



Today's Schedule

- 12:00** Open/Ladies Teams Round Robin 8
Youth Teams Swiss Round 8
- 14:20** Open/Ladies Teams Round Robin 9
Youth Teams Semi-finals 1
- 16:40** Youth Teams Semi-finals 2
- 19:30** Star Cruises IMP Pairs

Today's Vu-graph

- 12:00** AIA 友邦 vs 北京三辰卡通集團
- 14:20** Warsaw vs 沈陽聖雨田

Section A 組		Vs 對										+/-	VP 勝分	Rank 名次
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
深圳橋友隊	1				13	16	14	18	25	12	25		123	4
廣州珠江實業	2			9	24	15	16		25	25	25	-0.5	138.5	1
北京銀帝橋牌俱樂部	3		21			13	17	15	23	15	20		124	3
WDP	4	17	6			4		13	15	4	9		68	9
Wind	5	14	15	17	25			16	25		14		126	2
Ambassador 大使	6	16	14	13				18	25	6	17		109	6
PLUS	7	12		16	17	14	12			10	21		102	7
Hoot	8	3	2	7	15	4	3			15		-0.5	48.5	10
WinBridge	9	18	0	15	25		24	20	15			-0.5	116.5	5
Angels & Guardians	10	0	4	10	21	16	13	9					73	8

Section A 組		Vs 對										IMP +	IMP Quotient 勝分基數
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
深圳橋友隊	1				32	43	35	62	63	29	85	349	1.551111111
廣州珠江實業	2			24	71	54	45		73	91	57	415	2.095959596
北京銀帝橋牌俱樂部	3		48			34	59	24	52	45	51	316	1.338983051
WDP	4	42	33			6		23	28	21	19	172	0.510385757
Wind	5	39	52	44	55			33	60		32	315	1.492890995
Ambassador 大使	6	41	42	48				38	67	20	35	291	1.123552124
PLUS	7	50		28	33	26	24			25	54	243	0.956692913
Hoot	8	9	10	16	27	9	12			44		127	0.329015544
WinBridge	9	42	5	45	73		59	46	43			313	1.138181818
Angels & Guardians	10	2	8	31	46	39	25	28				179	0.537537538
IMP -		225	198	236	337	211	259	254	386	275	333		

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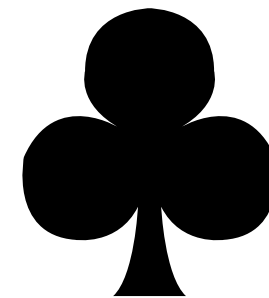
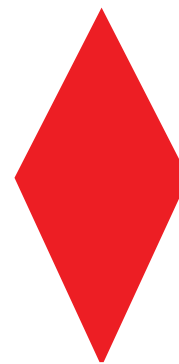
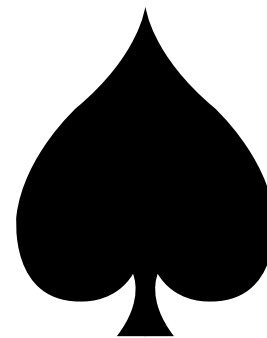
Section B 組		Vs 對										+/-	VP 勝分	Rank 名次
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Warsaw	1				20	25	20	19	25	6	25		140	1
沈陽豐雨田	2			20	19	25	13		25	15	15		132	2
深圳國際電子城	3		10			11	16	14	7	13	21		92	8
Kornhill	4	10	11			11		12	18	11	19		92	8
WBack	5	5	5	19	19			19	13		23		103	4
Singapore	6	10	17	14				20	11	23	21		116	3
Fingers	7	11		16	18	11	10			21	14		101	6
北京八喜綠茵橋牌俱樂部	8	5	5	23	12	17	19			18		-0.5	98.5	7
ZZang	9	24	15	17	19		7	9	12				103	4
1♥1♠4♣	10	3	15	9	11	7	9	16					70	10

