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Champions! Japan at the Double and Australia



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Don't forget to duck!

In the Open Teams **Japan**, **Indonesia**, **China** and **Chinese Taipei** cruised into the top four places. With Japan as Champions and Indonesia already qualified as hosts **Thailand** and **Singapore** also go into the playoffs.

In the Ladies series **Japan** and **Indonesia** finished well clear. By defeating Chinese Taipei and New Zealand **Australia** secured third place. **China** held on to fourth by defeating the **Chinese Taipei**, who finished fifth, still good enough to earn them a playoff spot along with **China Hong Kong** and **Philippines**.

Australia-Australia just pipped **Indonesia** to top the Senior's table. Then came **Chinese Taipei**.

China HK - Tse, **China-China Evertrust**, **Japan Imax** and **Thailand I** will contest the playoffs.

Full details of the playoff schedule are in today's Bulletin. Meanwhile, in the Zone 7 play offs **Australia** meet **New Zealand** in all three contests.

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Today's VuGraph Matches

10:00	China v Chinese Taipei (Open)
13:30	To be decided
16:00	To be decided
18:30	To be decided



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Scheduled Matches

Zone 6 Berth Open Team Play Off

Section: **OP**

Round Robin: **I**

Round Number: **1**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
1	3		China	2		Chinese Taipei						
2	7		Thailand	10		Singapore						

Round Number: **2**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
1	2		Chinese Taipei	3		China						
2	10		Singapore	7		Thailand						

Round Number: **3**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
1	2		Chinese Taipei	3		China						
2	10		Singapore	7		Thailand						

Round Number: **4**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
1	3		China	2		Chinese Taipei						
2	7		Thailand	10		Singapore						

Zone 6 Berth Ladies Team Play Off

Section: **LP**

Round Robin: **I**

Round Number: **1**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
3	1		China	10		Chinese Taipei						
4	9		China Hong Kong	5		Philippines						

Round Number: **2**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
3	10		Chinese Taipei	1		China						
4	5		Philippines	9		China Hong Kong						

Round Number: **3**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
3	10		Chinese Taipei	1		China						
4	5		Philippines	9		China Hong Kong						

Round Number: **4**

Table												
			Home				Visiting					
3	1		China	10		Chinese Taipei						
4	9		China Hong Kong	5		Philippines						

Zone 6 Berth Senior Team Play Off**Section: SP****Round Robin: 1****Round Number: 1**

Table	Home	Visiting
5	5  Thailand I	7  China Hong Kong - Tse
6	14  Japan - IMAX	9  China - China Evertrust

Round Number: 2

Table	Home	Visiting
5	7  China Hong Kong - Tse	5  Thailand I
6	9  China - China Evertrust	14  Japan - IMAX

Round Number: 3

Table	Home	Visiting
5	7  China Hong Kong - Tse	5  Thailand I
6	9  China - China Evertrust	14  Japan - IMAX

Round Number: 4

Table	Home	Visiting
5	5  Thailand I	7  China Hong Kong - Tse
6	14  Japan - IMAX	9  China - China Evertrust

Zone 7 Open Team Play Off**Section: O7****Round Robin: 1****Round Number: 1**

Table	Home	Visiting
7	1  New Zealand	6  Australia

Round Number: 2

Table	Home	Visiting
7	6  Australia	1  New Zealand

Round Number: 3

Table	Home	Visiting
7	6  Australia	1  New Zealand

Round Number: 4

Table	Home	Visiting
7	1  New Zealand	6  Australia

Zone 7 Ladies Team Play Off

Section: L7

Round Robin: 1

Round Number: 1

Table	Home	Visiting
8	3  Australia	4  New Zealand

Round Number: 2

Table	Home	Visiting
8	4  New Zealand	3  Australia

Round Number: 3

Table	Home	Visiting
8	4  New Zealand	3  Australia

Round Number: 4

Table	Home	Visiting
8	3  Australia	4  New Zealand

Zone 7 Senior Team Play Off



Section: S7

Round Robin: 1



Round Number: 1

Table	Home	Visiting
9	13  Australia - Australia	3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett


