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The Sands of Time are Running Out



The world famous Ferry to Hong Kong

The leading teams swapped places in the Open Teams, with **Japan** moving to the top ahead of **Chinese Taipei** and **China**. **Indonesia** has gone up to fourth followed by **Singapore** and **New Zealand**.

In the Ladies series **Japan** now have a significant lead. There is no change after that, with **Indonesia** second, **China** third with **Chinese Taipei**, **Australia** and **New Zealand** chasing them.

Australia-Australia is still on top in the Senior Teams but have lost a little ground to second placed **Indonesia**. They are still well clear of **China Evertrust**. Then its **Chinese Taipei**, **China HK - Tse** and **Thailand-Magic Eyes**.

Today's VuGraph Matches

10:00 Indonesia v Chinese Taipei (Ladies)
13:30 Japan v Chinese Taipei (Open)
16:15 Thailand-Magic Eyes v Japan-IMAX (Senior)

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Today's Matches

Open Team RR2

Round Number: 7

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

Round Number: 8

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

Round Number: 9

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

Ladies Team RR2

Round Number: 7

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

Round Number: 8















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

Round Number: 9















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

Senior Team RR2

Round Number: 10

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

Round Number: 11

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

Round Number: 12

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

Today's programme

10:00-12:15	RR2-7 (Open, Ladies) RR2-10 (Senior)
13:30-15:45	RR2-8 (Open, Ladies) RR2-11 (Senior)
16:15-18:30	RR2-9 (Open, Ladies) RR2-12 (Senior)

Championship Diary

Yesterday morning's first match was not especially exciting, so I turned my thoughts as to how I might offer you some light entertainment.

If your tastes run to exotic two bids you can find all sorts of possibilities outlined on the Internet, and many of the variations are being used in the Championships. However, none of them come close to those prescribed in the Bacon Torpedo System.

Suppose you hold: ♠K1093 ♥Q10962 ♦7 ♣A54

Playing 'normal' methods you might open 2♦, weak with both majors, or as a very off centre Multi, or 2♥, hearts and another suit.

However, in the Bacon Torpedo System you open 2♠ which does no more than promise that you hold the singleton ♦7 (known in many parts of the world as the 'beer card').

On Board 26 of RR2 R1 North held ♠Q106542 ♥K103 ♦7 ♣KQ7 - a perfect Bacon Torpedo 2♠!

On Board 13 of RR2 R4 North dealt with: ♠A432 ♥A83 ♦K53 ♣543

What would you favour? A mini INT? 1♣/1♦? Pass?

In Bacon Torpedo, the answer is none of the above. You start with 2♦, which promises any hand with four of a kind, in this instance four threes.

Okay, I know you are dying to know what an opening bid of 2♥ might promise.

On Board 32 of RR1 R8 we find ♠103 ♥J65 ♦Q6 ♣QJ10986, while on Board 6 of RR1 R11 there was ♠K6 ♥A1064 ♦KQJ10932 ♣-.

Both qualify for A Bacon Torpedo 2♥ - can you work out why?

In both cases you have a straight flush in a suit!

You can find more details at: ww.dur.ac.uk/bridge.club/documents/bacon.php

We have been discussing where best to eat. I recall Barry Crane's advice - 'Don't eat between sessions. Everybody plays better when they are hungry.' This reminded me of a story concerning the famous English player Tony Priddy (still competing at the highest levels). Playing in a one day event with only a short break between sessions the team told Tony they would have to go to MacDonald's. When they arrived they asked Tony what he would like to eat, to which he replied, 'I can't possibly decide until I have seen the wine list'.

That in turn reminded me of a story about one of Tony's contemporaries, the late Jeremy Flint.

He was a member of the British Team that finished as runners-up in the Bermuda Bowl in 1987. When invited to play by the British Bridge League he informed the secretary Anna Gudge, that he would only accept provided his room had a bath rather than a shower.

There was no email in those days and it was only after several letters and faxes had been sent that Anna was able to give Jeremy the necessary confirmation and he confirmed that he would be delighted to play.

Consumed with curiosity Anna asked why it was so important for his room to contain a bath rather than a shower.

'My dear Anna,' replied Jeremy, 'it is quite impossible to smoke a cigar in the shower.'