Section B 組		Vs 對										IMP +	IMP Quotient 勝分基數
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Warsaw	1				46	64	57	50	57	14	61	349	1.928176796
沈陽豐雨田	2			44	40	59	27		62	30	33	295	1.657303371
深圳國際電子城	3		22			29	43	42	25	25	41	227	0.799295775
Kornhill	4	24	21			13		25	30	28	33	174	0.753246753
WBack	5	22	16	47	29			43	23		45	225	0.974025974
Singapore	6	34	36	37				40	30	56	59	292	1.264069264
Fingers	7	32		45	39	24	17			43	30	230	0.995670996
北京八喜綠茵橋牌俱樂部	8	12	19	60	18	32	49			56		246	1.064935065
ZZang	9	53	32	36	45		24	19	42			251	0.996031746
1♥1♠4♣	10	4	32	15	14	13	33	34				145	0.48013245
IMP -		181	178	284	231	234	250	253	269	252	302		



Section C 組		Vs 對										+/-	VP 勝分	Rank 名次
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
AIA 友邦	1				25		15	16	22	18	24		120	3
Weide	2			9	25	23			25	20	25		127	2
北京三辰卡通集團	3		21			24	25		21	16	21	-0.5	127.5	1
IPS Gold	4	0	1			0		2	11	7			21	10
Güte	5		7	6	25			12	25		15		90	5
Magic Eyes	6	15		4				19	16	15	19		88	6
星徽	7	14			25	18	11			18	12		98	4
Happy Bridge	8	8	0	9	19	2	14						52	9
HKES	9	12	10	14	23		15	12					86	7
Big Guns	10	6	2	9		15	11	18					61	8

Section C 組		Vs 對										IMP +	IMP Quotient 勝分基數
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
AIA 友邦	1				87		11	42	48	26	63	280	2.857142857
Weide	2			37	76	41			82	34	90	363	2.729323308
北京三辰卡通集團	3		64			62	71		58	34	42	331	2.030674847
IPS Gold	4	1	11			13		10	25	21		84	0.200956938
Güte	5		7	25	86			16	67		40	241	0.576555024
Magic Eyes	6	12		24				43	39	29	43	190	0.454545455
星徽	7	35			70	28	24			26	34	217	0.519138756
Happy Bridge	8	17	9	31	43	7	33					140	0.33492823
HKES	9	11	13	28	56		27	11				146	0.858823529
Big Guns	10	22	29	18		39	24	48				180	0.576923077
IMP -		98	133	163	418	190	190	170	319	170	312		





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Section Y 組		IMP+										IMP-								Total VP
No.	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Total VP
1	FG	64	55	31	25	20	30	29		254	43	35	49	66	76	22	52		343	0.740524781
2	GF 小隊	43	62	25	51	29	72	81		363	64	27	40	37	31	24	14		237	1.53164557
3	Raiders	18	55	15	89	63	35	51		326	43	32	35	20	59	35	39		263	1.239543726
4	C U Again	43	27	36	65	49	53	37		310	18	12	27	25	56	39	43		220	1.409090909
5	RB Bronze: TWGSS	11	37	73	66	56	18	37		298	62	30	5	25	49	63	38		272	1.095588235
6	OneWorld	62	31	27	43	38	35	14		250	11	38	36	32	33	35	81		266	0.939849624
7	IPS Bronze: CUHK	29	24	34	62	33	63	43		288	41	42	21	18	38	18	37		215	1.339534884
8	U26	41	27	43	20	34	14	52		231	29	62	34	89	35	84	29		362	0.638121547
9	RB Gold: QC D	27	32	5	18	35	22	39		178	54	55	73	62	34	30	49		357	0.49859944
10	QOO	54	12	40	32	59	84	55		336	27	27	25	43	63	21	31		237	1.417721519
11	RB Silver: QC E	5	30	21	45	55	24	49		229	41	37	34	39	43	72	39		305	0.750819672
12	SuperWest	41	38	49	25	31	21	38		243	5	31	31	65	29	84	37		282	0.861702128
13	SPC Alumni	20	42	34	39	76	39	39		289	43	24	43	45	20	53	51		279	1.035842294
14	IPS Silver: HKU 2	43	35	35	37	43	84	31		308	20	55	15	51	55	14	55		265	1.162264151

JPMorgan Inter-city Bridge Championships 2008
President's Cup Youth Team Score Board

