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GOA INDIA



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THE RACE HEATS UP: LEADERS HOLD FIRM, CHALLENGERS STRIKE BACK

With only the top four teams in each category advancing to the knockout stage, Day 2 of the 5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championships brought added significance to every match. While some leaders strengthened their positions, several contenders moved into the all-important qualification zone, setting up a thrilling race for the semifinals.

MEN'S TEAMS – China Takes Command

China converted its overnight lead of 64.09 VPs into a commanding first place with 109.86 VPs after eight rounds. Hong Kong China A remains second on 100.26 VPs, while India B produced one of the day's strongest performances, soaring from ninth place to third with 97.15 VPs.

India A currently holds the final qualifying position on 90.45 VPs, but Japan (87.89 VPs) and Korea (87.40 VPs) are close behind. With less than 3 VPs separating fourth, fifth and sixth places, the battle for the semifinal spots remains extremely tight.

WOMEN'S TEAMS – Indonesia Holds Firm, China Closes In

Indonesia successfully defended its lead and tops the standings with 84.31 VPs, followed closely by China on 79.85 VPs. Hong Kong China B strengthened its position in third with 67.77 VPs.

India A's impressive rise from ninth after Day 1 to fourth place with 63.00 VPs has brought them into the qualification zone. However, Japan sits just behind on 62.60 VPs, ensuring that the race for the final semifinal berth remains wide open.

MIXED TEAMS – Chinese Dominance Continues

China continues to dominate the Mixed Teams event. China A extended its lead to 106.98 VPs, while China B surged into second place with 102.31 VPs, creating a powerful Chinese one-two at the summit.

Hong Kong China A occupies third on 95.25 VPs, while Thailand moved into the crucial fourth position with 85.20 VPs. Chinese Taipei is breathing down their necks on 85.11 VPs, just 0.09 VPs behind, while Hong Kong China B (82.15 VPs) and India B (80.53 VPs) remain firmly in contention.

SENIORS TEAMS – India A Strengthens Its Hold

India A continued its impressive run, extending its lead to 87.25 VPs after seven rounds. Thailand remains second with 77.48 VPs, closely followed by Australia on 77.24 VPs. Japan occupies the final qualifying spot on 76.47 VPs, but India B is just behind on 76.02 VPs, less than half a VP away. With Chinese Taipei also within touching distance on 75.60 VPs, the Seniors event is shaping up to be one of the closest battles of the championship.

PAIRS EVENT REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the Asia Cup Pairs Event is now open to all players, captains, and coaches.

Last Date: 25 June 2026, 7:00 PM

Please submit your entries on the Championship Website at the earliest.

[Link for pairs registration](#)

HCL Friendship Pairs – 27 June 2026

The HCL Friendship Pairs event will be held on 27 June 2026 in two sessions and is open to all invitees and participants of the 5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championships.

There are no category restrictions for this event. Players who are not participating in the Championship may also enter by paying an entry fee of \$150 per pair.

Registrations are now open.

[Link for HCL Friendship Pairs registration](#)

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DAY-3 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

TIME	EVENTS	TBL	CAT.	BBO MATCHES
0930 - 1130 Hrs.	R-9 (Men / Mixed); R-7 Women; RR2-1 Seniors	2 13	MEN WOMEN	KOREA Vs. KUWAIT INDONESIA Vs. CHINA
1150 - 1350 Hrs.	R-10 (Men / Mixed); R-8 Women; RR2-2 Seniors	2 22	MEN MIXED	HONG KONG CHINA B Vs. CHINESE TAIPEI CHINA B Vs. CHINESE TAIPEI
1450 - 1650 Hrs.	R-11 (Men / Mixed); R-9 Women; RR2-3 Seniors	4 31	MEN SENIORS	INDIA A Vs. THAILAND CHINESE TAIPEI Vs. INDIA A
1710 - 1910 Hrs.	R-12 (Men / Mixed) RR2-4 Seniors	7 26	MEN MIXED	SAUDI ARABIA Vs. BANGLADESH B AUSTRALIA B Vs. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

1350 - 1450 — LUNCH BREAK | 1650 - 1710 — TEA BREAK

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RESULTS - MEN

Round 5

1	KOREA	SAUDI ARABIA	25	38	6.28	13.72
2	HONG KONG CHINA B	SINGAPORE	10	74	0	20
3	BANGLADESH A	JAPAN	18	24	8.13	11.87
4	INDIA A	AUSTRALIA	18	34	5.58	14.42
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	HONG KONG CHINA A	23	33	7.03	12.97
6	THAILAND	BANGLADESH B	34	44	7.03	12.97
7	KUWAIT	INDIA B	8	48	1.59	18.41
8	CHINA	BYE			12	0

