dangoon	11.67	10	6.22	9.14	19.5	0.05			
41	55	54.80	Stinkytofu	20	8.73	4	16.46	5.61	0			
42	24	53.86	SX Club - Saturn	11.67	0	14.96	7.23	9.14	10.86			
43	12	53.38	SX Club - Ziwei	1.47	5.04	12.05	15.23	10.86	8.73			
44	32	53.16	Tigers	7.58	3.77	7.95	10	6.55	17.31			
45	44	52.36	S Ho and friends	6.22	5.91	3.77	16.46	10.86	9.14			
46	18	52.22	BLU Remix	18.53	14.39	3.32	8.73	6.22	1.03			
47	11	50.96	Da Big Storm	18.53	5.61	8.33	5.61	9.56	3.32			
48	33	50.45	Johnson Wong	13.78	4.5	7.95	3.32	16.9	4			
49	30	49.64	SX Club - Mercury	2.31	9.56	5.04	17.5	15.23	0			
50	40	48.48	SX Club - Mars	7.23	2.69	19.5	7.23	3.1	8.73			
51	31	48.40	3 diamond	12.42	16	7.58	3.54	6.55	2.31			
52	20	47.65	Happy Friends	2.69	5.91	1.96	9.14	16.68	11.27			
53	34	46.53	Friendly	6.22	14.09	5.04	5.04	13.45	2.69			
54	13	44.52	SX Club - Lion	0	2.31	15.75	4.77	3.32	18.37			
55	16	42.74	Julian Lui	1.32	5.61	5.04	16	3.1	11.67			
56	23	42.21	John Chai	8.33	2.13	0.5	4	9.56	17.69			
57	56	42.16	Rosebowl silver-VC	0	12.77	4.25	16	9.14	0			
58	50	40.67	NAKANISHI	0.38	17.69	3.54	1.32	17.11	0.63			
59	46	35.14	SX Club - Chrysanthemum	4.5	0.38	7.95	3.54	10.44	8.33			
60	35	34.92	SX Club - Qingluan	0	4	4.25	10.86	13.12	2.69			
61	6	27.50	blmss	0.63	14.39	1.47	2.5	6.88	1.63			
62	22	26.52	Lam Woo - Wah Yan Kln	0	16	1.32	4	2.89	2.31			



Feishang Swiss Teams  
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Winners



