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Don't Rain on our Parade



Hong Kong's version of the Boat Race

We have a new leader in the Open Teams, as **Chinese Taipei** has overtaken **China** who in turn have been passed by **Japan**. It's as you were for the next three teams, who occupy the same positions as yesterday, **Singapore, Indonesia** and **New Zealand**.

In the Ladies series **Japan** is still ahead. There is no change after that, with **Indonesia** second, **China** third with **Chinese Taipei, Australia** and **New Zealand** chasing them.

Australia-Australia has strengthened its position in the Senior Teams. They are followed at a distance by **Indonesia** who in turn are well ahead of **China Evertrust**. Then its **Thailand-Magic Eyes, Chinese Taipei**, and **China HK - Tse**.

Today's VuGraph Matches

10:00 Thailand v Chinese Taipei (Open)
13:30 Japan-Yamada v China Evertrust (Senior)
16:15 Japan v Singapore (Ladies)

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Today's Matches

Open Team RR2

Round Number: 4

Table	Home	Visiting
1	12  Philippines	3  China
2	7  Thailand	2  Chinese Taipei
3	11  Japan	6  Australia
4	4  Malaysia	10  Singapore
5	8  Indonesia	9  China Macau
6	1  New Zealand	5  China Hong Kong

Round Number: 5

Table	Home	Visiting
1	3  China	7  Thailand
2	2  Chinese Taipei	6  Australia
3	11  Japan	4  Malaysia
4	10  Singapore	9  China Macau
5	8  Indonesia	5  China Hong Kong
6	12  Philippines	1  New Zealand

Round Number: 6

Table	Home	Visiting
1	6  Australia	3  China
2	4  Malaysia	2  Chinese Taipei
3	11  Japan	9  China Macau
4	10  Singapore	5  China Hong Kong
5	8  Indonesia	12  Philippines
6	1  New Zealand	7  Thailand

Ladies Team RR2

Round Number: 4

Table	Home	Visiting
1	5  Philippines	7  Japan
2	9  China Hong Kong	6  Indonesia
3	2  Singapore	1  China
4	3  Australia	11  Thailand
5	4  New Zealand	8  Korea

Round Number: 5














Table	Home	Visiting
1	7  Japan	9  China Hong Kong
2	2  Singapore	6  Indonesia
3	10  Chinese Taipei	11  Thailand
4	8  Korea	3  Australia
5	4  New Zealand	5  Philippines

Round Number: 6

Table	Home	Visiting
1	7  Japan	2  Singapore
2	1  China	11  Thailand
3	10  Chinese Taipei	8  Korea
4	5  Philippines	3  Australia
5	9  China Hong Kong	4  New Zealand

Senior Team RR2

Round Number: 7

Table	Home	Visiting
1	13  Australia - Australia	10  Singapore
2	5  Thailand I	4  Thailand - Magic Eyes
3	3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett	7  China Hong Kong - Tse
4	9  China - China Evertrust	6  China Hong Kong - Winbridge
5	12  Japan - Yamada	11  Australia - Lusk
6	1  Chinese Taipei	15  Japan - Sindbad
7	8  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li	14  Japan - IMAX

Round Number: 8

Table	Home	Visiting
1	5  Thailand I	13  Australia - Australia
2	3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett	2  Indonesia
3	7  China Hong Kong - Tse	6  China Hong Kong - Winbridge
4	12  Japan - Yamada	9  China - China Evertrust
5	11  Australia - Lusk	15  Japan - Sindbad
6	8  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li	1  Chinese Taipei
7	10  Singapore	14  Japan - IMAX

Round Number: 9

Table	Home	Visiting
1	14  Japan - IMAX	13  Australia - Australia
2	4  Thailand - Magic Eyes	1  Chinese Taipei
3	11  Australia - Lusk	2  Indonesia
4	7  China Hong Kong - Tse	9  China - China Evertrust
5	10  Singapore	3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett
6	6  China Hong Kong - Winbridge	8  China Hong Kong - Vincent Li
7	15  Japan - Sindbad	12  Japan - Yamada

Today's programme

10:00-12:15	RR2-4 (Open, Ladies) RR2-7 (Senior)
13:30-15:45	RR2-5 (Open, Ladies) RR2-8 (Senior)
16:15-18:30	RR2-6 (Open, Ladies) RR2-9 (Senior)
19:45-21:15	Dragon Boat Pairs

Championship Diary

Fleisher completed its anticipated victory over Nickell (194-146) to become USA I I for the Bermuda Bowl.

