



Only two qualifying rounds to go



Snow job, the Section C leaders

Patrick Lui, Zhang Yu, Robert Zajac and Jingdong Chen (team members York Liao and Benny Kwok are not in picture)

THERE ARE two rounds to go before the top two in each section advance to the quarterfinal.

After seven rounds, in section A Guangzhou Zhujiang are on 136 VP's having lost just two matches. In spite of not having lost a match Kaohsiung YB-2 is in second place with 129.5 VPs. In section B Shenzhen, with no losses are on 134 VPs in front of AIA with three losses on 124 VPs.

Section C, Snow Job with one loss are leading with 130 VPs from JLL with three losses and 126.5 VPs. Section C, with no losses, is Ambassador on 136 VPs in front of Yunnan with one loss on 129 VPs.

In the Youth Section Y IPS Bronze lead with no losses on 101 VPs from Red Ghost with one loss on 98 VPs. In section Z Rocket lead with no losses on 109 VPs from HKY at HKU with one loss on 93 VPs.

Hang Lung Properties Youth Pairs (38 pairs)

1	Eric Tang - Wilson Mok	63.03
2	Sukon Hung - Keith Chu	60.65
3	Mick Yeung - Li Ka Him	60.55
4	Lo Wing Ho - Lee Cheuk	59.21
5	Double Ho - Fu Cheung	57.7
6	Liu Fangju - Zhou Hongbing	57.56
7	William Chan - Jacky CH Chan	57.39
8	Leung Kin Pang - Yu Hok Pun	56.82
9	Sunny Mo - Jacky Ip	56.57
10	Perry Shek - Sam Lau	55.93
11	Satoshi Imai - Jun Cheng	54.89
12	Tony Chan - ManKaKi	54.79
13	Sayori Chiba - Jason Chu	54.33
14	Karl Kwan - Helen Yeung	52.98
15	Barney Lui - Jerome Cheung	52.02
16	David Cheung - Lamson Lee	51.86
17	Aaron Poon - Calvin Poon	51.4
18	Felix Wong - Simon Lee	51.21

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Schedule for Thursday August 18, 2005

12:30 - 14:30 AIA Open Teams QR 8/Hang Lung Properties Youth Teams QR 6
 14:50 - 16:50 AIA Open Teams QR 9/Hang Lung Properties Youth Teams QR 7
 19:00 - 23:30 Star Cruises IMP Pairs

Team profile

Youth Team Rocket

Yeung Tak Lung (Mick Yeung) aged 24 studied at the University of Hong Kong and has been playing bridge for three years.

Ip Yu Cheung (Jacky) aged 24 studied in the HKBU

Mo Tee Sum (Sunny) aged 25 works has been playing bridge for seven years and only plays natural systems.

Jun Cheng aged 25. First year playing in youth bridge and very well his last. Works as a translator in a trading company selling underwear for the Japanese market.

Ho Wai Lam (Double Ho) aged 22. Studying at University of Science and Technology. Always overbids and a keen doubler.

Li Ka Him aged 22. Studying. Has played bridge for 9 years.

Leading quiz

What would you lead?

Answers on page 3

1. N/nil

♠A104	♥QJ10832	♦K6	♣108
West	North	East	South
	1♠	pass	2♦
pass	2♥	pass	3♣
pass	3♥	pass	4♣
pass	4♦	pass	4NT
pass	5♣ ¹	pass	5♦
All pass			

1. One or four key cards

2. W/all

♠9	♥K109532	♦AJ	♣10632
West	North	East	South
pass	pass	1♠	pass
2♠	pass	3♣	pass
4♠	All pass		

3. N/EW

♠A4	♥973	♦962	♣Q7643
West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	1NT ¹
pass	3NT	All pass	

1. 15-17 HCP

World juniors end in a thriller

IN THE LAST 16 boards of the 96 board World final, USA won 30 imps to leave the match tied at 194 imps all. Then USA won the 8-board playoff by 15 imps to nil to take out the gold. So congratulations to the new world champions: Joe Grue - John Kranyak - John Hurd - Joel Wooldridge - Ari Greenberg - Justin Lall.