Champion:  
SH Stonehill

1st Runner-up:  
SX Club - Starlord



2nd Runner-up:  
Mountain



3rd Runner-up:  
Olystar







## Geely Automobile Open Pairs

### 吉利汽車公開組雙人賽

#### Qualifying Results

Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name	Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name		
N-S	1	22	1573.6	63.0	Leo Lam - Baron Ng	E-W	2	121	1494.0	59.9	Zia Wai - Gavin Tang
	2	103	1536.8	61.6	K F Mak - W K Lai		3	83	1459.4	58.5	Andy Chung - Chuen Ho Ko
	3	19	1507.9	60.4	Abby Chiu - Derek Zen		4	81	1456.4	58.3	Billy Fung - Tony Yip
	4	7	1493.2	59.8	Bubble Ho - Gordon Ho		5	82	1455.3	58.3	Matthew Leung - Derek Lai
		65	1493.2	59.8	Junshan Ma - Guangyang Zhang		6	127	1452.9	58.2	Ying Yi Lin - Tzu Lin Wu
	6	11	1480.3	59.3	Xiaoguang Yang - Rongguang Mai		7	33	1421.9	57.0	Billy Szeto - Joanna Chu
	7	23	1461.6	58.6	Gerry Alquiros - George Soo		8	93	1413.4	56.6	Peter Poon - John Chai
	8	112	1440.6	57.7	Edward Cheung - William Chan		9	125	1408.6	56.4	Tai Yau - Jason Chu
	9	70	1411.2	56.5	D M Chiu - York Liao		10	40	1368.6	54.8	Abhinav Gorawara - Ramesh Viswanath
	10	5	1406.1	56.3	Kongo Kong - Terence Chan		11	32	1351.9	54.2	W H Fok - Ricky Lai
	11	4	1403.1	56.2	Yongchuan Li - Hongbin Song		12	36	1340.8	53.7	Jiening Xu - Weiguo Zheng
	12	20	1387.4	55.6	Windsor Chan - Xiaotong Wu		13	53	1337.7	53.6	Ken Yip - Bryan Yip
	13	13	1360.6	54.5	Kah Loong Chue - Siew Luie Soh		14	91	1317.3	52.8	Dave Pang - Ray Cheung
	14	104	1358.6	54.4	Yvonne Wu - Wen Chuan Tsai		15	122	1316.7	52.8	Derek Wong - Tim Shum
	15	61	1350.1	54.1	John Lau - Luke Martin		16	48	1303.3	52.2	David Ip - Nick Fung
16	1	1341.1	53.7	Chalermopol Wongwaiwit - Peeracha Suriya	17	49	1299.6	52.1	Xie Lei Yang - Zhe Min		
17	69	1319.1	52.8	Sukon Hung - Jackson Lai	18	124	1276.6	51.1	Keith Chu - Kon Wong		
18	16	1305.1	52.3	Patrick Choy - Christopher Leung	19	88	1271.9	51.0	Sam Ng - Chun Cheung Yu		
19	101	1304.3	52.3	Albert Quiogue - Joseph Maliwat	20	31	1270.9	50.9	Karen Wu - Brandon Poon		
20	110	1298.9	52.0	Sophia Sin - Simon Chan	21	51	1269.3	50.9	Corona Tsuei - W W Cho		
21	63	1297.0	52.0	Dickson Leung - Sam Kung	22	42	1265.3	50.7	Ryan Wu - Feng Chian		
22	62	1262.1	50.6	K W Tam - Javy Choy	23	126	1262.4	50.6	William Cheung - Kevin Lam		
23	66	1252.4	50.2	Jeff Luk - Johnny Lai	24	89	1253.9	50.2	Samme Lee - W K Chung		
24	72	1242.0	49.8	Wing Ho Lo - K C Li	25	132	1252.0	50.2	Jane Choo - Yoke Lan Tan		
25	109	1240.3	49.7	Monica Chan - Louis Leung	26	44	1250.6	50.1	Mick Yeung - Ben Lam		
26	15	1234.6	49.5	Enoch Chan - Homer Franz De Vera	27	38	1244.7	49.9	Kelvin Ko - Antony Au		
27	18	1231.4	49.3	Peter Chow - Wilson Leung	28	43	1239.9	49.7	Eugene Chung - Simon Cheung		
28	106	1226.4	49.1	Crystal Tang - Joyce Tung	29	34	1231.2	49.3	Xianming Zeng - Eric Ng		
29	14	1216.7	48.7	Kelvin Yim - Larry Fong	30	128	1227.7	49.2	Alan Mok - Peter Yu		
30	73	1213.5	48.6	Raju Ramchandani - Victor Cheng	31	50	1226.9	49.2	Inkyung Koh - Soohyun Lee		
31	111	1209.1	48.4	Roma Chulani - Manu Chulani	32	123	1209.4	48.5	Man Fu Ko - Lincoln Yue		
32	107	1197.1	48.0	Boaz Szeto - Anita Au	33	86	1204.1	48.2	Jackson Tsang - Shiyun Mao		
33	108	1194.1	47.8	Hong Leung Hau - Sing Leung	34	52	1180.9	47.3	Kelvin Chung - Chris T H Chan		
34	17	1183.0	47.4	Emma Cheung - David C C Ng	35	37	1176.4	47.1	Charlie Lee - Ken To		
35	67	1165.1	46.7	Ming Chung Lun - Lap Cheung Leung	36	87	1174.9	47.1	Chun Yu Lo - Shadow Khu		
36	2	1164.7	46.7	Yin Yu Lin - Yin Shou Chen	37	85	1170.6	46.9	Douglas Tsang - Marco Fung		
37	102	1159.1	46.4	Steve Wong - Benny Chow	38	131	1161.9	46.5	Bacon Lam - Jenny To		
38	10	1148.7	46.0	Kwok Man Peter Wong - Joanne Hui	39	90	1142.3	45.8	TIMOTHY Lam - N Sanker		
39	113	1144.4	45.8	York Kwan - Ben Law	40	39	1131.1	45.3	Kam Fai Lin - Secant See		
40	21	1141.1	45.7	Patrick Wu - Percy Wong	41	35	1120.8	44.9	Cheng Lin Ho - Da Yung Hsiao		
41	8	1089.4	43.6	Frederick Mak - Samuel Choi	42	41	1114.6	44.7	Kit Chan - F H Chow		
42	3	1081.1	43.3	Samson Hung - Louis Chu	43	129	1107.7	44.4	Curtiss Yeung - Patrick Tang		
43	6	1047.6	42.0	Arthur Luk - James Tsang	44	46	1082.6	43.4	Barry Chan - P H Cheng		
44	9	1044.1	41.8	Seema Kothari - Rajan Gupta	45	47	1072.4	43.0	Sum Yeung - Terry Cheung		
45	68	1006.1	40.3	Bill Leung - Peter Chong	46	133	1068.1	42.8	Justin Tang - Maverick Lam		
46	105	955.2	38.3	Winnie Mohsenzadh - Samuel Mui	47	130	945.1	37.9	Tony Choi - Man Law		
47	12	908.8	36.4	Benny Chow - Olivia Leung	48	45	895.4	35.9	Viking Yuen - Ada Lau		
48	64	850.0	34.1	Kevin C Catbagan - Brian Refe	49	84	834.0	33.4	Kin Wai Chu - Sunny Chung		
49	71	804.1	32.2	T M Choi - Y K Wong							
E-W	1	92	1628.6	65.3	Li Jen Chen - Po Yi Lin						