Following the lead set by *Bridge Magazine* (Remember you can get a special discounted one year subscription for HK\$100 during the Championships) the English Bridge Union has announced that its bi-monthly members magazine is now available online. They are busy archiving past issues, the first issue being in April 1966 (exactly 40 years after *Bridge Magazine's* first issue!)

Unless our photo copying machine can be repaired following its breakdown last night this edition of the Bulletin might be online only!



This is Australia's Paul Lavings. He appears in the 1973 photo which was his first taste of international bridge and he is still going strong!

Don't miss the excellent article by Arafin Halim, following the tournament in Jakarta.

Singapore Contract Bridge Association Kindly Invite Our Friends To Our Annual Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2013

Time: 2-4 Aug 2013

Venue: Quality Hotel Singapore

2 Aug 7:30-11:00pm Open Pairs

3 Aug 9:30-12:30am Mixed Pairs

2:30-11:00pm Open Teams

4 Aug 2:00-8:00pm Open Teams

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Fee:

Open Team: S\$380.00/per team

(Early bird: S\$320.00/per team if paid by 29 July 2013)

S\$190.00/per student team

(Early bird: S\$160.00/per team if paid by 29 July 2013)

Mixed Pair: S\$50.00/per pair

(S\$25.00/per student pair)

Open Pair: S\$50.00/per pair

(S\$25.00/per student pair)

The other side of the Coin

In the modern game players open with very modest hands. In general it tends to cause more problems for the opponents than it creates for the perpetrators. However, that is not always the case, as on this deal from the final session of the USA trials:

Dealer South
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
			Pass
1♦*	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ten of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the king. When that held he cashed the king and ace of clubs and played a heart to the ten and jack. He ducked the switch to the queen of spades and when West then played the three of diamonds guided by the bidding he put up the king and claimed, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the jack of spades and when declarer played low from dummy West overtook it with the queen and missed a chance to ensure the defeat of the contract by switching to a diamond, instead returning a spade, won in dummy's hand and played the five of hearts. West went in with the ace and played another spade to dummy, as declarer unblocked the king of hearts.

Declarer followed the spade with five rounds of clubs, East discarding the four and five of diamonds, West the six and seven of diamonds and the nine of hearts as declarer threw dummy's diamonds. Declarer played a heart to the ten and West won with the jack and returned the three of diamonds.

Declarer played the jack of diamonds and East won, cashed the ten of spades and played a diamond and that was two down, -200 and 13 IMPs to Fleisher.

With East holding the long spade the king was clearly the better play. If it holds declarer exits with a diamond and West must surrender the last trick to dummy's queen of hearts.

My guess is that declarer, at the end of many days of play, thought that if West had held the ♦A he might have opened the bidding, overlooking the more compelling threat posed by the long spade.



None of these phones seem to work.

Rara Avis Arifin Halim Jakarta, Indonesia

In the 9th round the VuGraph match shown was from the Ladies' Series between Australia and Indonesia.

On board: 6 Indonesia reached the far too ambitious 7♠ to be played by West (due to the EW system it was the hand with the short trumps who became declarer).

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

North, Margaret Bourke, led the queen of hearts.

Now over to you!

With all cards on view can you see a way to make this ambitious contract?

Make up your plan first before you continue reading !

West wins the opening lead with the king and draws four rounds of trumps and to simplify the position cashes the heart ace and the club ace.