Bridge in the Vicarage

The first David Bird story featuring the monks of St Titus appeared in Bridge Magazine in June 1978.

The Abbot



The Reverend Richard Hyde unlatched the oak front door, and in from howling gale came Abbot Yorke-Smith, looking even more red-faced than usual.

'Come and warm yourself by the fire, Abbot; Father O'Neill is here already. Who did you manage to get for a fourth tonight?'

'Well, it wasn't easy to find anyone on choir practice night, but eventually I persuaded Brother Anthony to play again.'

'Oh! Er...good,' replied Rev Hyde unconvincingly.

Brother Anthony was a rather unpopular partner since, being a member of the Eustacian order, he had to obey their vow of total silence, and this naturally restricted his accuracy in the bidding. Only the previous week the Abbot had had to reprimand a young novice who had feigned a sudden sever cramp in the leg, and hobbled off towards the infirmary when he had cut brother Anthony at the monastery £1-a-hundred table.

The first hand of the evening was boldly bid by the Rev Hyde:

Dealer West
None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Father	Brother		The Rev
O'Neill	Anthony	Abbot	Hyde
Pass	Pass	1♥	3NT
All Pass			

It was standard tactics to open light in front of Brother Anthony's partner in order to disrupt even further communications which were already almost non-existent, but Rev Hyde clearly regarded his solid holdings as adequate for the Eustacian gambling 3NT convention.

Father O'Neill's queen of hearts was covered by the king and ace, and the Abbot's club switch was won in the dummy. When Rev Hyde played off four rounds of spades the Abbot, shifting uncomfortably in his cassock, discarded two clubs and two hearts and was subsequently thrown in to concede a trick to dummy's ten of hearts.

'Sorry, Patrick, I should have tried baring my knave of hearts,' said the abbot, reluctantly writing down the score.

'I forgive you,' said his partner in a professional tone. Soon afterwards the Abbot dealt the cards as follows:

Dealer East
Both Vul

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

Rev Hyde viewed his dismal collection in the South seat, and proceeded to open the bidding with a confident One Club. This diversion was, after all, fairly safe with Brother Anthony as partner.

Brother Anthony gazed wistfully at his 22-count. What could they make? A small slam? A grand slam? As he prepared himself to deliver the almost imperceptible shake of the head that had formed his bidding methods for the past 30-odd years, he thought how proud of him his fellow Eustacians must be.

‘Surely the Abbot was dealer,’ said Father O’neill suddenly. ‘Your bid was out of turn, Richard, but there is no penalty if the Abbot passes.’

‘One Club,’ said the Abbot promptly, reaching for the rule book, and eagerly locating the appropriate section. ‘It says that the offender’s partner is...silenced for the rest of the auction,’ he said, unable to hide his annoyance at this useless penalty.

‘Come, come partner, this is only a game between friends,’ said Father O’Neill compassionately. ‘Let us waive the penalty.’

Rev Hyde passed, and Father O’Neill raised the Abbot to Five Clubs.

Brother Anthony re-scanned his 22-count, seething with anger. They were making a mockery of him. They were insulting the venerable Eustacian order. They were implying that over 400 years of silence had all been in vain.

The time had come to teach them a sharp lesson.

‘Double!’ he said firmly, noting with interest that, since taking his vows at a tender age, his voice had broken.

Only the ticking of the grandfather clock interrupted the stunned silence that followed. Eventually the Rev Hyde, eyeing his partner with a singularly unclerical expression, led the ten of hearts.

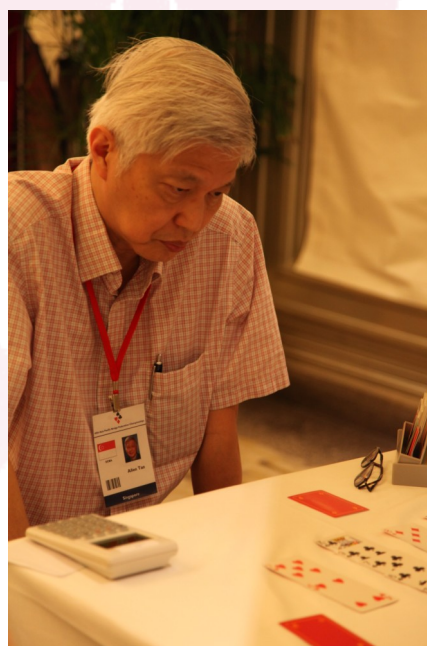
The Abbot won in hand, and cross-ruffed at high speed to produce the following ending with West, the dummy, on play:

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

Brother Anthony was forced to ruff the diamond high, and exit with another high trump to the ace. Dummy’s last diamond promoted declarer’s ten of trumps and the game was home.