Section Y 組		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5		Round 6		Round 7		Round 8		Adj.	Total VP	Rank
No.	Name	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP			
1	FG	2	20	14	20	12	11	5	6	13	3	9	17	8	10				87	12
2	GF 小隊	1	10	8	23	10	12	14	18	12	15	11	25	6	25				128	1
3	Raiders	4	9	9	20	14	10	8	25	10	16	6	15	13	18				113	5
4	C U Again	3	21	10	18	6	17	12	24	5	14	13	18	7	14				126	2
5	RB Bronze: TWGSS	6	4	11	16	9	25	1	24	4	16	7	5	12	15				105	6
6	OneWorld	5	25	12	14	4	13	10	17	7	16	3	15	2	1				101	9
7	IPS Bronze: CUHK	8	12	13	11	11	18	9	25	6	14	5	25	4	16				121	4
8	U26	7	18	2	7	13	17	3	2	9	15	14	1	1	20				80	13
9	RB Gold: QC D	10	9	3	10	5	1	7	5	8	15	1	13	11	13				66	14
10	QOO	9	21	4	12	2	18	6	13	3	14	12	25	14	21				124	3
11	RB Silver: QC E	12	7	5	14	7	12	13	16	14	18	2	4	9	17				88	11
12	SuperWest	11	23	6	16	1	19	4	6	2	15	10	2	5	15				96	10
13	SPC Alumni	14	10	7	19	8	13	11	14	1	25	4	12	3	12				105	6
14	IPS Silver: HKU 2	13	20	1	10	3	20	2	12	11	12	8	25	10	9			-5	103	8



Tournament Director's Note

On round 6, there was an unfortunately incident and the Chief Tournament Director would like to apologise for the mistake and all the inconvenience caused to the participants affected.

During duplication, one set of boards was dealt with the numbers in the wrong sequence. However, during the verification process the duplicating software also showed the incorrect sequence and the mistake was not picked up. This means that one section in the Open Room was playing a "wrong" set of boards and has to be cancelled. The unfortunate result is that Section C will have to have a re-match today after everybody else has completed the round robin.

This is a first time of a re-match at the Inter-city. Hopefully it will be the last.



Highest IMP Quotient Current Standing

AIA 2.857

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I remember what Derek Zen said to the young players many years ago, "It's easy to play bridge. If you don't lose, you win." How Zen.

What he preaches is that you should keep your losing scores as low as possible. Their IMP Quotient now stands at 2.8

The VP ranking leaders are Sunchime Cartoon Group Ltd from Beijing, Guangzhou Pearl River, and the Warsaw Team. The Polish friends have overcome the jet lag and the summer heat here.

On the Youth Teams field the GF Small Team has charged to the top rank. Charlie, stay cool!



IT WILL BE A NECK TO NECK RACE...



HAVE FUN, NEVER GIVE UP!

Jun Cheng

Inter Professional Teams 2008 (2008/07/28):
Board 19 EW/VUL

♠ J	N W E S	♠ AK953
♥ T9642		♥ -
♦ AJ43		♦ 7
♣ 532		♣ KQJ8764

East is going to play 5♣. You were the declarer. Have fun?
Firstly it depends on the lead. Say, South leads A♥, how will you play?
You ruff the lead. Then, you might play A♠, K♠, and then a small one, that would get ruffed by South's 9♣. South knows you are ruffing your spades. He plays his remaining ♣ (A♣), but this does not hurt you. You will be able to ruff ♠ two more times, making 5.

Terrible experience occurs if South leads A♣ and then 9♣, leaving your dummy only one card of ♣. Now you can ruff ♠ for only one time. Two possible losers in spades if opponents hold 5-2.

If I tell you opponent really gets 5-2 ♠, you are giving up?

You will regret if you give up too soon. One of the lines to make the contract is that you lose a ♠ trick in advance for an endplay. The one who holds 5 cards ♠ gets KQ♦ will get squeezed. See below,

	N W E S	♠ QT874
		♥ J53
		♦ KQ82
♠ J		♠ AK953
♥ T9642		♥ -
♦ AJ43		♦ 7
♣ 532		♣ KQJ8764
		♠ 62
		♥ AKQ87
		♦ T965
		♣ A9



At the end of your declarer play,

♠	N W E S	♠ 5
♥ AJ4		♥ -
♣		♣ 4

4♣ play troubles North. She needs to discard one card from Q♠ / KQ♦. That discard brings you home.