Round Number: 2

Table	Home	Visiting
9	3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett	13  Australia - Australia

Round Number: 3

Table	Home	Visiting
9	3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett	13  Australia - Australia

Round Number: 4

Table	Home	Visiting
9	13  Australia - Australia	3  New Zealand - NZ Evennett

Today's programme

10:00-12:15	Play-off 1-1	12:00-16:00	Xiashun APBF Open Pairs Qualifying 1
13:30-15:45	Play-off 1-2		
16:00-18:15	Play-off 1-3	16:30-20:30	Xiashun APBF Open Pairs Qualifying 2
18:30-20:45	Play-off 1-4		

Every IMP should count

Why the new VIP scale?
by Jan van Cleeff

An introduction by Gianarrigo Rona, President of the World Bridge Federation

After the 2009 World Bridge Championships in Sao Paulo the WBF was approached by a group of expert players guided by Michael Becker from the USA. We were requested to look into several items, one of those the VIP scale. The idea was to have 'every IMP count'. We appointed a committee which designed a new scale. Basically we changed the old scale (25-5) to a new scale (20-0). To have every IMP count it was necessary to make use of decimals.

It is hard to say if this new way of scoring is really better. You could discuss the subject for a week so to speak. What we do know is that the new scale – the Continuous scale – is mathematically correct. And of course the players have to get used to it. But they will be supported by sheets and computers in order to know their results fast. The bridge world is not completely new to the new scale. The ACBL has used a scale with quite a few similarities to the Continuous Scale for a long period of time.

Note from the author

The new scale is already in use in the round robin matches of Zonal Championships leading to the 2013 World Bridge Championships at Bali. The method was tested in this year's Yeh Bros Cup as well and will also be used in the round robin matches of the teams events in Ostend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Please note that the play-off Open and Closed Rooms
will now be in Forum 1 (B2 level).**

The Vu-graph remains in Victoria Rooms 4 & 5 (3/F).

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Pornthep	Ho	Kirawat
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Dbl	3♥	3♠
4♥	Dbl	Pass	4♠
Dbl	All Pass		

With half his points in hearts North might have done better to pass on the first round. Still, as it went it was clear that his second double was for penalties. On the ten of spades lead followed by a club switch 4♥ would be a bloody affair, costing 800. 4♠ had to go two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plengsap	Chen	Terasak	Huang
		1♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

That's what I call a weak jump overcall. The same two down meant -100 but 5 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Dealer North
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Pornthep	Ho	Kirawat
	2♦*	2♠	3♦
3NT	All Pass		

2♦ Multi

With spades breaking and the diamond finesse outside that was +690.

Not at all easy for EW. By the way, if West doubles 3♦ is that for penalties or takeout?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plengsap	Chen	Terasak	Huang
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

4♦ Cue bid

4♥ Cue bid

I think East did well to bid 4♣, but where was South? After his intervention on ♠1097632 I expected him to overcall 1♠ with 3♦.

When the slam rolled home Thailand had 13 IMPs.

Dealer West
NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Pornthep	Ho	Kirawat
1♥	Pass	INT*	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the three of spades and South won with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to the five of clubs. When declarer played low from dummy North won with the king, cashed the king of diamonds and played a diamond for South to ruff, two down, -100.

INT 5-12 forcing

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plengsap	Chen	Terasak	Huang
2♥*	Pass	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

2♥ 10-12, 6♥

East led the two of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and played a club. West went up with the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the five. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of spades and claimed, +620 and 11 IMPs for Chinese Taipei.

Dealer South
NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Pornthep	Ho	Kirawat
			Pass
1♥	1♠	2♠*	Dbl*
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

2♠ Heart raise
Dbl Spade support

It is time to remind you of Jeff Meckstroth's Law - 'when partner freely supports your six card major suit, bid game.'

With trumps 2-2 ten tricks rolled in, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plengsap	Chen	Terasak	Huang
			Pass
1♥	1♠	3♥*	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

That gave Chinese Taipei +620 and 10 IMPs.