‘What on earth do you mean by breaking your vow of silence, just to double a cold game?’ cried the Rev Hyde.

Brother Anthony shook his head almost imperceptibly, and pulling up the cowl of his cloak, he walked sadly to the front door, and out into the unforgiving night.



Allen Tan

Australia v Indonesia Women R9

Third placed Australia were hoping to overtake second placed Indonesia, and they went ahead on the opening deal of the match:

Dealer North
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sumampouw</i>	<i>Bourke</i>	<i>Andhani</i>	<i>Lusk</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
	3NT	All Pass	

West led the three of clubs, but the contract was not in danger, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Djurovic</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Havas</i>	<i>Tueje</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
	2♠	All Pass	

When South failed to make any move on the second round the excellent game was missed.

2♠ was a comfortable spot, declarer taking nine tricks on a heart lead, but Australia had 6 IMPs.

There lead did not survive the next deal:

Dealer East
NS Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sumampouw</i>	<i>Bourke</i>	<i>Andhani</i>	<i>Lusk</i>
1♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♠*	2♥*	Dbl
All Pass		Dbl	4♥

2♥ Transfer to ♠

North's 3♠ pushed her side into a hopeless game (for my money 3♥ is enough, but even that is too high).

West led the eight of diamonds and declarer won with the queen, played a club to the queen and heart. East went up with the ace and returned the nine of diamonds. West ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, played a spade to East's king and ruffed the diamond return, two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Djurovic</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Havas</i>	<i>Tueje</i>
1♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	Dbl	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass	3♦	Dbl

North led the jack of spades and declarer elected to win in hand with the ace and play a diamond. North won and played a second spade to dummy's king.

Declarer played three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy and ducked a club to North's nine. She ruffed the diamond exit and ducked a club to the jack. She ruffed the diamond return and played a club. North took the queen and ace and her queen of hearts was matched by South's queen of spades, two down, -100 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

Declarer could have saved a trick by winning the spade lead in dummy, but there is still no way to come to nine tricks.

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sumampouw	Bourke	Andhani	Lusk
1♠*	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

1♣ Modified Precision

The system card makes it clear that 1♠ was an artificial response, but gives no further information. My guess is that it promised a balanced positive.

When West raised spades East launched her Blackwood rocket and the auction quickly reached the stratosphere.

North led the queen of hearts and declarer won in dummy, played a diamond to the ten, a spade to the ace and a spade to the king. When North discarded all hope had gone, one down, -100.

Blackwood was never going to provide the right answers on this deal. You can doubtless construct your own preferred auction, but mine would go: 1♣*-1♠-2♠-3♠-4♣*-4♦*-4♥*-5♦*-5♥*-5♠-6♣*-6♠. The series of cue bids would make it easy for West to go on to 7♠ with suitable extra values.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Djurovic	Bojoh	Havas	Tueje
		1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

South led the eight of spade and declarer won in hand and cashed dummy's top diamonds pitching a heart. Then she took her top hearts and clubs and exited with a club. North won and played a heart and declarer ruffed high, crossed to dummy with a trump and could cross ruff the last three tricks, +1430 and 17 IMPs for Australia.

Dealer South
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sumampouw	Bourke	Andhani	Lusk
Pass	1♦	2♦*	3♦
4♠	5♦	All Pass	

2♦ Michaels

East cashed the king of spades and switched to her club. West won and gave her partner a ruff. There was a heart to come for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Djurovic</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Havas</i>	<i>Tueje</i>
Pass	1♦	2♦*	Pass
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

2♦ Michaels

Declarer won the club lead, drew trumps and played hearts. She lost to the red aces, but that was all, +990 and 13 IMPs to Australia.