WE DISLIKE RUFFING DIAMOND

Jun Cheng

JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R7:
Board 10 ALL VUL

	N W E S	♠ J97
		♥ Q165
		♦ J642
♠ K85		♠ AQ632
♥ K872		♥ A43
♦ A8		♦ T973
♣ AJ32		♣ 6
		♠ T4
		♥ T9
		♦ KO5
		♣ T98543

Charmian Koo	Wu Shao Hung	Baron Ng	Le Lin
	Wu	Alan Sze	Li
	2♣	Pass	1♠
	2♠	Pass	2♦
		Pass	4♠
			KY Tam
			Pass
			Pass
			All Passed

Same biddings in open room and close room.
No matter what the lead is, how would the declarer is going to be?

Ruffing diamonds in dummy seems to be the correct play, though the declarers in these two teams were thinking in another ways.

In open room, Baron Ng, being the declarer, facing the K♦ lead, won A♦ and then he knew that only QJ♦ were better than his diamonds. He decided to pull trumps directly and claim three losers namely one heart and QJ♦, 4♠ just made.

He needed 3-2 trump break for his play. Certainly it was 3-2, no surprise. Lucky man.

In close room, Li, being the declarer, saw the lead of a heart. He played A♦ and then 8♦. The defender played another round of heart to declarer's A♥. The declarer could now try to ruff a diamond, but he played two rounds of ♣ before doing it.

After ruffing a diamond, he tried to get back to hand by playing ♣, but now North had no ♣. North played a trump. The declarer could over-ruff ♣ for another diamond ruff but he decided to loser-on-loser with his ♥. North then played ♥, which was somewhat ruffed by South's 10♠! The declarer was too busy to count the number of trumps played. Finally he pulled a useless round of trump to dummy. The dummy's 8♥ was the 4th loser for -13 imps.



ALERT MISSED?

アラート忘れちゃったかなあ

JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R6:

Board 21 N/S VUL

Lan Foo	Liu Jung F	C C Seet	Niu Dun
3♦	Pass	2nt	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
	Pass	6♥	All Passed

♠ OT		♠ A15
♥ QJ8652		♥ AK9
♦ 5		♦ KQ976
♣ QT96		♣ A7

South led A♦, and then shift to 9♠.

The declarer won by Q♣. She then pulled trumps, ended in hand. A♣, then KQ♦ discarded two clubs. Next, she played her remaining hearts, ended in dummy. At the end of her declarer play, she finessed spade one more time. A♠ discarded a losing club to make the contract. 11 imps to the slam maker as another side landed in 4 level.

Even if South did not lead A♦, the declarer needed the success of spade finesse to make the slam, so she would do the finesse at the beginning. The diamond loser would still be discarded by A♠. All she lost was the K♣.

The declarer play was not that interesting.

But you might have been surprised after seeing the bidding auction. East was supposed to pass 4♥ no matter what she had. Calm down! This hand is recorded in vugraph. Perhaps, West's 3♦/4♥ bid had been alerted on the table, which did tell partner slam try? (I don't think so)

6♥プレイはむずかしいけど、実際は、SがA♦リードして9♠シフトした。
♠フィンネンスが通れるようなので、6♥は問題なしだった。

SがA♦をリードしない場合、♠フィンネンスの成功が必要なので、それをさきに処理しなければいけない。結局A♠で♦を捨てる。負けるのは♣一つしかない。

おもしろいのはプレイではなく、ビiddingでしょう。

ふつうは、4♥をパスすることだね。なんでスラムにするの？

このハンドを見た場所はインターネット。アラートが有っても、表示されないことがある（故障）。W 3♦/4♥ビッドは、スラムを言っておいたかもしれない。



2008 年香港城市桥牌锦标赛

实战牌例

第 4 轮 ♠ 3
第 31 副 ♥ AK742
南北局 ♦ Q10974
♣ 87

♠ 10	N	♠ 6542
♥ 9863	W	♥ J10
♦ KJ6532	E	♦ ---
♣ KJ	S	♣ Q1096542

♠ AKQJ987
♥ Q5
♦ A8
♣ A3

西	北	东	南
	张晓峰		姜彤
			2C (自然, 强牌)
—	2H	—	2S
—	3D	—	3H
—	4NT	—	5D (3KC)
—	5NT	—	7S
—	7NT	—	—
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姜彤的 3H 本意是想为问红心关键张做准备，没想到张晓峰先 4NT 问了关键张！