The position is now :

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

East now plays her last trump, South is forced to discard a club to keep her diamonds intact, West discards the club nine, North can still discard a heart or a diamond . Now comes the diamond finesse, and on the play of the two top diamonds it is now North's turn to be squeezed.

Non-simultaneous double squeezes are a rare phenomenon, so that's why I called my article "rara avis" (Latin for "rare bird").

One last question from me : What is the killing double-dummy opening lead?

The answer is : a diamond and South must play small!



David Lusk

Japan v Singapore Open Teams RR10

The Round 10 Open series match between Japan and Singapore proved to be a low scoring affair, although both teams missed some opportunities.

Dealer North
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Loo	Ino	Poon	Teramoto
	1♣	1♦	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

West led the seven of diamonds and East won with the ace and returned the four, covered by the jack, queen and king. Declarer played a club to the ace and heart to the jack and East's ace. The spade return was ducked to West's king and declarer took the next club with the king and cashed the king of hearts. He had to lose a trick to the queen of trumps but that was all, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hirata	Lau	Kaku	Wong
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West led the ten of clubs and declarer won in dummy. (It looks right to win in hand and play a heart to the jack. If East wins declarer wins the club return, cashes the king of hearts then plays off the clubs, exiting with a heart if West does not ruff in.) He played a low heart and East won with the ten and switched to the two of spades. West won with the king and returned a spade. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the king and ace. He won the club return with the nine and played a club. West ruffed and exited with a spade and although declarer could throw a diamond from dummy he was left with two losing diamonds, two down, -100 and 6 IMPs for Japan.

Dealer West
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Loo	Ino	Poon	Teramoto
1♠	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	2♣	Dbl	All Pass

East must have thought it was his lucky day when 2♣ doubled became the final contract.

It's hard to find, but the best lead is a trump, which leaves declarer struggling to take more than five tricks (he wins, cashes the ace of diamonds, ruffs a diamond, and plays a spade but West takes the ace and returns a spade. East ruffs and plays ace and another club and declarer does not take another trick apart from the jack of clubs) but it looks obvious to lead the singleton spade.

West won and returned the two of spades and East ruffed and switched to the jack of diamonds. Declarer won, ruffed a diamond and played the eight of spades. West covered and declarer ruffed with the eight and was overruffed by the nine. He ruffed the diamond return and discarded a heart on the jack of spades as East ruffed, cashed the ace of clubs and exited with the queen. Now declarer does best to cash the last trump. If West discards a diamond declarer exits with a diamond and can then guess hearts and if West throws a heart declarer can exit with the king of hearts. That would be two down, but when he exited with the king of hearts East took the ace and declarer had to lose another heart and a diamond for -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hirata	Lau	Kaku	Wong
1♠	Dbl	Rdbl	2♣
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

When South bid 2♣ West decided defending was a bad idea. 3♦ was easy - declarer finished up with eleven tricks, but +150 gave 12 IMPs to Singapore.

Dealer North
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Loo	Ino	Poon	Teramoto
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

With the spade suit under control East found the excellent lead of the ace of hearts and a heart. Declarer won with dummy's king and played a club, unblocking the king under West's ace. West cashed the queen of hearts and exited with a club. Declarer could not manufacture any tricks and was three down, -150.

One spectator thought West was on dangerous ground when he cashed the queen of hearts, suggesting that North might have held a doubleton diamond. The fly in that particular jar of ointment is that East had had an opportunity to give count in clubs, so declarer was known to be 5-5-1-2. (However, according to the BBO operator East had played the four of clubs and according to the convention card that showed an even number!)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hirata	Lau	Kaku	Wong
		2♦*	All Pass

2♦ Weak, at least 5-4 Majors

East led the ace of hearts and continued the suit. Declarer put up dummy's king, came to hand with the king of diamonds and exited with the eight of hearts. East ruffed that (it did not cost) and switched to a club. West took the ace and declarer dropped the king (keeping it is worth an extra trick). He won the spade return with the ace and pitched a spade on the ten of hearts as West ruffed. He ruffed the spade return in dummy and played ace of diamonds, diamond, +90 and 6 IMPs to Singapore.