Dealer West
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sumampouw</i>	<i>Bourke</i>	<i>Andhani</i>	<i>Lusk</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

West led the six of clubs and East took the ace and switched to the king of hearts. Declarer won, played a spade to the ace and cashed her hand's top clubs, pitching hearts when West pitched a diamond on the third round. then she played her winning diamonds throwing clubs from her hand. West ruffed the third round and also scored the queen of spades, but declarer had the rest, +420.

It may seem churlish to point out that there is an easy overtrick to be had - instead of a third diamond declarer ruffs a heart and plays a club. It doesn't help west to ruff, so declarer ruffs, ruffs a heart high and plays a club, losing only to the queen of spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Djurovic</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Havas</i>	<i>Tueje</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the king of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played a spade to the ten, which West ducked, as East discarded the seven of hearts. Declarer played a diamond to the queen and the nine of hearts was taken by East's jack. The return of the jack of clubs was taken by dummy's king and at this point a low spade from dummy must lead to nine tricks. If West withholds the queen declarer has nine on top and if West wins declarer will eventually arrive at nine tricks whatever West returns.

However, declarer exited with a club to East's ten and after cashing the queen of hearts and the ace of clubs, East exited with a club, endplaying dummy, which had to surrender a trick to West's queen of spades. One down, -50 and 10 IMPs.

Now you can see why the overtrick missed at the other table was important. The new VBF Victory Point Scale is designed to make every IMP count and a swing of 520 is 11 IMPs.

Dealer West
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sumampouw</i>	<i>Bourke</i>	<i>Andhani</i>	<i>Lusk</i>
1♣*	Pass	2♦*	3♥
Dbl*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

- 1♣ Modified Precision
 2♦ 5+ ♣
 Dbl Take out
 4♦ Natural
 4♥ Cue bid for diamonds
 4NT Cue bid in ♠
 5♣ Key Card
 5♠ 2 'aces'

When West bid 6♣ East, not 100% certain which minor suit was agreed, decided that her partner was offering her a choice of contracts. Her decision to pass demonstrated that it is not always best to play in your 4-4 fit.

Declarer won the heart lead, drew trumps, pitched a heart on the third round of spades and lost only to the king of diamonds, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Djurovic</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Havas</i>	<i>Tueje</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦*	4♥
6♦	All Pass		

2♦ inverted

North led a heart and declarer won and played three rounds of spades, pitching a heart. South ruffed and forced dummy with a heart. Declarer came to hand with a club and took the diamond finesse. When it lost she was one down, 16 IMPs to Indonesia, reducing their margin of defeat to 32-47.



Mixed Fortunes in the Mixed Pairs

Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing

This 1955 American drama-romance film. Set in 1949–50 Hong Kong, it tells the story of a married, but separated, American reporter Mark Elliot (played by William Holden), who falls in love with a Eurasian doctor Han Suyin originally from China (played by Jennifer Jones), only to encounter prejudice from her family and from Hong Kong society.

The location shots include the old Foreign Correspondents' Club on Conduit Road, often mistaken for the Victoria Peak.



The Club, then located at 41A Conduit Road, is portrayed in the film as a hospital. The building was demolished in the late 1960s and the Realty Gardens apartment complex has occupied the site since 1970.

The Tai Pak Floating Restaurant depicted in the film is now part of the Jumbo Kingdom.

The famous hill-top meeting place where the lovers used to meet was located in rural California and not in Hong Kong.

Tuesday's side game was for Mixed Pairs, which might (or might not) explain my choice of title.

Meanwhile, in the Round 11 match between China and Singapore the ladies from Beijing were hoping to move up the table.

Dealer West

Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	Wang	Liau	Wang
1♥	1♠	2♠*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ace of spades and cashed the king before switching to the king of clubs. Declarer took the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond, pitched a club on a diamond and played the queen of spades. South ruffed and declarer had to lose a trump and a club, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Feng	Endo	Yu	Chau
1♥	Dbf	Rdbl	2♦
2♥	2♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbf	All Pass	

The choice between 1♠ and Double with North's hand is a matter of taste, but in recent years it has become more common to overcall and then double on the next round to show the extra values.