Round 6

1	KOREA	SINGAPORE	22	26	8.72	11.28
2	HONG KONG CHINA B	JAPAN	14	30	5.58	14.42
3	BANGLADESH A	AUSTRALIA	29	34	8.42	11.58
4	CHINA	HONG KONG CHINA A	15	23	7.56	12.44
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	BANGLADESH B	5	31	3.62	16.38
6	THAILAND	INDIA B	27	35	7.56	12.44
7	KUWAIT	SAUDI ARABIA	44	25	15.06	4.94
8	INDIA A	BYE			12	0

Round 7

A1	KOREA	JAPAN	47	16	17.19	2.81
A2	HONG KONG CHINA B	AUSTRALIA	36	18	14.85	5.15
A3	INDIA A	HONG KONG CHINA A	28	17	13.23	6.77
A4	CHINA	BANGLADESH B	45	12	17.49	2.51
A5	CHINESE TAIPEI	INDIA B	16	56	1.59	18.41
A6	THAILAND	SAUDI ARABIA	29	45	5.58	14.42
A7	KUWAIT	SINGAPORE	22	34	6.52	13.48
A8	BANGLADESH A	BYE			12	0

Round 8

1	KOREA	AUSTRALIA	12	33	4.54	15.46
2	BANGLADESH A	HONG KONG CHINA A	25	31	8.13	11.87
3	INDIA A	BANGLADESH B	17	42	3.79	16.21
4	CHINA	INDIA B	22	26	8.72	11.28
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	SAUDI ARABIA	32	20	13.48	6.52
6	THAILAND	SINGAPORE	24	83	0	20
7	KUWAIT	JAPAN	11	46	2.23	17.77
8	HONG KONG CHINA B	BYE			12	0

RANKING AFTER 8 ROUNDS

1		CHINA	109.86
2		HONG KONG CHINA A	100.26
3		INDIA B	97.15
4		INDIA A	90.45
5		JAPAN	87.89
6		KOREA	87.40
7		BANGLADESH B	84.62
8		AUSTRALIA	80.22
9		SINGAPORE	79.55
10		BANGLADESH A	78.66
11		CHINESE TAIPEI	74.59
12		SAUDI ARABIA	69.26
13		HONG KONG CHINA B	69.24
14		KUWAIT	64.76
15		THAILAND	42.09



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RESULTS - WOMEN

Round 4

11	HONG KONG CHINA B	AUSTRALIA A	18	47	3.12	16.88
12	INDIA A	PHILIPPINES	46	14	17.34	2.66
13	AUSTRALIA B	JAPAN	37	30	12.16	7.84
14	INDONESIA	HONG KONG CHINA A	38	30	12.44	7.56
15	CHINA	INDIA B	30	22	12.44	7.56










Round 5

11	HONG KONG CHINA B	INDIA B	52	13	18.29	1.71
12	INDIA A	AUSTRALIA A	68	6	20	0
13	AUSTRALIA B	PHILIPPINES	31	24	12.16	7.84
14	INDONESIA	JAPAN	30	21	12.71	7.29
15	CHINA	HONG KONG CHINA A	31	28	10.97	9.03

Round 6

11	HONG KONG CHINA B	AUSTRALIA B	29	24	11.58	8.42
12	INDIA A	CHINA	29	39	7.03	12.97
13	INDONESIA	AUSTRALIA A	37	20	14.64	5.36
14	PHILIPPINES	HONG KONG CHINA A	27	5	15.66	4.34
15	INDIA B	JAPAN	27	54	3.45	16.55

RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

1		INDONESIA	84.31
2		CHINA	79.85
3		HONG KONG CHINA B	67.77
4		INDIA A	63.00
5		JAPAN	62.60
6		AUSTRALIA B	56.21
7		HONG KONG CHINA A	50.50
8		PHILIPPINES	50.31
9		AUSTRALIA A	48.27
10		INDIA B	37.18



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RESULTS - MIXED

Round 5

21	SINGAPORE	INDIA B	23	22	10.33	9.67
22	CHINA B	HONG KONG CHINA A	40	20	15.26	4.74
23	AUSTRALIA A	JAPAN	20	55	1.73	17.27
24	INDIA A	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	21	60	1.71	18.29
25	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA A	35	45	7.03	12.97
26	THAILAND	AUSTRALIA B	28	43	5.81	14.19
27	HONG KONG CHINA B	BYE		12		0