这手牌出现在第 4 轮，南北方向大牌赢墩 12 墩，由于西家持有 4 张红心和 DK，所以实战中被挤牌，南北方可以得到全部 13 墩牌。

但要小心，南家打 7S 在首攻方块下有将吃，但实战中有 5 桌是南家打 7S，西家都没有首攻出方块。

另外，如果东家对 7S 加倍指示首攻的话，应该会引起南家的警觉，改叫到 7NT。

所有 30 桌中，9 桌完成大满贯；16 桌完成小满贯；剩余 5 桌仅仅叫到局定约。

B 组 1H1S4C 队闭室南北的叫牌过程如下：

西	北	东	南
	Housman		KW Chung
			2C
—	2S	4C	4NT
5C	6H	—	7NT
—	—	=	

2C=自然体系，强牌
2S=7-9 点，任意牌

C 组北京三辰卡通集团队对阵 Magic Eyes 队开室的叫牌比较有趣，也更合理：

第 5 轮 ♠ J98
第 16 副 ♥ K4
东西局 ♦ AK1098
♣ 987

♠ K632	N	♠ 1074
♥ 62	W	♥ QJ87
♦ Q76	E	♦ 532
♣ AKJ5	S	♣ 1063

♠ AQ5
♥ A10953
♦ J4
♣ Q42

第 5 轮的 16 副牌，不难看出 3NT 南家主打可以完成，北家主打在首攻草花的情况下将无法完成。

30 桌中共 9 桌叫到 3NT，其中北家主打的 4 桌：3 桌宕 1 桌成，南家主打的 5 桌 4 桌成 1 桌宕。南家被打宕的这桌发生在 B 组沈阳圣雨田队对阵 Wback 队的闭室。

西	北	东	南
1C	1D	—	2C (扣叫)
—	2D	—	2H
—	2S	—	3NT
—	—	=	



圣雨田队西家项煜首攻 CK，思考后换出 D7！庄家不敢贸然飞过，用明手 DK 止住，打 SJ 规避东家，项煜 SK 吃进后继续 D6 考验庄家，思考良久，庄家上了 DA，定约已经无法完成了。庄家再送方块（似乎前后矛盾，方块不取 5 墩够 9 墩？想敲东家 Qx 双张？）到 DQ，项煜再送黑心，庄家只能完成 8 墩牌。

在 A 组深圳桥友队对阵 Ambassador 队的开室，桥友队南家张强面临上面同样的考验时，第 2 墩牌西家换攻方块，但张强直接桌上放小飞过，判断正确！

第 6 轮	♠ Q76
第 22 副	♥ J932
东西局	♦ 974
	♣ A108

♠ 105		♠ AK4
♥ Q106		♥ A874
♦ Q1032		♦ AJ
♣ J764		♣ KQ93

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J9832
♥ K5
♦ K865
♣ 52

第 6 轮 22 副，A 组和 B 组的 20 桌中 18 桌东家主打 3NT，仅有 2 桌完成。

B 组新加坡队东家女牌手 C C Seet 找到了秘密通道的钥匙。

南家首攻黑心，北家 SQ，庄家忍让，吃住续攻的黑心后，Seet 打出 DJ！南家 DK 吃进后再没有快速进手兑现黑心，并且庄家有时间做好草花和 9 墩牌。赛后 Seet 说如果南家 DK 不吃，她会马上换打红心！

非常精准的打法，真实巾帼不让须眉！

赛后几位专家分析说，DK 飞中不能解决 9 墩问题，而且由于桥路有困难，选择 DK 飞不中并且 CA 在北家也的确有一些道理。

第 6 轮	♠ 1074
第 29 副	♥ Q8
双有局	♦ 10742
	♣ 7543

♠ AKQJ8		♠ 96
♥ KJ54		♥ A973
♦ A98		♦ KQ65
♣ 9		♣ KJ6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 532
♥ 1062
♦ J3
♣ AQ1082