Here too North led the ace of spades, but she switched to the king of clubs at trick two. Now declarer could win and dispose of her losing spade on the second round of diamonds, +790 and 13 IMPs to China.

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	Wang	Liau	Wang
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♦	All Pass

I would have been tempted to overcall with the South hand - both 2♣ and 3♣ having some appeal. Declarer ruffed the club lead and ducked a heart. She won the club return, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart, ruffed by South with the six and overruffed by dummy's eight. After a diamond to North's ace declarer claimed, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Feng	Endo	Yu	Chau
1♠	2♥	1♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Declarer ruffed the club lead and played the king of diamonds. North won and switched to the king of hearts. Declarer won with the ace and returned a heart. North won with the jack and continued with the queen and declarer ruffed in dummy and claimed, +600 and 10 IMPs for China.

Dealer East
Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	Wang	Liau	Wang
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

1♣ Strong
1♦ 0-7
2♥ Kokish
2♠ Relay
2NT Balanced, 23+

I will confess that I am guessing about the meaning of 2♥, as it is not defined on the convention card. I do know 1♣-1♦-2NT shows 23-24 balanced.

West led the six of spades and declarer won with dummy's ten and played a heart to the king. When that held she ran the ten of diamonds, which also held. She cashed her spades and when East parted with a diamond she played the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen, king and ace. She won the club return with the ace and the jack fell on her right (West had already pitched the nine). She exited with a heart and East won and returned a club. Declarer let that run to dummy's ten for an eleventh trick, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Feng	Endo	Yu	Chau
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			4♠

West led the three of hearts and East took the ace and switched to the two of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and cashed the ace and king of spades, East discarding the four of hearts. Declarer played the ten of diamonds (would the jack tempt a cover?) and put up dummy's king. East took the ace and returned a diamond to West's queen. Exiting with the jack of spades now would lead to two down, but West played a club and declarer won, cashed the top hearts discarding a club and played a club. That was one down, -100 and another 13 IMPs to China.

Dealer South
None Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	Wang	Liau	Wang
Pass	3♥	Dbl	2♥*
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

2♥ 4414/4405 11-15

The idea of using 2♥ as a limited three suited hand works well in a Strong ♣ system (a version is described in detail in *The Mysterious Multi*).

It would have cost East nothing to bid 4♥ over 4♦.

Assuming West had then bid 5♣ East might have taken a shot at the slam.

North led the five of spades and declarer went up with dummy's ace, drew trumps and gave up a spade, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Feng	Endo	Yu	Chau
Pass	Pass	Dbl	1♣
2♦	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

4♣ Splinter
4NT RKC
5♣ 1/4 'aces'

Play followed an identical course, so declarer was +920 and 11 IMPs to China, who had won easily, 65-18.



Julita Grace Tueje

Rebullida Cup Open Team RR2 Results

Round 4

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Philippines	30-75	1.34-18.66	China
2	Thailand	48-50	9.39-10.61	Chinese Taipei
3	Japan	40-20	15.00-5.00	Australia
4	Malaysia	50-20	16.73-3.27	Singapore
5	Indonesia	64-28	17.59-2.41	China Macau
6	New Zealand	22-24	9.39-10.61	China Hong Kong

Round 5

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	China	42-35	12.03-7.97	Thailand
2	Chinese Taipei	24-20	11.20-8.80	Australia
3	Japan	63-23	18.09-1.91	Malaysia
4	Singapore	32-32	10.00-10.00	China Macau
5	Indonesia	43-33	12.80-7.20	China Hong Kong
6	Philippines	15-23	7.71-12.29	New Zealand

Round 6

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia	28-19	12.55-7.45	China
2	Malaysia	32-39	7.97-12.03	Chinese Taipei
3	Japan	74-55	14.80-5.20	China Macau
4	Singapore	52-33	14.80-5.20	China Hong Kong
5	Indonesia	62-16	18.77-1.23	Philippines
6	New Zealand	51-33	14.60-5.40	Thailand