Round 6

21	SINGAPORE	AUSTRALIA A	19	38	4.94	13.06
22	CHINA B	HONG KONG CHINA B	42	38	11.28	8.72
23	INDIA A	THAILAND	18	39	4.54	15.46
24	CHINA A	JAPAN	27	17	12.97	7.03
25	AUSTRALIA B	HONG KONG CHINA A	16	52	2.09	17.91
26	INDIA B	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	43	15	16.72	3.28
27	CHINESE TAIPEI	BYE		12		0














Round 7

21	SINGAPORE	CHINA A	5	24	4.94	15.06
22	CHINA B	AUSTRALIA B	28	20	12.44	7.56
23	AUSTRALIA A	INDIA B	14	46	2.66	17.34
24	INDIA A	HONG KONG CHINA A	23	22	10.33	9.67
25	HONG KONG CHINA B	JAPAN	29	20	12.71	7.29
26	CHINESE TAIPEI	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	9	16	7.84	12.16
27	THAILAND	BYE		12		0

Round 8

21	SINGAPORE	AUSTRALIA B	38	39	9.67	10.33
22	CHINA B	AUSTRALIA A	28	7	15.46	4.54
23	INDIA A	HONG KONG CHINA B	30	47	5.36	14.64
24	CHINESE TAIPEI	THAILAND	29	50	4.54	15.46
25	INDIA B	HONG KONG CHINA A	10	19	7.29	12.71
26	JAPAN	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	48	38	12.97	7.03
27	CHINA A	BYE		12		0

RANKING AFTER 8 ROUNDS

1		CHINA A	106.98
2		CHINA B	102.31
3		HONG KONG CHINA A	95.25
4		THAILAND	85.20
5		CHINESE TAIPEI	85.11
6		HONG KONG CHINA B	82.15
7		INDIA B	80.53
8		SINGAPORE	76.35
9		JAPAN	73.94
10		INDIA A	69.31
11		AUSTRALIA B	67.57
12		UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	65.74
13		AUSTRALIA A	62.56

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RESULTS - SENIORS

Round 5

31	INDIA B	CHINESE TAIPEI	22	41	4.94	15.06
32	JAPAN	THAILAND	22	28	8.13	11.87
33	AUSTRALIA	INDIA A	32	31	10.33	9.67
34	BANGLADESH	MALAYSIA	43	19	16.03	3.97

Round 6

31	THAILAND	INDIA B	7	53	0.92	19.08
32	CHINESE TAIPEI	JAPAN	35	13	15.66	4.34
33	MALAYSIA	AUSTRALIA	10	25	5.81	14.19
34	INDIA A	BANGLADESH	54	16	17.67	1.33

Round 7

D31	INDIA B	JAPAN	5	14	7.29	12.71
D32	THAILAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	30	13	14.64	5.36
D33	AUSTRALIA	BANGLADESH	38	38	10	10
D34	MALAYSIA	INDIA A	12	50	1.83	18.17

RANKING AFTER 7 ROUNDS

1		INDIA A	87.25
2		THAILAND	77.48
3		AUSTRALIA	77.24
4		JAPAN	76.47
5		INDIA B	76.02
6		CHINESE TAIPEI	75.60
7		BANGLADESH	68.92
8		MALAYSIA	20.02

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WOMEN'S TEAMS & PAIRS



CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

<https://championships.worldbridge.org/2026-world-bridge-series>



Early one Morning



China vs India B



Mark Horton

The time difference between Goa and Shrewsbury is four and a half hours, but even at 05.00 there is some warmth outside. Our day starts with a visit to the Women's Teams, second placed China taking on eighth placed India B.