Dealer North
NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Loo	Ino	Poon	Teramoto
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT*	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♦	All Pass

The classical meaning of West's double is for East to lead a heart against INT doubled, and here it would have produced +500.

Declarer won the club lead in dummy, cashed the other club, then played two rounds of spades ending in hand and ruffed a club he had to score two trump tricks, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hirata	Lau	Kaku	Wong
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dbl*	Pass	INT
All Pass			

West led the queen of hearts and declarer won and played a club. West won and played the eight of hearts and declarer won and cashed his diamonds before West claimed the rest, -200 and 7 IMPs to Japan.

Dealer East
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Loo	Ino	Poon	Teramoto
		Pass	Pass
1♦	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the queen of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the nine, king and five. He then played a low heart which ran to East's Jack. Its not easy to see that at this point East should play the ace of hearts is it? He switched to the two of diamonds and West took the ace and returned a diamond to declarer's king. Declarer pitched a heart on the queen of diamonds and played the king of spades and a spade. When East discarded a diamond declarer does best to put in the nine, escaping for one down, but he played the ace, came to hand with a club and ruffed a club. West could overruff, cash the top spade and force out the last trump with a diamond leaving East to score the last trick with the jack of clubs, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hirata	Lau	Kaku	Wong
		Pass	2♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♦ Weak, 5/4 Majors

East led the queen of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played the ten of hearts. East went in with the ace and switched to the two of diamonds. West took the ace and returned a diamond. Declarer won with the king and played a spade to the nine and queen. He won the club return and played the king of spades - and was one down, -50 but 2 IMPs to Singapore.

If declarer had guessed to play a low spade to the ace he could have picked up East trumps and then the king of diamonds would have squeezed East in hearts and clubs.



Tony Thomson

Rebullida Cup Open Team RR2 Results

Round 1

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Malaysia	50-37	13.52-6.48	China
2	China Macau	43-48	8.52-11.48	Chinese Taipei
3	China Hong Kong	22-42	5.00-15.00	Japan
4	Singapore	40-29	13.04-6.96	Philippines
5	Indonesia	22-16	11.76-8.24	Thailand
6	Australia	33-44	6.96-13.04	New Zealand

Round 2

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China	38-42	8.80-11.20	China Macau
2	China Hong Kong	30-73	1.56-18.44	Chinese Taipei
3	Philippines	37-48	6.96-13.04	Japan
4	Singapore	46-48	9.39-10.61	Thailand
5	Australia	38-53	6.03-13.97	Indonesia
6	Malaysia	54-17	17.72-2.28	New Zealand

Round 3

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China Hong Kong	21-21	10.00-10.00	China
2	Chinese Taipei	21-40	5.20-14.80	Philippines
3	Thailand	23-14	12.55-7.45	Japan
4	Australia	33-9	15.74-4.26	Singapore
5	Malaysia	44-31	13.52-6.48	Indonesia
6	New Zealand	24-21	10.91-9.09	China Macau

DBS Bank Ladies Team (President's Cup) RR2 Results

Round 1

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Thailand	17-104	0.00-20.00	Indonesia
2	Korea	17-66	0.93-19.07	China
3	Chinese Taipei	45-19	16.09-3.91	Philippines
4	Australia	63-8	19.61-0.39	China Hong Kong
5	New Zealand	48-11	17.72-2.28	Singapore
6	Japan	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 2

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Japan	85-17	20.00-0.00	Thailand
2	Indonesia	67-42	16.82-3.18	Korea
3	China	66-29	17.72-2.28	Philippines
4	Chinese Taipei	65-12	19.43-0.57	China Hong Kong
5	Singapore	26-53	3.74-16.26	Australia
6	New Zealand	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 3