Dealer West
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Pornthep	Ho	Kirawat
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♠ Good raise in ♣

West led the six of spades and declarer won with dummy's king and played five rounds of clubs. When the queen of diamonds popped up on the second round of the suit declarer was +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Plengsap	Chen	Terasak	Huang
1♠	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ace of hearts and East played the jack. West continued with the king of hearts, cashed the ace of spades and played a heart, two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to Thailand, not quite enough to equalise, Chinese Taipei winning 50-48.

Servant of Two Masters

Servant of Two Masters is a comedy by the Venetian playwright Carlo Goldoni written in 1743. Goldoni originally wrote the play at the request of actor Antonio Sacco, one of the great Truffaldinos in history. His earliest drafts had large sections that were reserved for improvisation, but he revised it in 1753 in the version that exists today.

The exceptionally quirky and comical Truffaldino is the central figure of this play. He is always complaining of an empty stomach, and always trying to satisfy his hunger by eating everything and anything in sight. When the opportunity presents itself to be servant to another master he sees the opportunity for an extra dinner.

As Truffaldino runs around Venice trying to fill the orders of two masters, he is almost uncovered several times, especially because other characters repeatedly hand him letters, money, etc. and say simply 'this is for your master' without specifying which one.

Bridge can be a demanding master, but some players have managed to excel in more than one of the Mind Sports.

Nie Weiping began learning Go at the age of nine and won the inaugural World Amateur Go Championship in 1979. Nie was given 9 dan rank in 1982. (There is only one higher). He became famous in the Go world after leading China to victory in the China-Japan Super matches, beating several top Japanese players including his teacher, Fujisawa Hideyuki. He earned the nickname "Steel Goalkeeper" for his ability to string together wins as the last Chinese player left. Nie won the Tianyuan twice, in 1991 and 1992.

He was trying to help Japan Yamada move up the table when they met China Evertrust in RR2 R8 of the Senior Teams.

On the opening deal NS had ♠AQ10872 ♥9 ♦AJ87 ♣AK facing ♠4 ♥AKQ10863 ♦6 ♣J752. Hearts were 3-2 and spades 4-2 with the king onside, so on a minor suit lead declarer would have to take the spade finesse to make 13 tricks. Both teams stopped in 6♥.

Dealer South
EW Vul

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

Open Room

	West	North	East	South
	Nie	Yamada	Shen	Hirata
				Pass
1♠		Pass	INT*	Pass
2♦		Pass	3♠	All Pass

INT 4-13 forcing

North led the queen of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace. On general principles it is probably correct to ruff a club now, eliminating the suit and restricting the defenders options. Then declarer plays a heart to the jack, king and ace. Say South cashes two more hearts and switches to a diamond. declarer tries the queen, losing to North's king, but North is endplayed, and should score only one more trick, West escaping for one down.

In practice declarer played a diamond to the queen and king at trick two and North played the king of clubs, ruffed by declarer, who played the nine of hearts, ducking when North produced the jack. Now South does best to overtake and play a diamond.

When he left his partner on play North was poorly placed. he tried a spade which ran to declarer's jack. Declarer cashed the ace of spades and now comes to eight tricks by playing a low diamond. When he played a heart instead, South won and could have ensured two down by playing a low club. When he played a diamond declarer played low and was back up to eight tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yoshida</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Nakamura</i>	<i>Tao</i>
			Pass
1♠	2♣	3♣*	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		

3♣ Spade support

2♣ would not be everyone's choice and it came back to haunt North when his partner decided to save over West's overbid of 4♠. As the late Barry Crane was want to remark to his partners, 'Only Jesus saves'.

East led the two of spades and West won with the ace. Now a second spade to the king, a diamond to the ace and a spade would allow East to score the jack of clubs for +500, but West cashed the ace of diamonds before going back to spades. East won and returned a diamond for the queen and king. Declarer played the queen of clubs and East won and returned the jack, declarer claiming the rest, two down, -300 and 9 IMPs to Japan.

Dealer South
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nie</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>Hirata</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

East led the seven of diamonds and West won and switched to the queen of spades, covered by the king and ace. East returned the nine of spades and West won and played the five of diamonds for East to ruff, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yoshida</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Nakamura</i>	<i>Tao</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♣ Splinter

An identical defence and a flat board.