DBS Bank Ladies Team (President's Cup) RR2 Results**Round 4**

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Philippines	25-70	1.34-18.66	Japan
2	China Hong Kong	29-27	10.61-9.39	Indonesia
3	Singapore	29-43	6.25-13.75	China
4	Australia	73-8	20.00-0.00	Thailand
5	New Zealand	26-35	7.45-12.55	Korea
6	Chinese Taipei	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 5

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Japan	79-15	20.00-0.00	China Hong Kong
2	Singapore	19-74	0.39-19.61	Indonesia
3	Chinese Taipei	47-18	16.58-3.42	Thailand
4	Korea	38-30	12.29-7.71	Australia
5	New Zealand	31-28	10.91-9.09	Philippines
6	China	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 6

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Japan	75-39	17.59-2.41	Singapore
2	China	57-23	17.31-2.69	Thailand
3	Chinese Taipei	51-48	10.91-9.09	Korea
4	Philippines	40-74	2.69-17.31	Australia
5	China Hong Kong	36-58	4.62-15.38	New Zealand
6	Indonesia	0-0	12.00-0.00	

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

Round 7

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Australia-Australia	52-21	16.88-3.12	Singapore
2	Thailand I	22-39	5.61-14.39	Thailand-Magic Eyes
3	NZ Evennett	24-16	12.29-7.71	China HK-Tse
4	China Evertrust	42-28	13.75-6.25	China HK-Winbridge
5	Japan-Yamada	26-16	12.80-7.20	Australia-Lusk
6	Chinese Taipei	38-17	15.19-4.81	Japan-Sindbad
7	China HK-Vincent Li	33-58	4.08-15.92	Japan-IMAX
8	Indonesia	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 8

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Thailand I	56-40	14.18-5.82	Australia-Australia
2	NZ Evennett	12-72	0.00-20.00	Indonesia
3	China HK-Tse	41-23	14.60-5.40	China HK-Winbridge
4	Japan-Yamada	16-17	9.69-10.31	China Evertrust
5	Australia-Lusk	16-33	5.61-14.39	Japan-Sindbad
6	China HK-Vincent Li	36-59	4.44-15.56	Chinese Taipei
7	Singapore	76-32	18.55-1.45	Japan-IMAX
8	Thailand-Magic Eyes	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Round 9

Table	Home Team	IMPs	VPs	Visiting Team
1	Japan-IMAX	47-41	11.76-8.24	Australia-Australia
2	Thailand-Magic Eyes	38-48	7.20-12.80	Chinese Taipei
3	Australia-Lusk	48-24	15.74-4.26	Indonesia
4	China HK-Tse	52-33	14.80-5.20	China Evertrust
5	Singapore	44-26	14.60-5.40	NZ Evennett
6	China HK-Winbridge	25-39	6.25-13.75	China HK-Vincent LI
7	Japan-Sindbad	20-46	3.91-16.09	Japan-Yamada
8	Thailand I	0-0	12.00-0.00	

Ranking

Open Team

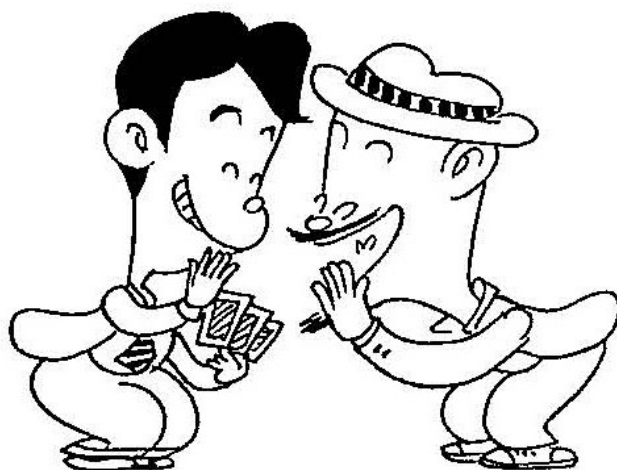
Rank	Team	VPs
1	Japan	218.51
2	Chinese Taipei	209.11
3	China	207.08
4	Indonesia	198.42
5	Singapore	184.09
6	New Zealand	168.57
7	Australia	157.92
8	Thailand	155.03
9	China Macau	138.16
10	Philippines	135.90
11	China Hong Kong	132.68
12	Malaysia	126.92