On the opening deal of day 2 NS held ♠963 ♥A98 ♦J107 ♣A964 opposite ♠AJ8 ♥QJ10 ♦A94 ♣K872. When South opened INT Jing Wen jumped to game. Jesal Dabriwala's invitation via Stayman followed by 2NT was declined. Everything was friendly and **China** had +430 and 7 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

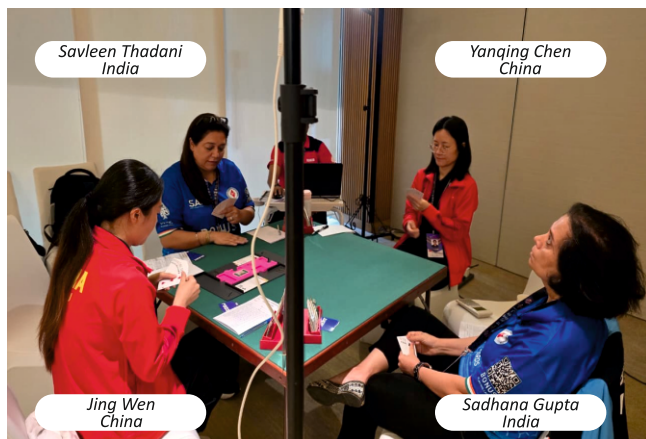
♠ K 5 2 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q J 10 5 2		♠ A Q J 3 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A K 6 3	♠ 8 ♥ A 9 ♦ K J 8 7 6 5 3 ♣ 9 8 4
♠ 10 9 7 6 4 ♥ K 6 5 4 3 ♦ A 10 ♣ 7			

China v India B Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Wen	Thadani	Chen
—	—	2♦*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- 2♦ 18-19 balanced
- 3♠ Transfer

South led the ♥4 and when the defenders played three rounds of the suit declarer had 10 tricks, +430.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Dabriwala	Li	Jajoo
—	—	1♣*	Dble*
1♦*	2♦	Dble	Pass
3♣	All Pass		
1♣	16+ (except 20-21 balanced)		
Dble	Diamonds or both majors		
1♦	0-7		

South led the ♦A and continued with the ♦10, but having won North switched to the ♠8 and declarer was home, +110 and the lead changed hands as **India B** collected 8 IMPs.

If North cashes the ♥A South's encouraging card should lead to one down.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

China v India B Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Wen	Thadani	Chen
—	—	INT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

- 2♦ Transfer

When South started with three rounds of spades declarer was down before she had started, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Dabriwala	Li	Jajoo
—	—	INT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	All Pass
2♦	Transfer		

South cashed the ♠AK and switched to the ♣10, declarer winning with the ♣Q and conceding a trick to the ♥A, +170 and 7 IMPs to **China**.

To hold declarer to nine tricks South needs to guess to switch to a diamond. North can then win the second round of trumps and exit with a diamond.



Monica Jajoo, India

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ KJ5 ♥ 1096 ♦ 1075 ♣ J643	♠ 962 ♥ K85 ♦ K643 ♣ 1087		♠ 1074 ♥ Q42 ♦ A2 ♣ KQ952
	♠ AQ83 ♥ AJ73 ♦ QJ98 ♣ A		

China v India B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Wen	Thadani	Chen
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Easy led the ♣Q and having won performe with dummy's ♣A declarer played the ♦Q. East won and continued with the ♣2, the defenders cashing four tricks in the suit. When declarer discarded two of dummy's hearts a spade switch meant she was two down, -200.

Note that if South is the declarer in 3NT West needs to find a club lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Dabriwala	Li	Jajoo
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Dble	Pass
2♣	2♦	3♣	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♦3 and declarer won with dummy's ♦A and exited with the ♦2, South winning with the ♦J, cashing the ♠A and then playing the ♠3. Declarer must have been pleased to see the ♠J hold, but there was no way to avoid the loss of three hearts and a club which meant she was two down, -500 and 12 IMPs to **India B**.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ 862 ♦ A7432 ♣ Q872	♠ K9852 ♥ J3 ♦ QJ ♣ 10653		♠ A103 ♥ AQ107 ♦ 105 ♣ KJ94
	♠ QJ64 ♥ K954 ♦ K986 ♣ A		

China v India B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Wen	Thadani	Chen
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♦	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♦10 and declarer won with the ♦Q and played a spade, East taking the ♠A and returning the ♦5. West won and played the ♦3 but declarer ruffed with the ♠K and played a heart. East took the ♥A but that was the last trick for the defence, +620.