这手牌大多数桌都叫到 6H，完成的仅有 4 桌。

B 组沈阳圣雨田队 vs 新加坡队闭室：

西	东
宋召	项煜
	1D
1S	1NT
2D(FG)	2H
3H	4H
4NT	5C(1KC)
5D(问 HQ)	5H(无 HQ)
Pass All	

南家首攻将牌，庄家轻松吃到 13 墩牌。

在北京八喜绿茵桥牌俱乐部队对阵 Zzang 队的闭室，八喜队东西叫到 6H 定约。

庄家是八喜队队员赵燕，在赢得黑心首攻之后，赵燕从桌上出小将牌，赵燕上 A，再打将牌...赵燕放弃了 HQ 飞牌，直接 HK 击落北家双张 Q!! 感觉来了！

赛后赵燕说，她注意到第 1 轮将牌北家跟的是 H8，并且她突然来的灵感，决定采取与别人不一致的反常规打法。

第 6 轮，八喜队 18：12 胜 ZZang 队。赵燕的灵感一定功不可没。

2008 年北美夏季桥牌大赛（二）

北京时间今天下午，Spingold 杯 16 强全部产生，没有什么太大的冷门出现。最强的种子落败是 11 号 Milner 队，另外就要数 16 号种子 Mahaffey 输给 17 号种子 Brogeland 队了。福中/赵杰近来在北美的成绩不是很好，这次他们没能过得了这个杂牌队的关。相比之下，施豪军/庄则军所在的队败给 8 号种子 Meltzer 队算不上什么新闻，因为毕竟对手全部是世界冠军，而且还有目前炙手可热的 Helgemo/Helness 组合。BBO 转播了 Mahaffey 队与 Brogeland 队之间的第 1 节比赛，施豪军队与 Meltzer 队之间的第 3 节比赛，也是 Meltzer 奠定胜局的一节，令中国观众失望的是，福中/赵杰和施豪军/庄则军都没有上场。无论怎么样，他们的队友发挥和运气都欠佳。

双方第 1 节，老板照惯例上场，施豪军队取得领先，但第 2 节就被追平，第 3 节拉大了差距，第 4 节没有反扑成功。第 3 节的比赛，加拿大人错误地冲上 2 副满贯，并且在下面这副牌上选择定约错误。

牌号：9	♠ 10872
北家发牌	♥ K8762
东西有局	♦ K983
	♣

♠ K96543		♠ AQ
♥ A4		♥ 9
♦ 42		♦ AQJ75
♣ AQ8		♣ KJ763

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J
♥ QJ1053
♦ 106
♣ 109542

闭室			
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Prooijen	Helness	Eskes
	Pass	1♦	2♥
2♣	5♥	Pass	Pass

5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

开室			
West	North	East	South
Wolpert	Bates	Lebi	Sontag
	Pass	1♦	2♥
2♣	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

两桌前面叫牌过程都一样，区别在最后一锤定音。东家开叫 1♦，南家阻击 2♥，西 2♠ 逼叫，然后北家都是凭借良好局况跳至 5♥ 给对手施压，东家的 Pass 肯定是逼叫的，在开室，施/庄的队友、加拿大人 Wolpert 简单地跳叫 6♣。6♣ 定约看上去不错，但 ♣4-1 特别是 ♣的 5-0 分布导致定约缺乏成功的因素。首攻♥，A 吃住，2 轮将牌到明手，发现将牌的分布后用♣回手，但被北家将吃，再兑现♥定约宕一。

闭室最后一叫显示了世界冠军的叫牌默契。同样是逼叫 Pass 过来后，Helgemo 没有选择♣满贯，而是叫 5NT 让同伴挑选，同伴在显示过♣有些许配合之后再叫♣应该是 5 张，Helgemo 毫不犹豫地同意这一定约。打牌很容易，首攻也是♥，明手 A 停住，飞一个♦，打将牌到明手大牌，发现 5-0 分布，再飞♦，成功后打小♦让明手将吃，无论南家如何防守，Helness 给他看牌了。有意思的是，首攻♥后即使明手不上 A 而放小，定约也能成功，当然是双明手的前提下。南家拿到第一墩后最好出♣，庄家取到然后打♣明手用 8 飞（南家顶上就管住他），兑现♥A，飞♦回手再飞♣，第二轮♦到手上，打光所有将牌，北家允许垫掉 3 张♥和 1 张♣，在最后 1 张将牌上，北家如果垫♦，庄家♦全好，如果垫♣，则明手可以超打而使得♣全部成为赢墩。