Commiserations to Poland. Mind you, they had their opportunities.

On the first board of the playoff, the American East got away with a bad bid.

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

East for USA, John Hurd, opened 1♣ and West bid 1♥. North overcalled 2♦ and East doubled to show three card support for hearts. West jumped to three hearts and North unwisely bid 3♠. But East made the poor choice of bidding 4♥. With good holdings in both of North's suits and having shown his hearts he had no reason to bid on. If he passed and his partner had doubled three spades, he would have landed 800. But East escaped largely unscathed when his partner made four hearts, which he did thanks to the favourable lie of the clubs.

When the Poles sat East-West, East opened 1♣ and West bid 1♥. North said double and East said pass – a vastly different stance than his American coun-

terpart. South, who was a bit stuck, tried 1♠. West bid 2♥ and North bid an aggressive 3♠. East passed as did West. The Poles took this three down for a score of 300 to lose 3 imps. A double would have gained them 9 imps.

On deal two both North-South pairs finished in a rather un-gainly five spades by North.

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

With Poland NS:

West	North	East	South
pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	All pass	

With USA NS:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

The American East led the ♣J for an instant down two while the Polish East led his singleton diamond. This kept declarer alive for a bit longer but he ended up the same two down.

This was no success because six diamonds by South makes. Say West leads a heart. Declarer should win the queen and ruff a spade high before drawing trumps. Then it's across to the ace of hearts to try the ace of spades in case the king comes down. Here it does so there is nothing more to be done. If it doesn't you have to pin your hopes on East holding the ace of clubs.

3 leading questions from round 3

See questions on page 2

1. N/Nil ♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ Q 4
♣ 7

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

♠ 5
♥ –
♦ A J 9 8 7 5
♣ A K J 9 5 4

Against 5♦, West led ♥Q but declarer won ♥A and pitched the spade. He now cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club and ran the ♦Q. West took the ♦K and later they got the ♣Q but that was all.

West does best to cash the ♠A. Now declarer has to work harder. He won the heart shift at trick two pitching a club and cashed the ♠K pitching another club. Then ♣A, ♣K and ruff a club followed by a heart ruff and a club ruff. Then it all came down to the guess in diamonds. Declarer cashed the ♦A and tried the ♦J but that was no good. He had two trump losers for one down.

4. W/A II ♠ A 7 5 3
♥ 8 7 6
♦ 4 2
♣ A J 8 4

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

♠ 9
♥ K 10 9 5 3 2
♦ A J
♣ 10 6 3 2

Against 4♠ by East, the winning lead is a heart. Declarer wins the ♥A and perhaps plays a diamond. South wins the second round and plays a club (or a spade) to North who returns a heart. Declarer cannot avoid a

trump loser in addition to the three aces.

A number of Souths decided to cash the ♦A and there was no stopping declarer after that.

7. N/EW ♠ Q 10 3
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 10 8 5 4
♣ A J 2

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

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A 10 8
♦ A K 7
♣ 10 8 5

Most pairs, played in a part score but not Fu Zong (North) and Jack Zhao (South) for the Ambassador team. This was their auction.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	pass	pass	1NT
pass	3NT		

West led the ♣4 and that was the end of the ball game. Jack played low, East won and switched to the ♥K, ducked, then ♥Q, ducked and then East returned the ♣9, won in dummy with the jack. A spade off the board set the king up for nine tricks.

On a heart lead (or even a diamond) declarer has to do some good guessing to make the contract.

Guangzhou Zhujiang continue to power along

In round four they beat THT by 87 imps to 18.