It is hardly obvious, but East must switch to a club after taking the ♠A. If declarer cashes dummy's ♠Q and then plays a diamond West wins and now either minor suit will leave declarer a trick short.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Dabriwala	Li	Jajoo
—	—	INT	All Pass

South led the ♠4 and declarer won and played the ♣K. South won performe and continued spades but having cashed four tricks in the suit North switched to the ♥J and declarer had seven tricks, +90, **China** regaining the 12 IMPs lost on the previous deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 76532		
	♥ K82		
	♦ KQ		
	♣ 763		
♠ AQ1094		♠ K8	
♥ QJ3		♥ A64	
♦ A52		♦ J76	
♣ AK		♣ Q10842	
	♠ J		
	♥ 10975		
	♦ 109843		
	♣ J95		



Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 862		
	♥ 95		
	♦ AJ642		
	♣ 1032		
♠ 104		♠ Q953	
♥ 864		♥ 103	
♦ Q97		♦ 1053	
♣ KQJ65		♣ A984	
	♠ AKJ7		
	♥ AKQJ72		
	♦ K8		
	♣ 7		



**China v India B
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Wen	Thadani	Chen
—	—	—	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♦Q and declarer won, unblocked the clubs and played the ♥Q, collecting all the tricks for +520.



Yanqing Chen, China

**China v India B
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Wen	Thadani	Chen
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥

All Pass

- 2♣ Strong
- 2♦ Waiting
- 2♥ Kokish
- 2♠ Forced
- 3♠ Hearts and spades

West led the ♣K and declarer took 11 tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Dabriwala	Li	Jajoo
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥

All Pass

It was the same story here, no swing.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Dabriwala	Li	Jajoo
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♦10 and declarer took 12 tricks to lose an IMP.

Four pairs bid a slam, 6♣ making once and 6NT succeeding three times.

10 pairs bid a slam, but only half of them recorded +1430.

You see the problem.

Having ruffed the second club declarer draws trumps. If you try for a combination play, cashing two more hearts followed by the top diamonds and a spade to the jack you will be a trick short.

It looks best to take the diamond finesse. If the queen is inside but the suit is not 3-3 you will need the spade finesse.

China won 30-22, 12.44-7.56VP.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE BRIDGE MUSEUM ??

Interesting Facts About the Dutch Bridge Museum

♠ The World's Only Bridge Museum

Located in the historic city of **Leerdam, Netherlands**, the Dutch Bridge Museum is widely regarded as the only museum in the world dedicated entirely to the game of bridge. It preserves and celebrates the history, culture, personalities, and achievements of one of the world's most popular mind sports.



♠ Born from a Passionate Private Collection

The museum originated from the personal collection of Dutch bridge enthusiast Gerard Hilte, who began collecting bridge books, magazines, and memorabilia as a young man. What started in a small barn beside his home eventually grew into a unique museum housing one of the largest bridge collections in the world.

♠ A Treasure Trove of Bridge History

The museum's collection includes more than 40,000 bridge-related objects, featuring:

- Historic playing cards
- Rare bridge books and magazines
- Trophies and awards
- Bridge-themed artwork
- Memorabilia, collectibles, furniture, and curiosities associated with the game of bridge.



♠ From Social Pastime to World Championships

Visitors can follow the fascinating evolution of bridge—from its early card-game origins to the modern era of international championships. The exhibits showcase the game's development, innovations, legendary players, and technological advances in competitive bridge.



♠ Leerdam – The Glass City of the Netherlands

The museum is situated in Leerdam, a charming Dutch city renowned worldwide for its glass-making tradition. Located along the scenic River Linge, Leerdam has been associated with fine glass craftsmanship since the 18th century and is often called the “Glass City of the Netherlands.” Its rich heritage, historic architecture, and cultural attractions make it a delightful destination for visitors.

Mixed Emotions



Singapore vs Australia A



Mark Horton

For the second session of day 2 we are back with the Mixed Teams, fifth placed Singapore tackling the team in seventh place, Australia A.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 762		
	♥ 9854		
	♦ 65		
	♣ QJ75		
♠ J983		♠ AKQ54	
♥ Q6		♥ 10	
♦ AJ10843		♦ Q92	
♣ 9		♣ AK102	
	♠ 10		
	♥ AKJ732		
	♦ K7		
	♣ 8643		



Singapore v Australia A

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yuen	Tan	Geromboux	Ong
—	Pass	1♠	3♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♣9 and East won with the ♣K and switched to the ♦2 for the king and ace. Back came a diamond and East won and played the ♣A followed by the ♣10, West ruffing and returning the ♠8. The ♠A and a fourth club was followed by a declaration, five down, -1100.