In the match between the Seniors from Indonesia and New Zealand Indonesia made 4♥ when East led the ♠A. In the other room New Zealand bid 2♦ (8-15) - 2NT-3♥-3NT. East led the six of spades and declarer won and played a diamond, West winning and the defenders taking five more spade tricks. Notice that if declarer ducks the spade lead (!) and West continues the suit, East must duck the king.

Dealer South
NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nie</i>	<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>Hirata</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Having pushed his opponents one higher West led the queen of diamonds and East won with the king and played the three of spades to declarer's ace. A heart to the ace and a heart saw West discard the five of clubs and East was allowed to win with the jack. He cashed the king of hearts and then played ace of spades and a spade. West still had two trump tricks to come, three down, +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yoshida	Zhang	Nakamura	Tao
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	INT
All Pass			2♦

2♣ check back

I'm not sure why South did not bid 2♥ over 2♣.

The play started in similar fashion but at trick three declarer played the queen of hearts from dummy and East naturally covered. Declarer won with the ace, cashed two clubs pitching spades and exited with a heart. East won with the jack and played the jack of clubs. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played the queen of spades. East won and played a heart and West ruffed declarer's eight and played the jack of diamonds.

Declarer won, ruffed a spade and had to score one more trump trick, +90 and 9 IMPs to China Evertrust, who won a well played match 17-16.



He led a heart and you still went down?

Every Hand an Adventure

EHAA (*Every Hand An Adventure*) is a highly natural bidding system characterized by four-card majors, sound opening bids, undisciplined weak two-bids in all four suits and a mini notrump, usually of 10–12 high card points.

It also perfectly describes the RR2 R6 ladies match between Japan and Singapore, where IMPs flew in all directions.

Dealer North

None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West led a trump and declarer won, drew trumps and played the king of spades. West won and returned a spade to declarer's jack. A club to the ace was followed by the queen of spades pitching a diamond and when declarer played a club the appearance of the queen allowed her to claim, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

West cashed the ace of spade and continued the suit. Declarer won with the jack and played five rounds of hearts before crossing to dummy with a club. She must have been pleased to see the queen appear when she played a club from dummy, but to her horror she realised a moment later that she had forgotten to cash the queen of spades and had to go one down, -50 and 14 IMPs for Japan.

At both tables declarer does best to cash the last heart and then the ace of diamonds (Vienna Coup). She crosses to dummy with a club and cashes the queen of spades, pitching a diamond. If East has the ♦K and the ♣Q a show up squeeze will operate, sparing declarer a guess. If West has both she will have been squeezed and some table presence will be required.

Dealer East

NS Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
Pass	Pass	1♦*	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ten of spades and declarer won with the jack and played the three of clubs. West went up with the jack and switched to the three of hearts, covered by the four, jack and ace. When declarer continued with the ace and another club her ninth trick had vanished and she was given no chance by East who cashed two clubs and exited with the queen of spades. One down, -100.

Declarer should cross to dummy with a spade and play a club, intending to put in the eight if East plays low. This line offers an 85.9% chance of scoring two club tricks. If West wins with a club honour and plays a heart declarer will need to guess well, but it is unlikely that West would switch from the king and East's jack, tending to deny the ten would be another clue. Declarer will still need to play carefully to get home.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the three of hearts and when East played the jack declarer ducked. East's heart return ran to dummy's queen and declarer played a spade to the jack. when that held she played the three of clubs West went in with the jack and played a heart. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to the king of spades and played the seven of clubs. When East covered she won and returned a club. East won and cashed a heart, but declarer could claim the rest, +600 and 12 IMPs to Singapore.

Dealer South
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the jack of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and advanced the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ace. She cashed the ace of diamonds and played a diamond. East took the king and returned a heart and declarer won and cashed her minor suit winners, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
1♠	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the jack of spades and declarer won with dummy's queen and played the ace of diamonds and a diamond. East won and returned a spade and that was two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to Japan. The contract can be made, but only by adopting the unnatural play of ducking the spade lead in both hands.