（未完待续）



The Lovely Battles

ROUND FOUR

Board 31: *The Pokka Dance*
 The music begins with a high note. With 9 winners how do you proceed?
 We start with the treatment from Zen and Wan (AIA):

The bidding:				S/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S 3
			2C		H AK742
3D	3H	P	3S		D QT974
P	3N	P	4C		C 87
P	4H	P	5N	S T	S 6542
P	7H	P	7S	H 9863	H JT
P	P	P		D KJ6532	D /
				C KJ	C QT96542
					S AKQJ987
					H Q5
					D A8
					C A3

Despite a minor protest from West, Zen offered his hand in hearts. Wan made 2 attempts at the grand slam and delightedly bid 7S after finding the HAK. Their opponent Star Pride danced to the tune in a different way.

W	N	E	S
			2C
3D	P	P	3S
P	3N	P	4D
X	P	P	5C
P	4H	P	5N
P	5H	P	7S
P	P	P	

It seemed that North had skipped a beat but South managed to pull his partner up. Not bad as long as the diamond lead was not found on both tables.

WBack gave the best performance on the theme.

W	N	E	S
			2C
P	2S	4C	4N
P	6H	P	7N
P	P	P	



No one suspected that the Polish pair had a misadventure on the stage.

W	N	E	S
			1C
P	1H	P	2S
P	3D	P	3S
P	4S	P	5C
P	5H	P	5S
P	P	P	

Our youth players danced well also, with Sunny Lau catching the spotlight.

W	N	E	S
			2C
2D	2H	4C	4S
P	5D	P	7S
P	P	P	

Sunny worked out that partner held long clubs and the diamond lead offered the best chance. East could not double for lead, as it would push NS to 7N (everyone gets the simple automatic squeeze right).

ROUND FIVE

Board 6: *The Phantom King*
 You are South holding:
 S A9843
 H 87
 D AJ985
 C K
 E/EW

W	N	E	S
		P	1S
X	3S	4C	?

This is a common sequence across the field. 9 pairs bid 4S and emerged -100. One of them got doubled but went only one down for the same -100. No one has succeeded to push EW to 5C. 6 pairs passed for -130.





ROUND SEVEN

Board 6: *Nice Bid*
 You are North holding:
 S AT862
 H AKQJ84
 D AK
 C /
 E/EW

W	N	E	S
		3C	P
P	?		

This was the challenge across the field.
 Edmund Tse solved the problem with a good start.