Christy Geromboux, Australia A

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	Van der Vlugt	Lim	Neumann
—	Pass	1♠	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥K, the only trick for the defence, +480, but 12 IMPs to **Australia A**.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 109832		
	♥ K43		
	♦ 1072		
	♣ K8		
♠ K7		♠ AJ54	
♥ 87		♥ AQ2	
♦ KQ843		♦ 95	
♣ AQ65		♣ 10972	
	♠ Q6		
	♥ J10965		
	♦ AJ6		
	♣ J43		



Singapore v Australia A

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yuen	Tan	Geromboux	Ong
1♣*	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥J and when North played the ♥K declarer ducked, won the ♥3 with the ♥A and ran the ♦9. North won with the ♦10 and returned the ♥4. That meant five tricks for the defence when South could win the next diamond and cash two hearts, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	Van der Vlugt	Lim	Neumann
1NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 3♣ Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ No five-card major
- 3♥ Spades

North led the ♦7 and South took the ♦A and returned the ♦J. Declarer won with the ♦K and played a heart to the queen. When that held nine tricks were assured, and although declarer might have made more, +600 gave **Singapore** 12 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. NISVul.

♠ 1097652 ♥ 9 ♦ 1043 ♣ Q54		♠ A Q 8 4 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ A J 8 7	♠ K ♥ A 10 8 5 ♦ J 7 6 5 ♣ 10 9 6 3
♠ J 3 ♥ Q J 7 4 3 ♦ K Q 8 2 ♣ K 2			

**Singapore v Australia A
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Yuen	Tan	Geromboux	Ong
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

4NT RKCB
 5♣ 4 keycards



West led the ♠9 and declarer put up the ♠A collecting East's ♠K. A low heart to the queen collected West's ♥9, but when West discarded on the next round declarer had only 11 tricks, -100.

The winning move is to start with dummy's ♥K. You will then need to assume that West's ♥9 is a singleton.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	van derVlugt	Lim	Neumann
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Declarer took 11 tricks for +650 and that gave **Australia A** 13 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

**Singapore v Australia A
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Yuen	Tan	Geromboux	Ong
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♦4 and declarer took dummy's ♦A and played the ♥4. When East followed with the ♥3 declarer elected to put in the ♥8, West winning with the ♥J and playing the ♦2. Declarer ruffed the third round of the suit and ran the ♥Q, but when East won there were only nine tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	van derVlugt	Lim	Neumann
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦K and when West followed with the ♦J declarer won and played a club for the king and ace. He was already assured of 10 tricks and small defensive slip resulted in +460 being recorded which meant **Australia A** collected 11 IMPs to lead 37-13.



Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 104	♠ 9	♠ K Q J 5 2
♥ 5	♥ K Q J 10 9 6 3	♥ 8
♦ A J 7 6 5	♦ 10 4	♦ K 9 8 3 2
♣ A K Q 9 5	♣ 6 4 3	♣ J 2

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

East led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ♠A and claimed nine tricks, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lam	van derVlugt	Lim	Neumann
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	4♥	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The play did not last much longer here after the lead of the ♠K, so no swing.

Singapore v Australia A

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yuen	Tan	Geromboux	Ong
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	4♥	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

On the final deal EW held ♠Q103 ♥J9 ♦K743 ♣KJ85 opposite ♠AK9872 ♥8 ♦652 ♣AQ4. The ♦A was onside so there were 11 tricks in spades, **Singapore** winning 6 IMPs when Australia stopped short after South overcalled 2♥ with ♠5 ♥KQ7654 ♦AQ8 ♣1093/

The final score was 38-19, 15.06-4.94 VP in favour of **Australia A**.

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Remains of the Day



Hong Kong China A vs Thailand



Mark Horton

In the final round of the opening day we take a look at the match between Hong Kong China A (fourth) and Thailand (thirteenth).

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

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

Hong Kong China A v Thailand Open Room

West	North	East	South
G Ho	Vichanuwat	W Ho	Thotongkam
1♠	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣*	Dble
4♠	All Pass		

- 3♥ Any splinter
- 4♣ Short club

North led the ♣Q and the defenders were assured of two tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pranonsatid	Lai	Leevorawat	Mak
1♠	Pass	2NT*	3♣
3♥	5♣	6♠	All Pass

2NT 4+♠ game forcing

The same lead but -100 meant 13 IMPs for **Hong Kong China A**.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

Hong Kong China A v Thailand Open Room

West	North	East	South
G Ho	Vichanuwat	W Ho	Thotongkam
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♦7 and when dummy's ♦10 held declarer played a spade to the king. When it held he cashed out for +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pranonsatid	Lai	Leevorawat	Mak
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

South led the ♦2 and when North followed with the ♦6 declarer won with the ♦10. He unblocked the ♦K, crossed to the ♣K and pitched his spade on the ♦A. When a heart to the jack lost to the queen the ♦Q forced declarer to ruff in hand. He ruffed a heart and ran the ♠J but when that lost to the ♠Q and declarer did not ruff the heart return (the ♦9 is best) he was two down, -100 and **Hong Kong China A** had 11 IMPs.