2018 年香港城市橋牌錦標賽

2018 年 7 月 20 日

预赛第 7 轮

♠ AQ

第 1 副

♥ KQJ9763

双方无局

♦ AJ

♣ J6

♠ J85

♥ 1082

♦ 10974

♣ A103

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K10762

♥ A5

♦ Q832

♣ KQ

♠ 943

♥ 4

♦ K65

♣ 987542

西	北	东	南
Lo	鞠传成	Yum	李诺贤
—	1H	1S	—
—	X	—	2C
2S	3NT	—	—
=			

4H 是打不成的。鞠传成很老练，敏感的看到这副牌有局也应该是 3NT。

桥牌大师们经常说的一句话：“像什么，叫什么！”，是不是很准确？

通常大家习惯了拿低花长套去抢打 3NT，而在高花优先的原则上忽视了高花套的无将价值。

公开组 40 桌中仅有 6 桌南北定约 3NT。

预赛第 7 轮

♠ AKQ54

第 11 副

♥ J7

双方无局

♦ K965

♣ 75

♠ 7

♥ Q643

♦ 8

♣ AKJ10632

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J9862

♥ 1092

♦ J42

♣ Q4

♠ 103

♥ AK85

♦ AQ1073

♣ 98

西	北	东	南
劳志明	鞠传成	甄志良	李诺贤
—	—	—	1D
2C	X	—	2H
3C	3S	—	4D
—	5D	—	—
=			

开室，南北使用弱自由应叫，北家 13 点，黑心套要先加倍，到 3 阶才能叫出来。想象一下持南家的牌，5-4-2-2，黑心仅 2 张，算不上配合，敌方的草花又没有止张。很难选择吧？

南家李诺贤选择了再叫 4D，这是找到正确定约的关键，鞠传成轻松叫了 5D。

闭室的叫牌过程如下：

西	北	东	南
—	—	—	1D
3C	3S	—	4S
—	—	=	

开室 S 打 5D 正好，闭室北打 4S 宕一。

预赛第 7 轮 ♠ AQ8  
第 12 副 ♥ K86  
南北有局 ♦ AQ1087

♣ AK

♠ K  
♥ AQ7542  
♦ KJ653  
♣ 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J542  
♥ J10  
♦ 42  
♣ Q9864