Ladies Team

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Japan	238.65
2	Indonesia	219.26
3	China	214.76
4	Chinese Taipei	207.99
5	Australia	205.51
6	New Zealand	185.34
7	Korea	111.67
8	China Hong Kong	109.47
9	Singapore	108.46
10	Philippines	106.37
11	Thailand	62.92

Senior Team

Rank	Team	VPs
1	Australia-Australia	236.92
2	Indonesia	223.03
3	China Evertrust	203.20
4	Chinese Taipei	199.44
5	China HK-Tse	191.88
6	Thailand-Magic Eyes	191.12
7	Thailand I	183.07
8	Japan-Yamada	181.49
9	Japan-IMAX	179.96
10	Australia-Lusk	178.79
11	Japan-Sindbad	150.84
12	Singapore	144.32
13	China HK-Vincent Li	138.38
14	NZ Evennett	81.60
15	China HK-Winbridge	76.67



Dragon Boat Pairs results

Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name	Session	%	Rank
1	5	739.8	64.9	Baron Ng - Wilson Mok	384.7	72.3	2
2	14	721.9	63.3	Leo Cheung - Chris Fung	400.1	75.2	1
3	1	680.6	59.7	Tony Yip - Louis Lee	301.4	56.7	7
4	11	658.5	57.8	Helen Yeung - Karl Kwan	368.5	69.3	3
5	22	649.9	57.0	Alan Sze - Abby Chiu	316.3	59.5	6
6	27	630.9	55.3	Ronald Hui - Derek Lai	292.3	54.9	9
7	38	625.3	54.8	York Kwan - Gordon Ho	246.8	46.4	18
8	34	617.0	54.1	Jackson Lai - L H Chin	255.3	48.0	17
9	17	606.3	53.2	Lo Wing Ho - Jerome Cheung	300.7	56.5	8
10	16	603.8	53.0	Lee Cheuk - Antony Mok	345.1	64.9	4
11	4	600.5	52.7	John Tsang - Angus Lee	225.1	42.3	25
12	28	588.9	51.7	Bacon Lam - S Y Ho	196.7	37.0	31
13	12	585.9	51.4	Kongo Kong - Wilson Leung	286.5	53.9	12
14	35	585.9	51.4	Joanna Chu - Billy Szeto	327.1	61.5	5
15	8	572.5	50.2	Dave Pang - Kelvin Ko	241.9	45.5	19
16	18	568.8	49.9	Zia Wai - Charlie Lee	289.4	54.4	10
17	31	561.1	49.2	Irene Ho - Fu Cheung	225.8	42.4	24
18	26	559.6	49.1	Vicky Kam - Rocky Tam	261.3	49.1	15
19	7	553.8	48.6	Sing Leung - Barney Lui	226.8	42.6	23
20	34	551.7	48.4	Victor Cheng - Raju Ramchandani	273.8	51.5	13
21	23	551.6	48.4	Edward Cheung - Peter Chow	229.3	43.1	21
22	24	518.0	45.4	Ricky Lai - Terence Chan	224.5	42.2	26
23	15	516.4	45.3	Kishin Chainani - Bhagwan Nihalani	256.6	48.2	16
24	21	514.5	45.1	Jui Ming Shen - Peter Chan	200.8	37.7	30
25	3	504.1	44.2	Felix Lee - York Liao	289.1	54.3	11
26	13	490.7	43.0	Linda Osmund - Danny Osmund	212.2	39.9	28
27	37	490.0	43.0	Michael Lam - Andy K O Leung	270.5	50.8	14
28	6	483.6	42.4	Ella Graca - Chivomi Fukumori	215.5	40.5	27
29	25	478.3	42.0	Angus Lum - Lawrence Lam	208.3	39.2	29
30	33	471.2	41.3	Vivian Szeto - Edwin Sezto	236.5	44.4	20
31	36	463.5	40.7	Jenny To - Patrick Wu	228.2	42.9	22
32	2	419.5	36.8	Zoe Li - Cathy Lee	175.1	32.9	32



The Champion:
Wilson Mok and Baron Ng



1st runner-up:
Leo Cheung and Chris Fung



2nd runner-up:
Tony Yip and Louis Lee

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