Suttipat Vichanuwat, Thailand



Wai Kit Lai, Hong Kong China A

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Hong Kong China A v Thailand Open Room

West	North	East	South
G Ho	Vichanuwat	W Ho	Thotongkam
—	—	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

4NT RKCB
5♦ 1 keycard

East led the ♦3 and having won trick two with the ♠A West's diamond return saw East ruff for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pranonsatid	Lai	Leevorawat	Mak
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠Q and declarer took the second round with the ♠K and advanced the ♣J, +660 and another 13 IMPs went to **Hong Kong China A.**



Chirawut Thotongkam, Thailand

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

Hong Kong China A v Thailand Open Room

West	North	East	South
G Ho	Vichanuwat	W Ho	Thotongkam
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣J, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pranonsatid	Lai	Leevorawat	Mak
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- 2NT Game forcing, balanced
- 4♣ Splinter
- 4♦ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 keycard
- 5♦ ♠Q?

5♠ would normally deny the ♠Q, but if South held a minimum of six spades it might not be needed.

West led the ♦10 and +980 meant another 11 IMPs for **Hong Kong China A.**

They had run off 48 IMPs in the space of four boards and although the deals that followed were a little quieter, they managed to add another 24 IMPs in bits and pieces to win 72-1, 20-0. They were denied the shut out by an overtrick IMP.

Goa's Floating Heritage- The Ferry



Older version of The Ferry by Mario Miranda

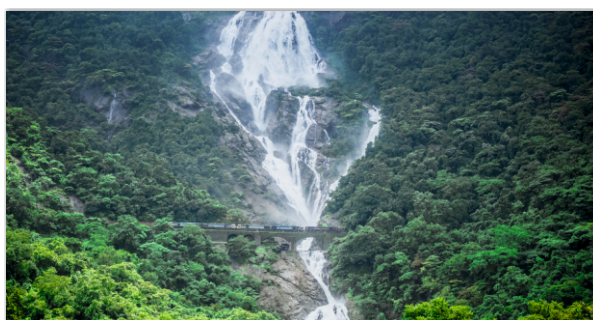
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Last Orders



India A vs Bangladesh B



Mark Horton

The last action on day 2 features the encounter between India A and Bangladesh B, fourth against ninth.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



India A v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Tewari	UI Haque	Mukherjee
—	—	—	1♥
2♠	2NT*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2NT Transfer

Influenced by his club fit, South took a shot at the game bonus, what might be termed a *Landy Game Try* (you bid game and then try to make it).

When East led the ♠3 declarer could play dummy's ♠Q, take the ♠K with the ♠A and play on clubs. East took the second round and played a second spade, but declarer could win, cash four more clubs and take the heart finesse for a splendid +600.

Only the Rueful Rabbit might defeat 3NT, accidentally leading the ♦4 mistaking it for the ♥4.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Roy	Ahasan	Nandi	Rahman
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	Dble*	Pass	INT
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

3♣ made in comfort for +110 but it was 10 IMPs to India A.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



India A v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Tewari	UI Haque	Mukherjee
—	INT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♥ Transfer

South's *Landy Slam Try* (this time you bid a slam and then try to make it) saw East lead the ♣A and switch to the ♠8. Declarer played four rounds of spades pitching two diamonds, crossed to the ♥A and advanced the ♣Q, recording an even more splendid +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Roy	Ahasan	Nandi	Rahman
—	INT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	3♦	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♥ Transfer
4♦ Control
5♦ First round control
5♥ Control

The scientific approach proved to be equally effective.

Here too East led the ♣A and the play was more or less identical to flatten the deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 95		
♥ AJ53		
♦ Q532		
♣ 974		
♠ A762		♠ KJ843
♥ 9		♥ Q76
♦ 1094		♦ K7
♣ AKJ53		♣ Q62
	♠ Q10	
	♥ K10842	
	♦ AJ86	
	♣ 108	

**India A v Bangladesh B
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Tewari	UI Haque	Mukherjee
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	Dble	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥2 and North won with the ♥A and switched to the ♦3. Declarer tried dummy's ♦K and after taking two tricks in the suit North exited with the ♦3. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace and then finessed to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Roy	Ahasan	Nandi	Rahman
—	—	—	2♥*
Dble	4♥	4♠	All Pass

2♥ 5-11, 5+♥ and another suit
The play was identical – no swing.