♠ 109763  
♥ 93  
♦ 9  
♣ J10732

西	北	东	南
劳志明	鞠传成	甄志良	李诺贤
1H	X	—	1S
2D	X	2H	2S
3H	X	—	4C
—	4S	—	—
=			

似乎听到过一个牌手说过：桌上只要见到的第 3 个红牌（加倍卡），就一定是惩罚性的。

鞠传成一口气连续做了 3 次加倍，这第 3 个加倍的本意应该是惩罚。南家是出于 5-5-2-1 的牌型，还是出于自由叫过一次牌而底气不足，我们不得而知。最终南家主打 4H。

西家首攻 C5，明手大。庄家有些发愁，将牌需要飞牌，方块需要飞牌，红心需要跳 K，但是~~“手”在哪？！

既然暗手缺少进手，那就干脆不进手！李诺贤先兑现了 SA，西家的 SK 不期而遇！柳暗花明，豁然开朗！

接下来，庄家兑现 CK 和 DA，小方块暗手将吃，出小红心被西家 HA 吃住，西家回红心到明手 K，之后打红心暗手将吃，打草花明手将吃，打方块暗手将吃，打草花明手 SQ 将吃，再出方块，暗手最后一张将牌自动升级。11 墩，4S 超一。

预赛第 8 轮 ♠ AQ9742  
第 19 副 ♥ K65  
东西有局 ♦ A6

♣ K9

♠ J105  
♥ Q8  
♦ 732  
♣ J7532

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 86  
♥ J10972  
♦ J5  
♣ A864

♠ K3  
♥ A43  
♦ KQ10984  
♣ Q10

北	南
黎伟杰	麦国辉
	1D
1S	1NT
2D	3D
3S	4H
4NT	5H
6S	=

香港 ZEN 队开室南家麦国辉在 3S 之后的 4H 说明他有 2 张黑心，通常应该有大牌，北家信心大增，问过关键字，香港 ZEN 队在开室叫到并完成 6S。

北	南
	1D
1S	2D
3C	3D
3S	3NT
=	

闭室，香港 Dragonite 队南北没有表示出来配合的积极姿态，停在 3NT。

预赛第 9 轮 ♠ 1062  
 第 4 副 ♥ J8  
 双方有局 ♦ 92  
 ♣ KJ8752

♠ A	N	♠ K754
♥ K963	W	♥ Q74
♦ QJ	E	♦ A10854
♣ AQ9643	S	♣ 10

♠ QJ983  
 ♥ A1052  
 ♦ K763  
 ♣ ---

西	北	东	南
谭梓浚	陆鸣宇	马德峰	郭晓磊
1C	—	1S	—
2C	—	—	X
XX	—	—	2D
—	—	X	—
—	=		

这是青年组预赛第 9 轮，香港 Bad Beat 队 vs 上海圣醒金星队出现的牌例。

Bad Beat 队闭室西家谭梓浚和搭档打自然体系，虽然大牌质量不算太好，但毕竟还是有 16 点，因此在南家的平衡加倍之后做了再加倍。

正是这个 XX 救了谭梓浚，之后北家的 pass 当然是想放罚，然而南家没敢放过，东西方躲过一劫，而灾难转到了南北的身上。

局况是双方有局，南北的 2D 被加倍宕 3，香港 Bad Beat 队得到 800。

开室，上海圣醒金星队东家打 3NT 宕 1。

预赛第 9 轮 ♠ K432  
 第 16 副 ♥ ---  
 东西有局 ♦ Q10973  
 ♣ AJ103

♠ 75	N	♠ J108
♥ KQJ10973	W	♥ A652
♦ J62	E	♦ 4
♣ 5	S	♣ K9642

♠ AQ96  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ AK85  
 ♣ Q87

西	北	东	南
谭梓浚	陆鸣宇	马德峰	郭晓磊
3H	X	4H	X
—	4NT	5H	6D
—	—	6H	X
—	—	=	

Bad Beat 队闭室东家马德峰有 1A 和 1K，最终还是选择了盖掉对手的满贯定约。

对手的 6D 是打不宕的。要知道，局况是东西方有局对无局，在 6 阶高度这个局况的牺牲叫是要有良好的心理素质的。

正是马德峰的不屈不挠让他获得了回报！开室队友打 4S 超 2，得到 480。闭室 6HX 宕 3，-800。这是小组预赛的最后一轮的最后一副牌，Bad Beat 队输 8IMP。