19. S/EW ♠ A J 9 5 4
♥ 8 6 4
♦ K 2
♣ 9 8 6

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

♠ 8 2
♥ 7 2
♦ J 10 8 5 4
♣ A Q 10 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			pass
pass	1♠	2♠	pass
4♥	All pass		

Lawrence Lau, North for THT, started with a semi psychic 1♠. Ma Zhiwei, East, made a Michael's Cue Bid and West, Yang Xiao Guang, bid 4♥. Lawrence led out with the ♦K but that was no success. Declarer came to 11 tricks.

At the other table, Frank Lin for THT played 4♥ from East on the lead of the ♦J. He took the ♦A and played the ♠Q. North took the ♠A, cashed the ♦K before switching to the ♣9. The ♣J was beaten by the ♣Q. South switched to the ♥2, declarer winning with the ♥J in hand. He would have done better to win in dummy but it didn't matter much because he was one down anyway.

That was 13 imps to Guangzhou.

On the next board Ma Zhiwei showed better restraint than Frank Lin.

Ma opened 1♣ as East. South overcalled 3♦ and everyone passed. 3♦ was three down. In the other room Frank opened 1NT after two passes and when South overcalled 3♦ he ploughed on to 3NT. (see over)

Vugraph schedule

Thursday 18 August

12:30 Round 8 Section A
Bunta vs Yuna open

14:50 Round 9 Section C
Japan Teremoto vs JLL
AIA v Hayashi

Guangzhou continued from p3

20. W/All ♠ K 10 6 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 5 2
 ♦ -
 ♣ Q J 8 4

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

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

This was down two and 11 away.

A few boards later the Chinese team bid and made a game that might have been beaten.

25. N/EW ♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ Q 9
 ♦ K 10 8 6 2
 ♣ Q 7 4

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

♠ J 9 8 2
 ♥ A J 8 7 3
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ J

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Pass	1♥	pass
1♠	pass	3♣	pass
5♣	All pass		

The ♦9 lead was ducked to the Queen and a low club led to the jack and ace. A heart off the board to the king and South's ace. A diamond was continued won with the ace, a heart ruffed, a spade to the king and another heart ruffed and overruffed by North with the ♣Q. A club back at this stage sees declarer a trick short but North thinking South had led a doubleton tried to cash the ♦K, allowing declarer to ruff his losing heart.

At the other table, East opened 1♥, West bid 1♠ and East rebid 2♣, which was passed out.

Board 30 looked like imps for THT but it was not to be.



Champagne defence produces sparkling result

Here is a sparkling defence to take full advantage of a luckless declarer.

17. N/Nil ♠ J 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ 10 9 8 6 4
 ♣ Q J

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

♠ 10 5
 ♥ A J 7 5 3
 ♦ K
 ♣ A 10 9 8 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	pass	1♦	2NT
4♠	All pass		

Lead: ♣Q

It was Fu Zong (North) and Jack Zhao for the Ambassador team against the Aces.

The ♣Q was ducked to the king, followed by the ♦7 to the jack and South's king. Zhao underled his ♣A to North's jack and Fu then switched to the ♥Q, ducked all round and continued with a heart won by South's jack. A low heart was returned, declarer discarding a club and North ruffed with the ♠3. A diamond came next ruffed by South with the ♠10 and overruffed with the ♠Q. Declarer next ruffed a low club in dummy, North discarding a diamond. A heart was led off the board and ruffed with the ♠6 (a diamond play would have been better). Fu overruffed with the ♠8 and played another diamond promoting a trump trick for North when South ruffed with the ♠5 and West was forced to overruff with the king. Down four for a 4 imp swing when 3NT was played in the other room going one down.



Fu Zong

30. E/Nil ♠ 9 8
 ♥ J 10 6 5 3
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ A J 10 4

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

♠ 10 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ Q 8 6 4
 ♣ 9 8 7 5 3 2

The Chinese had a Precision auction to slam – like this:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♣	pass
1NT	pass	2♣	pass
2NT	pass	3♣	pass
3♠	pass	6♠	All pass

Lawrence wisely avoided leading out the ♣A so the slam was down.

However, this was no pickup because THT at the other table over extended and bid to 7♠.