Dealer West
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
1♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the ten of clubs, covered by the jack and king and South switched to the ten of diamonds for the king and ace. North returned the nine of clubs and declarer ruffed in hand and played a heart to the king and cashed the ace. When North discarded the three of clubs it was clear the contract was doomed and declarer finished two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ace of clubs (only a low heart lead will trouble 4♠). She switched to the ten of diamonds, covered by the king and ace and declarer won the heart return in dummy and played a spade to the ace and a spade to the king. Now she could play on hearts. North ruffed the third round and played a club and declarer claimed, +620 and 13 IMPs to Japan.

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
1♠	2♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♠

I'm not sure why North bid 3NT - South had gone out of her way to suggest she had no heart stopper but East put the eight of spades on the table declarer, giving declarer a temporary reprieve. However there were only eight tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Declarer lost a trick in each red suit, +400 and 10 IMPs to Singapore. With just six deals completed the score was 38-22 to Japan, but you ain't seen nothin yet.

Dealer South
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the king of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the ten of hearts to East's queen. West won the spade switch with the ace and returned a trump. Declarer won, drew the outstanding trump and played the jack of clubs, claiming when the ace came up, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
			Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

Declarer made eleven tricks, but that was only +150 and Japan collected 10 IMPs.

Dealer West
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
1♦*	2♠	Dbl*	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

1♦ Precision

4♥ was a significant overbid.

North led the nine of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to the ace and a heart to the king and ace. South played the queen of spades and North overtook it and switched to the jack of clubs. South pitched a spade and declarer won with the queen and played the nine of hearts, ducking when North discarded the five of spades. South won with the ten, cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with a diamond. There was still a trump to come, two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
Pass	2♦*	Dbl	3♠*
Dbl	All Pass		

2♦ Weak Multi
3♠ Pass or correct

West led the king of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and played a club. West won with the queen and switched to a spade. East took the ace and returned a spade and declarer won with dummy's jack and ran the jack of clubs, pitching a diamond. West won, but that was the last trick for the defence, +630 and 11 IMPs to Singapore.

Dealer North
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
1♥	2♣	All Pass	

I am a great fan of overcalling rather than doubling, but perhaps this had was the exception that proves the rule? One possibility might be to bid 3♥ asking partner to bid 3NT with a heart stopper.

Declarer took the 11 tricks that were available, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
3NT	1♥	3♥*	Pass
	All Pass		

Declarer won the heart lead with dummy's nine and played on diamonds, +660 and 11 IMPs to Japan.

Dealer North
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Leo	Kyoko	Wu	Makiko
	Pass	2♦*	DbI
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ten of diamonds (low works best - two down would be most likely) and when the queen was covered by the king declarer ducked. When East returned the two of diamonds it was declarer who produced the nine and the two of clubs was discarded from dummy.

Declarer played the king of hearts and West won and played a diamond, declarer pitching the two of spades from dummy as she won with the ace. Now she cleared her heart tricks, but made the strange play of unblocking dummy's nine. Had West now cashed the ace of spades and exited with a spade declarer would have learnt the error of her ways, but when West returned a low spade declarer won, cashed her hearts and exited with a spade to leave West, down to ♣Q73 with no good move. +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Oono	Endo	Nishida	Chau
	Pass	3♦	DbI
4♦	All Pass		

When South was unwilling to take a second bid EW had sort of stolen the pot (although had South doubled for a second time no doubt North would have bid 4♠, which has no chance).

South cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the queen of spades. Declarer took dummy's ace and played the four of diamonds for the queen, king and ace. South switched to the king of hearts and declarer won in dummy, ruffed a heart and played a club. South took the king for one down, +100 and 11 IMPs to Japan, who had won this IMP fest 72-39.


