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Korea	31-29	10.61-9.39	Japan
2	Indonesia	23-39	5.82-14.18	Philippines
3	China	42-17	15.92-4.08	China Hong Kong
4	Singapore	17-42	4.08-15.92	Chinese Taipei
5	Thailand	10-44	2.69-17.31	New Zealand
6	Australia	0-0	12.00-0.00	

J.P. Morgan Senior Team (PABF Senior Cup) RR2 Results

Round 4

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia-Australia	43-22	15.19-4.81	Japan-Yamada
2	Japan-Sindbad	43-46	9.09-10.91	Thailand-Magic Eyes
3	Indonesia	45-29	14.18-5.82	China HK-Vincent Li
4	Singapore	41-44	9.09-10.91	China HK-Tse
5	Thailand I	29-64	2.55-17.45	China Evertrust
6	Chinese Taipei	48-30	14.60-5.40	NZ Evennett
7	China HK-Winbridge	24-40	5.82-14.18	Japan-IMAX
8	Australia-Lusk	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 5

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia-Australia	64-41	15.56-4.44	Japan-Sindbad
2	Thailand-Magic Eyes	50-60	7.20-12.80	China HK-Vincent Li
3	Indonesia	53-58	8.52-11.48	Singapore
4	Thailand I	72-20	19.34-0.66	China HK-Tse
5	NZ Evennett	25-37	6.72-13.28	Australia-Lusk
6	China HK-Winbridge	36-56	5.00-15.00	Chinese Taipei
7	Japan-Yamada	41-28	13.52-6.48	Japan-IMAX
8	China Evertrust	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 6

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia-Australia	41-10	16.88-3.12	China HK-Vincent Li
2	Thailand-Magic Eyes	20-29	7.45-12.55	Singapore
3	Thailand I	25-32	7.97-12.03	Indonesia
4	NZ Evennett	15-27	6.72-13.28	China Evertrust
5	Australia-Lusk	22-15	12.03-7.97	China HK-Winbridge
6	Japan-Yamada	25-7	14.60-5.40	Chinese Taipei
7	Japan-Sindbad	21-17	11.20-8.80	Japan-IMAX
8	China HK-Tse	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Ranking

Open Team

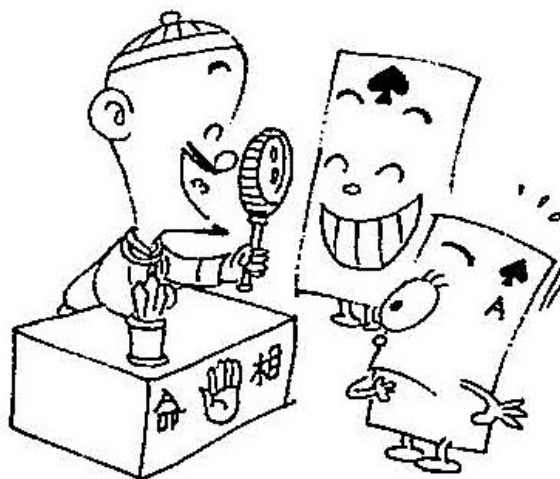
Rank	Team	VPs
1	Chinese Taipei	175.27
2	Japan	170.23
3	China	168.94
4	Singapore	156.02
5	Indonesia	149.26
6	New Zealand	132.29
7	Thailand	132.27
8	Australia	131.57
9	Philippines	125.62
10	China Macau	120.55
11	China Hong Kong	109.67
12	Malaysia	100.31

Senior Team

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Australia-Australia	205.98
2	Indonesia	186.77
3	China Evertrust	173.94
4	Thailand-Magic Eyes	157.53
5	Chinese Taipei	155.89
6	China HK-Tse	154.77
7	Thailand I	151.28
8	Japan-IMAX	150.83
9	Australia-Lusk	150.24
10	Japan-Yamada	142.91
11	Japan-Sindbad	127.73
12	China HK-Vincent Li	116.11
13	Singapore	108.05
14	NZ Evennett	63.91
15	China HK-Winbridge	58.77