Sumit Mukherjee, India

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

		♠ AJ6	
		♥ 9863	
		♦ AQ987	
		♣ 4	
♠ K8			♠ 9532
♥ AQJ			♥ 10752
♦ K1064			♦ 32
♣ A875			♣ Q96
		♠ Q1074	
		♥ K4	
		♦ J5	
		♣ KJ1032	

**India A v Bangladesh B
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Tewari	UI Haque	Mukherjee
INT	Pass	2♣*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♣ Stayman

North led the ♦8 and this gruesome contract drifted five down, -500. It could have been worse.



Shah Zia-UI Haque, Bangladesh

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Roy	Ahasan	Nandi	Rahman
INT	All Pass		

North led the ♦8 and declarer won and tried a club for the queen and king, South returning the ♦5. North took his diamonds, declarer discarding the ♥Q. When North exited with the ♥9 declarer dubiously played dummy's ♥10, turning two down into three down, -300. It was still 5 IMPs to **India A**.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ AQ974 ♥ 6 ♦ J107 ♣ AJ43		♠ K63 ♥ Q1083 ♦ 8543 ♣ K9	♠ 5 ♥ AK54 ♦ AK962 ♣ 762
		♠ J1082 ♥ J972 ♦ Q ♣ Q1085	

India A v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Tewari	UI Haque	Mukherjee
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

South led the ♥7 and declarer won with the ♥A and took the spade finesse, North winning with the ♠K and exiting with the ♦3. When the ♦Q fell under the ♦A declarer crossruffed the majors and had 11 tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Roy	Ahasan	Nandi	Rahman
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Kaustabh Nandi, India

South led the ♠J for the queen and king and North switched to the ♥8, declarer winning with the ♥K, crossing to dummy with the ♣A, cashing the ♠A and running the ♦J. South won and played the ♥2 and declarer had only eight tricks, -50 and 10 IMPs to **Bangladesh B**.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A10985 ♥ 10842 ♦ 106 ♣ J8		♠ K732 ♥ J5 ♦ AQ3 ♣ A962	♠ 6 ♥ AKQ96 ♦ K9872 ♣ 74
		♠ QJ4 ♥ 73 ♦ J54 ♣ KQ1053	

India A v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Tewari	UI Haque	Mukherjee
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♦*	Dble	4♥	All Pass

3♦ 7-9, 4+♥

South led the ♣K and continued with the ♣5, North winning and playing two rounds of diamonds. Declarer won, cashed the ♥AK and claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Roy	Ahasan	Nandi	Rahman
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♥*	All Pass		

West's weak raise saw East let matters rest and that meant the loss of 10 IMPs, **Bangladesh B** suddenly ahead 20-15.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ QJ752

♥ K1064

♦ 7

♣ 1097

♠ 986

♥ J87

♦ AQJ1085

♣ 4

♠ —

♥ 952

♦ K963

♣ AKJ862

♠ AK1043

♥ AQ3

♦ 42

♣ Q53

India A v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Tewari	UI Haque	Mukherjee
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	4♠	6♦	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♠Q and declarer ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the ace, played a club to the ace and ruffed a club, South dropping the ♣Q. Declarer took all the tricks for +1740.

It is easy to be wise after the event, but jumps such as East's on this deal usually suggest the presence of a void. You also know that partner is not doubling

because he thinks your side can take two spade tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Roy	Ahasan	Nandi	Rahman
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♣*	4♠	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ Transfer

When South led the ♠K declarer played safely for 12 tricks, +950 and 13 IMPs to **Bangladesh B** who had scored 41 IMPs in the space of 5 boards.

On the final deal of the match East held ♠QJ108742 ♥A ♦AJ8 ♣Q6. When North opened 1♦ UI Haque overcalled 4♠ which was doubled by South who had ♠6 ♥QJ953 ♦KQ ♣K7542. West had ♠A53 ♥108764 ♦32 ♣1093 but there were only nine tricks, -200.

In the replay East overcalled 1♠ and when South doubled West raised to 2♠ which was enough for East to jump to 4♠. There was no double, so **India A** recovered 2 IMPs.

Bangladesh B had won this thrilling encounter 42-17, 16.21-3.79VP.

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