The Dragon Boat Pairs



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Seating Arrangement

Section: **A**

Table	Direction	Players	
1	NS	 Li Hui	Zhang Hui Jun 
2	NS	 Shengyue Gui	Lixin Yang 
3	NS	 David Morgan	Jenny Thompson 
4	NS	 Kazuto Koike	Hiroko Ota 
5	NS	 Kam Sao Nam	Kam Wai Tak 
6	NS	 Lam Ze Ying	Lian Sui Sim 
7	NS	 Vincent Li	Ringo Lee 
8	NS	 Edward Cheung	William Chan 
9	NS	 Soh Siew Luie	Chan Yiu Lin 
10	NS	 Esther C. Sophonpanich	Somchai Baisamut 
11	NS	 George S. Soo	Zheng Yongzhu 
12	NS	 Kyoko Shimamura	Hiroshi Kaku 
13	NS	 Antony Au	Kelvin Ko 
14	NS	 Lyu Jun	Wong Ming Ming 
1	EW	 Wan Yee	Jack Simpson 
2	EW	 Ricky Lai	Terence Chan 
3	EW	 Leo Cheung	Chris Fung 
4	EW	 Andrew Creet	Stephen Mendick 
5	EW	 Mark Guthrie	Julie Guthrie 
6	EW	 Laurance Lo	C. C. Cheung 
7	EW	 Budi Gunawan	Sartje Pontoh 
8	EW	 C. B. Chiu	Alex Leigh 
9	EW	 K. L. Choy	H. W. Wong 
10	EW	 W. K. Lai	K. F. Mak 
11	EW	 K. C. Li	Lo Wing Ho 
12	EW	 Weng Jing Yi	Sha Yi Zhang 
13	EW	 Vallapa Svangsopakul	Asdang Riamsree 
14	EW	 Zoe Li	Christopher Leung 



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Seating Arrangement

Section: **B**

Table	Direction	Players	
1	NS	 Abby Chiu	Alan Sze 
2	NS	 Masayuki Ino	Tadashi Teramoto 
3	NS	 Virat Chinmanas	Sanguan Limcharoenchat 
4	NS	 Jian Zhao	Jun Liu 
5	NS	 Dawei Chen	Kazuo Furuta 
6	NS	 York Kwan	Ben Law 
7	NS	 Qiu Wei Chang	Fan Jia Hao 
8	NS	 Tadashi Imakura	Hiroya Abe 
9	NS	 Quo Cong Cong	Shen Qi Wen 
10	NS	 Charlie Lee	Walter Cheung 
11	NS	 S. S. Chan	Ashley Lung 
12	NS	 Bubble Ho	Mickey Law 
13	NS	 K. W. Tam	W. N. Au 
14	NS	 Cheong Hong Mou	Zhang Ren Da 
1	EW	 Billy Szeto	Dave Pang 
2	EW	 Wong Hoi King	Peter Yu 
3	EW	 Memed Hendrawan	Bert Toar Polii 
4	EW	 Yun Long Chen	Jianming Dai 
5	EW	 W. H. Fok	C. H. Ko 
6	EW	 Peter Chan	David Lusk 
7	EW	 Wilson Leung	Sing Leung 
8	EW	 Jews Rasmusrem	Dick Shek 
9	EW	 Kishin Chainani	Rajan Gupta 
10	EW	 Russel Harms	John Zollo 
11	EW	 John Tsang	Jim Lee 
12	EW	 Tan Yoke Lan	A. K. Heng 
13	EW	 Kamila Kirpalani	Victor Cheng 
14	EW	 Philip Chan	Leo Lam 