这场比赛香港 Bad Beat 队 11.48 比 8.52 战胜了对手上海圣醒金星队，以小组第 2 名的身份进入到半决赛。

March 30 - April 3, 2019

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# Bridge Festival



**Prizes** : Cups and gifts will be awarded to the first three placings in each event, as well as 6 prizes for the best accumulated scores in all side events

## General Information

### Smoking :

Smoking is prohibited inside all hotels and restaurants in Bangkok

### Shopping :

Many, shops nearby

### Restaurants :

Many, many restaurants of all nationalities within walking distance

## PROGRAM

### Day 1 : Sat. March 30<sup>th</sup>

09.00 - 12.00 : Registration  
13.00 - 18.00 : ATBF Pairs Championships  
19.30 - 23.30 : Finals and Consolation

### Day 2 : Sun. March 31<sup>st</sup>

13.00 - 19.00 : ATBF Open Teams Championships  
20.30 - 24.00 : ATBF Swiss Pairs

### Day 3 : Mon. April 1<sup>st</sup>

09.30 - 12.30 : Sunshine Pairs  
13.30 - 19.30 : ATBF Open Teams Championships  
20.30 - 24.00 : ATBF Continuous Pairs

### Day 4 : Tue. April 2<sup>nd</sup>

13.00 - 19.00 : ATBF Open Teams Championships  
20.30 - 24.00 : Happy Hours Pairs

### Day 5 : Wed. April 3<sup>rd</sup>

13.00 - 18.30 : ATBF Open Teams Semi Finals and Finals  
14.00 - 18.00 : Consolation Swiss Teams  
19.30 : Victory Dinner

## Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

ATBF Open Teams	US\$ 770	(per team)
ATBF Open Pairs	US\$ 20	(per player)
Sunshine Pairs	US\$ 12	(per player)
Swiss Pairs	US\$ 12	(per player)
Continuous Pairs	US\$ 12	(per player)
Happy Hour Pairs	US\$ 20	(per player)

## Cost of Accommodation

**Double Room** Including breakfast  
US\$ 80.00 per room

### Airport transfer to Hotel :

Baht 1,400 per 2 persons  
Baht 1,900 per 4-6 persons

**Rooms must be reserved with Open Teams Registration.**



## The Montien Hotel,



Surawongse Road, Bangkok is a five star hotel, right in the heart of Bangkok's commercial district, easily accessible to any parts of the city - skytrain, shops and restaurants.

## REGISTRATION & DEPOSITS of US\$ 400

(room 200, open team 200) to be paid by credit card

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**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS ; MARCH 01, 2019**  
(Rooms at US\$ 80.00 are limited, please book early)



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Events: Open Pairs, Social Swiss Pairs,  
Mixed Pairs, Open Teams

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# Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2018

## Schedule

Day	Time	Event
3 August	1930 - 2300	Open Pairs
4 August	0930 - 1300	Mixed Pairs
	0930 - 1245	Social Swiss Pairs
5 August	1430 - 2230	Open Teams (Qualifying)
	0930 - 1230	Open Teams (Qualifying)
	1400 - 1800	Open Teams (Finals/Consolations)
	1800 - 1830	Prize Giving & Closing

## Participation Fees

Event	Open	Mixed	Student	<u>Important Notice</u>
Open Pairs	50	38	25	1. Social Pairs on First Come First Served
Social Pairs	40	30	20	
Mixed Pairs	50	38	25	
Open Teams	450	350*	250	2. *Mixed = At least half students
Early Bird	(400)	(320)*	(220)	
Early Bird - Make payment by 31st July				3. Buffet lunch provided on 5 August

## Registration / General Queries

To register a team, drop an e-mail with team and player names to:

[clubmanager@scba.org.sg](mailto:clubmanager@scba.org.sg)

For general enquiry, please drop an e-mail to:

[competition@scba.org.sg](mailto:competition@scba.org.sg)



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