W	N	E	S
		3C	P
P	4C	P	4S
P	5N	P	7S
P	P	P	

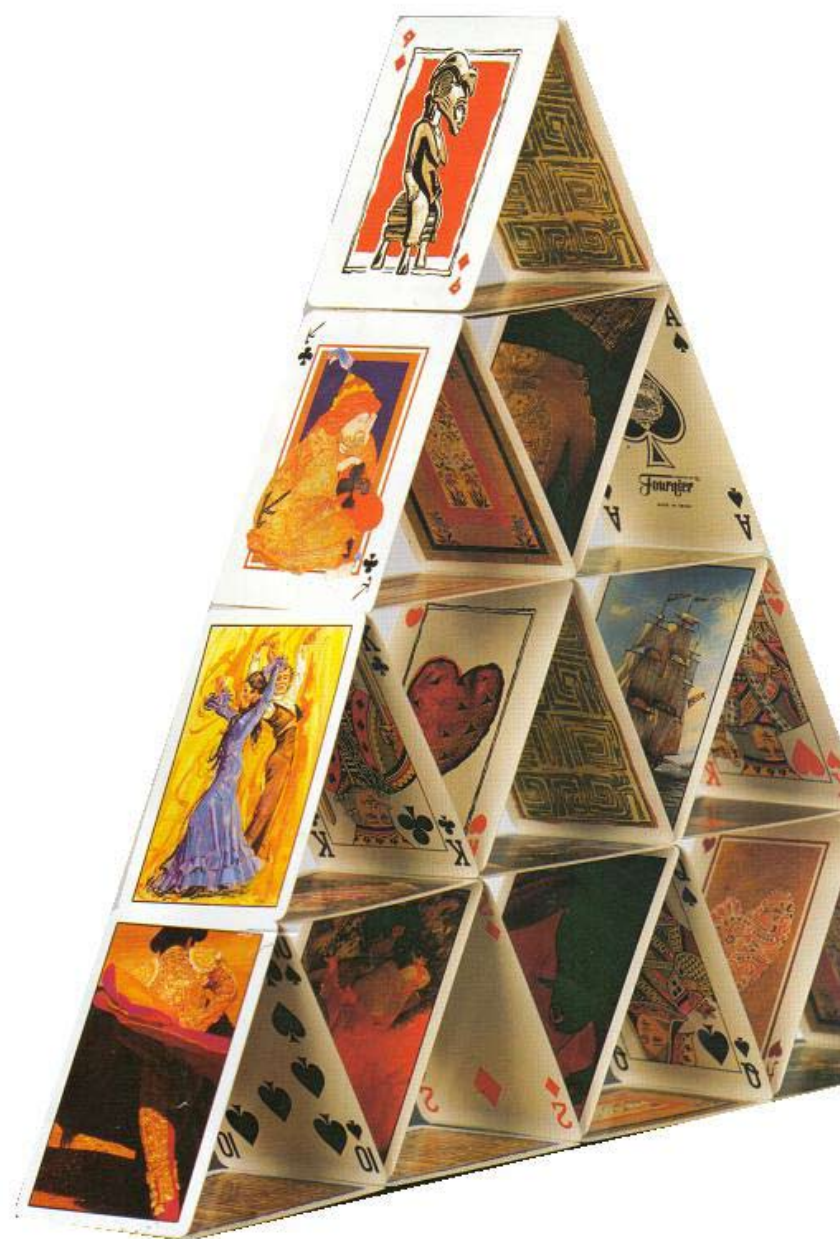
Perhaps it's not difficult for North after 4S. Now look at the full deal:

	N	
	S AT862	
	H AKQJ84	
	D AK	
	C /	
S J943		S 5
H T72		H 53
D QJ98		D T54
C 87		C AKJT964
	S KQ7	
	H 96	
	D 7632	
	C Q532	

South was Patrick Huang. Partner should be looking at 10 tricks. So where could be the slam?
 So how good was that as compared with the field?
 Of the 30 pairs from the open teams, 7 pairs bid the grand slam, 3 pairs defended 3CX.

In general, the King in opponent's suit is a defensive card. If the King is held on the diamond suit, 4S would be the correct bid:

	N
	S KQ62
	H Q943
	D 732
	C 76
S J7	S T5
H AJ62	H KT5
D KT6	D Q4
C A542	C QJT983
	S A9843
	H 87
	D AJ985
	C K



ROUND SIX

Board 21: *Waiting For Godot*

N/NS	N
	S K6432
	H T74
	D J2
	C 432
S QT	S AJ5
H QJ8652	H AK9
D 5	D KQ976
C QT96	C A7
	S 987
	H 3
	D AT843
	C KJ85

6H can be made from East. If South leads the DA 12 tricks are ready, while declarer can discard a diamond on the spades if the DA is not led.
 Three pairs did that (!) and were rewarded by 500 points in the match. They were Lan Foo and CC Seet from Singapore, Amy Yeung and Monica Chan from Hong Kong, Phoebe Lin and Zhong Fu from the Ambassador Team. Perhaps Zhong Fu can explain why you must get a lady on the East seat to bid the slam on the right side.



Board 15: *From Crayons To Perfume*
 Can you recall *many years ago* what did you do with this hand?
 S 5
 H 42
 D AKJ52
 C J9654
 S/NS

W	N	E	S
			P
P	P	1N	2C*
?			

*Any one-suiter

Perhaps you had bid 3N, just like what one of our young guest did at the open teams.

When Charmian Koo was West, she ran into the similar situation when South interfered with 2D with the same meaning.

The bidding:				S/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S KT93
			P		H K65
P	P	1N	2D*		D 976
X	3H	P	P		C K82
4N	P	5C	P	S 5	S AJ76
P	P			H 42	H Q7
				D AKJ52	D Q83
				C J9654	C AQT7
					S Q842
					H AJT983
					D T4
					C 3

Charmian told her partner Baron Ng that she had some strength, and then asked him to pick a minor suit.
 Well done, you have set a good example for the young buds.



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