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Seating Arrangement

Section: **C**

Table	Direction	Players	
1	NS	 H. L. Hau	David C. C. Ng 
2	NS	 Helen Yeung	Karl Kwan 
3	NS	 Andy K.O. Leung	Michael Lam 
4	NS	 Zhou Jiong Er	Tang Guo Cai 
5	NS	 Kaylee Lemon	Ronnie Ng 
6	NS	 L. H. Chin	C. C. Mok 
7	NS	 Tony Lau	Baron Ng 
8	NS	 Sunny Mo	Mick Yeung 
9	NS	 Alberto R. Quoioque	Felipe R. Manalang 
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14	NS	 John W. K. Wong	York Liao 
1	EW	 Kyoko Ohno	Akihiko Yamada 
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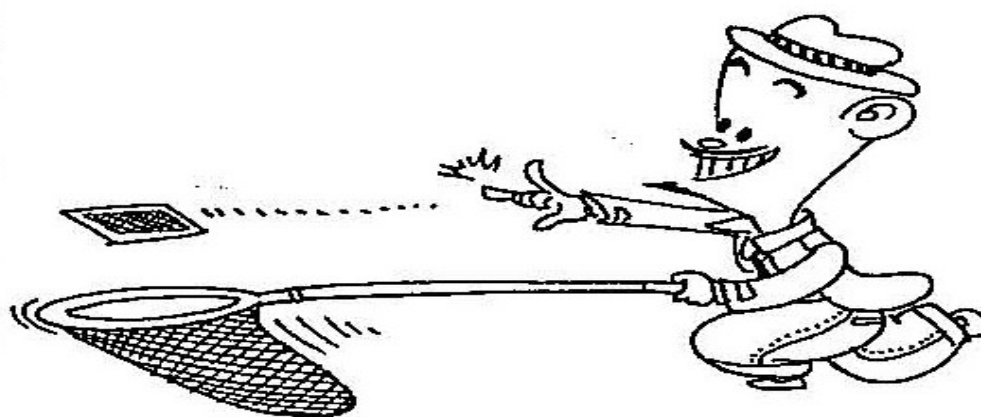
Rebullida Cup Open Team RR2 Results

Round 10

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China	60-25	17.45-2.55	Japan
2	Chinese Taipei	68-18	19.16-0.84	New Zealand
3	Singapore	19-28	7.45-12.55	Indonesia
4	Australia	17-43	3.91-16.09	Philippines
5	Thailand	55-12	18.44-1.56	Malaysia
6	China Hong Kong	55-36	14.80-5.20	China Macau

Round 11

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Chinese Taipei	21-58	2.28-17.72	China
2	Singapore	26-55	3.42-16.58	Japan
3	Indonesia	52-39	13.52-6.48	New Zealand
4	Thailand	24-41	5.61-14.39	Australia
5	Philippines	50-23	16.26-3.74	China Hong Kong
6	China Macau	25-12	13.52-6.48	Malaysia

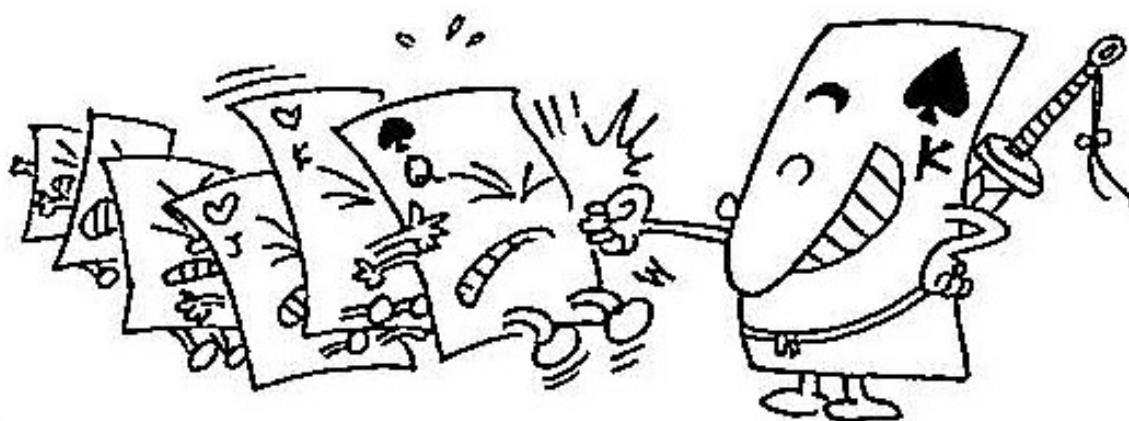


DBS Bank Ladies Team (President's Cup) RR2 Results**Round 10**

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China	17-40	4.44-15.56	Japan
2	New Zealand	15-29	6.25-13.75	Indonesia
3	Chinese Taipei	21-37	5.82-14.18	Australia
4	Philippines	45-36	12.55-7.45	Singapore
5	Thailand	36-28	12.29-7.71	Korea
6	China Hong Kong	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 11