Ladies Team

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Japan	182.40
2	Indonesia	178.26
3	China	171.70
4	Chinese Taipei	168.50
5	Australia	160.49
6	New Zealand	151.60
7	Singapore	99.41
8	China Hong Kong	94.24
9	Philippines	93.25
10	Korea	77.74
11	Thailand	56.81



Recruit Hong Kong Mixed Pairs Results

Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name
1	4	735	65.6	Baron Ng - Charmian Koo
2	33	666	59.5	Ken Yip - Shirley Kwok
3	22	651	58.1	Ricky Lai - Rainy Lai
4	55	641	57.2	Flora Wong - Christopher Leung
5	16	634	56.6	Abby Chiu - Liu Lin Chin
6	17	630	56.3	K F Mak - Tung Sau Yin Joyce
7	45	616	55.0	Lee Cheuk - Auramani Bhanubandh
8	34	611	54.6	Monica Chan - David C C Ng
9	56	594	53.0	Sing Leung - Winnie Mohsenzaden
10	41	587	52.4	Zoe Chan - Joseph Chan
11	37	583	52.1	Maureen Cheung - Gordon Ho
12	51	582	52.0	Bacon Lam - S Y Ho
13	46	581	51.9	W H Fok - Yanai Ritsuko
14	15	578	51.6	Linda Osmund - Danny Osmund
15	24	574	51.3	GeO Tislevoll - Faith Tislevoll
16	23	571	51.0	Ella Graca - Benjamin Hsu
17	1	566	50.5	Victor Cheng - Kamila Kirpalani
18	14	565	50.4	Helen Yeung - Karl Kwan
19	42	563	50.3	Francis Tan - Jennifer Watulingas
20	13	561	50.1	Alan Sze - Zoe Li
21	6	553	49.4	York Kwan - Crystal Tang
22	43	550	49.1	Michael Lam - Fu Cheung
23	5	549	49.0	Joanna Chu - Billy Szeto
	36	549	49.0	Jenny To - Patrick Wu
25	27	546	48.8	Sally Wang - Fracisco S Alquiros
26	26	543	48.5	Marianna Chu - Antony Mok
	52	543	48.5	S L Chiang - K H Law
28	44	542	48.4	Terence Chan - Javy Choy
29	32	532	47.5	Simon Chan - Sophia Sin
30	31	530	47.3	Sartje - Budi Gunawan
31	12	528	47.1	M K Tam - Joanna Leung
32	2	527	47.1	Michael Yik - Chiyomi Fukumori
	54	527	47.1	Andy K O Leung - Fiona Poon
34	3	520	46.4	Vivian Szeto - Edwin Szeto
35	35	517	46.2	Shunsvke Morimura - Kyoko Shimamura
36	57	507	45.3	Mylene Encontro - George Soo
37	47	506	45.2	Shirley Pang - Barney Lui
38	25	502	44.8	Kishin Chainani - Priya Kirpalani
39	53	501	44.7	Amy Yung - Harry Yung
40	7	493	44.0	Seema Kothari - Rajan Gupta
41	21	465	41.5	Ray Cheung - Vicky Kam
42	11	401	35.8	Carlie Chu - Michael Xu