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Japan	19-59	1.91-18.09	Indonesia
2	Chinese Taipei	37-36	10.31-9.69	China
3	New Zealand	35-53	5.40-14.60	Australia
4	China Hong Kong	41-44	9.09-10.91	Singapore
5	Korea	30-47	5.61-14.39	Philippines
6	Thailand	0-0	12.00-0.00	



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

Round 13

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China HK-Tse	23-38	6.03-13.97	Australia-Australia
2	Indonesia	46-17	16.58-3.42	Thailand-Magic Eyes
3	Japan-IMAX	51-51	10.00-10.00	China Evertrust
4	Chinese Taipei	48-21	16.26-3.74	Australia-Lusk
5	Thailand I	45-22	15.56-4.44	Japan-Sindbad
6	China HK-Vincent Li	32-36	8.80-11.20	Singapore
7	China HK-Winbridge	53-54	9.69-10.31	NZ Evennett
8	Japan-Yamada	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 14

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia-Australia	57-47	12.80-7.20	Indonesia
2	China HK-Tse	30-26	11.20-8.80	Thailand-Magic Eyes
3	Chinese Taipei	43-20	15.56-4.44	China Evertrust
4	Japan-IMAX	57-16	18.21-1.79	Australia-Lusk
5	China HK-Vincent Li	41-35	11.76-8.24	Thailand I
6	Japan-Sindbad	24-39	6.03-13.97	Singapore
7	Japan-Yamada	30-22	12.29-7.71	NZ Evennett
8	China HK-Winbridge	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 15

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia-Australia	13-36	4.44-15.56	Thailand-Magic Eyes
2	China HK-Tse	41-43	9.39-10.61	Indonesia
3	China Evertrust	14-55	1.79-18.21	Australia-Lusk
4	Japan-IMAX	20-21	9.69-10.31	Chinese Taipei
5	Singapore	24-46	4.62-15.38	Thailand I
6	Japan-Sindbad	20-36	5.82-14.18	China HK-Vincent Li
7	China HK-Winbridge	40-32	12.29-7.71	Japan-Yamada
8	NZ Evennett	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Ranking

Open Team

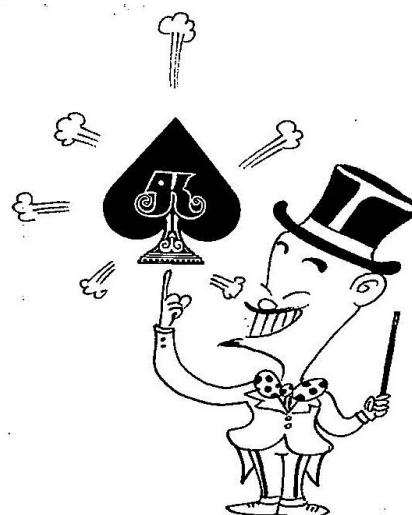
Rank	Team	VPs
1	Japan	273.32
2	Indonesia	272.20
3	China	260.88
4	Chinese Taipei	252.14
5	Singapore	224.93
6	Thailand	219.78
7	Australia	215.92
8	Philippines	207.19
9	New Zealand	201.92
10	China Hong Kong	183.54
11	China Macau	169.00
12	Malaysia	151.18

Senior Team

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Australia-Australia	299.67
2	Indonesia	288.88
3	Chinese Taipei	262.47
4	China HK-Tse	245.87
5	Thailand I	241.57
6	China Evertrust	232.93
7	Japan-IMAX	225.31
8	Thailand-Magic Eyes	224.64
9	Japan-Yamada	231.11
10	Singapore	208.22
11	China HK-Vincent Li	205.91
12	Australia-Lusk	201.30
13	Japan-Sindbad	199.64
14	China HK-Winbridge	117.31
15	NZ Evennett	105.48

Ladies Team

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Japan	276.34
2	Indonesia	270.34
3	Australia	249.10
4	China	246.89
5	Chinese Taipei	236.71
6	New Zealand	220.13
7	Singapore	158.45
8	Philippines	157.10
9	China Hong Kong	145.70
10	Korea	144.33
11	Thailand	93.31



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