The Champion:
Baron Ng and Charmian Koo



1st runner-up:
Shirley Kwok and Ken Yip



2nd runner-up:
Rainy Lai and Ricky Lai

BRIDGE CROSSWORD

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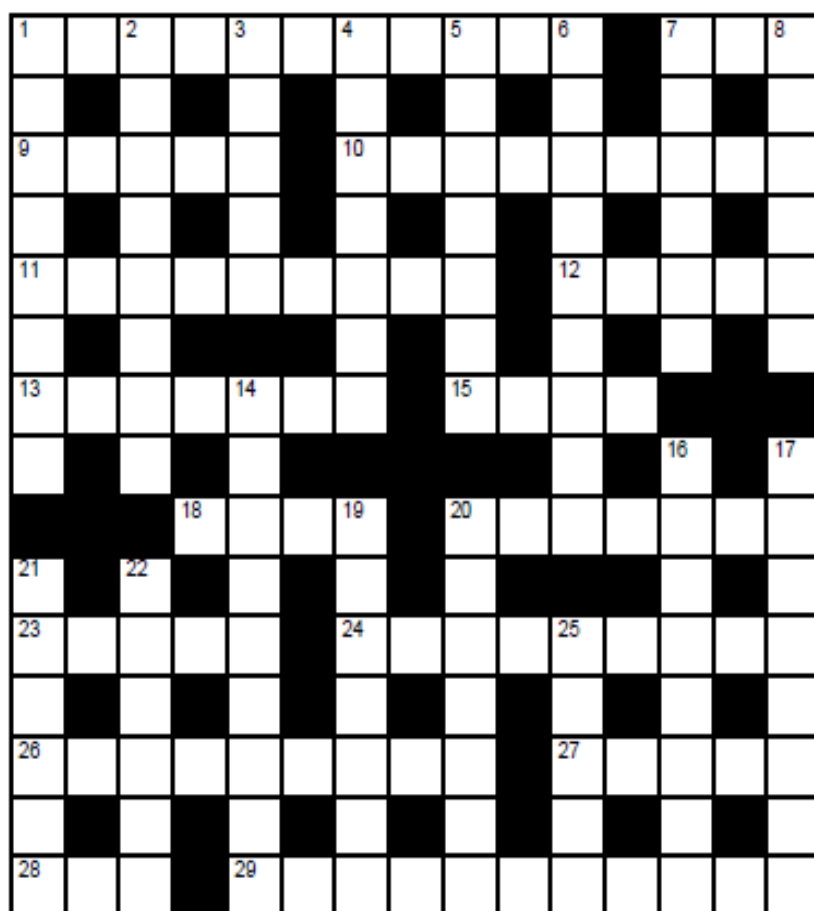
Across

- 1 What a bikini is, not what it does! (4,7)
 7 Name? This one's for you, spelled backwards. (3)
 9 Introductory beats -- not funny peculiar, funny ha ha (5)
 10 Biblical character, as the German cruise director on the Titanic might have said. (9)
 11 *4441, 5431 or 5540 with short diamonds. (9)
 12 *4441 or 5540, maybe weak, maybe strong. (5)
 13 Sort of a knees-up? Sounds painful though. (7)
 15 *Weak with hearts or black suits, or bal. 23-24, or Acol 2 in diamonds. (4)
 18 Spitfire pilots were good men. (1,3)
 20 Religious broadcast on Radio North from the reservoir. (7)
 23 *Weak, both majors. (5)
 24 Talk about fake diamonds? Not good in a ring. (1,5,3)
 26 Vehicle with lots of horsepower for a muddled thinker. (9)
 27 Deep sleep in America -- perhaps caused by his bedtime stories. (5)
 28 Mixed-up animal from Flanders can be shot. (3)
 29 *Yankee Stadium and Comiskey Park -- and the theme of this puzzle. (3,8)

Down

- 1 Source of flower plays for time in European capital. (8)
 2 Explorer for the company? Precisely, in former country. (8)

A Bridge Player's Best Friend



- 3 *Weak, with one major. (5)
 4 Horsing around? Well, riding, anyway. (7)
 5 Setter gets award for acting as spymaster -- in a condemned cell, perhaps. (7)
 6 The shortest way across an ellipse -- useful tools underground by the sound of it. (5,4)
 7 Short dash in a cart is to die for. (6)
 8 Sounds like I'm out of here -- it's over. (6)
 14 Protect a socialist who's been accused. (9)
 16 *Strong, artificial. (8)
 17 Does wild and crazy things around jam-makers then straightens up. (8)
 19 *Natural. (4,3)
 20 It's about old spies caught in an oil slick -- they're really important. (7)
 21 Rover. (3,3)
 22 Ratio comes down, more or less anyhow. (6)
 25 Play the good guy? Funny peculiar. (5)

Solution Tomorrow

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