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THE ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS NARROWS

Women's Semifinalists Confirmed as Other Categories Enter a Dramatic Final Push

Three days of intense competition and exceptional bridge have delivered thrilling contests, dramatic swings and memorable performances as teams continue their quest for continental honours. While the **Women's Teams** event has successfully completed its qualification stage and confirmed its semifinalists, the **Men's, Mixed and Seniors** categories are heading into a dramatic finish, with several teams still fighting for the coveted top-four places.

Every remaining match carries enormous importance, every Victory Point matters, and every board could determine who advances to the knockout stage. With the finish line now in sight, the stage is perfectly set for a thrilling conclusion to the round-robin phase of the **5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championships**.

MEN'S TEAMS – China Maintains Control, Semifinal Battle Still Wide Open

With twelve of the fifteen qualifying rounds completed, **China** continues to lead the championship on **163.93 VPs**, maintaining the consistency that has kept them at the summit throughout the tournament. **Hong Kong China A** remains close behind on **159.91 VPs**, ensuring that the race for first place is not far from settled.

India A has produced one of the most consistent campaigns of the championship to occupy third place with **154.19 VPs**, while **Bangladesh B**, the promising package of the event, currently holds the all-important fourth qualifying position on **146.47 VPs**.

However, the race is still alive. **India B**, currently fifth, remains within striking distance and will be looking to finish strongly in the remaining rounds to break into the semifinal positions. With only three rounds remaining, this will be an exciting finish.

WOMEN'S TEAMS – Four Teams Book Their Place in the Semifinals

The Women's Teams competition has become the first event to complete its qualification stage after all **nine rounds** of round-robin play.

China finished as deserving table toppers with an outstanding **127.61 VPs**, displaying remarkable consistency from the opening session. **Indonesia**, who led the early stages of the championship, secured second place on **108.23 VPs**, while **India A** continued its excellent campaign to finish third with **105.39 VPs**.

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.



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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.

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DAY-4 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026
TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

TIME	EVENTS	TBL	CAT.	BBO MATCHES
0930 - 1130 Hrs.	R-13 (Men / Mixed); RR2-5 Seniors	7 24	MEN MIXED	BANGLADESH B Vs. HONG KONG CHINA A THAILAND Vs. CHINA
1150 - 1350 Hrs.	R-14 (Men); RR2-6 Seniors	2 31	MEN SENIORS	HONG KONG CHINA B Vs. INDIA A INDIA A Vs. AUSTRALIA
1450 - 1650 Hrs.	R-15 (Men); RR2-7 Seniors	7 33	MEN SENIORS	INDIA B Vs. BANGLADESH B CHINESE TAIPEI Vs. INDIA B

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

ALL PLAY ALL ROUND ROBIN | EACH ROUND OF 14 BOARDS EACH

Japan successfully held off strong late challenges to clinch the fourth and final semifinal berth with **89.14 VPs**.

Congratulations to **China, Indonesia, India A and Japan** on qualifying for the Women's semifinals after three days of exceptional performances. The **official Women's semifinal draw** will take place during today's **Captains' Meeting**, where the four qualified teams will discover their opponents in the knockout stage.

MIXED TEAMS – Chinese Teams Continue to Dominate

The Mixed Teams Championship has been dominated by the outstanding performances of the Chinese teams. **China A** leads the standings with **152.68 VPs**, narrowly ahead of **China B** on **152.05 VPs**, setting up a fascinating finish to the qualification stage.

Hong Kong China A occupies third place with **140.37 VPs**, while **Japan** currently holds fourth on **128.27 VPs**. However, **Australia A** remains within striking distance, ensuring that the final qualifying round promises an intense battle for the last semifinal place.



SENIORS TEAMS – India B Leads a Closely Contested Field

The Seniors Championship has entered the closing stages of its double round robin, with **eleven of fourteen matches** completed.

India B has emerged as the team to beat, leading the standings with **144.67 VPs** after another series of commanding performances. **Australia** has climbed into second on **133.19 VPs**, while **Chinese Taipei** occupies third with **127.44 VPs**.

Japan currently holds the fourth qualifying position on **113.82 VPs**, but the race remains far from over. **India A** and **Thailand** continue to apply pressure, with the remaining three matches set to decide the final semifinal lineup.

**NOTE ON
CAPTAINS MEETING
FOR KO MATCHES**

-  Captains of the **TOP 4** teams in each category of events viz. Men, Women, Mixed & Seniors are hereby informed that there will be a Captain's Meeting at the **Vu-Graph theatre** between **1720 Hrs to 1800 Hrs** today after the completion of the Round Robin stage.
-  CTD will inform the teams about the **seating rights** and the **Carry Over** process for the **KO Semi-Final & Final** matches.
-  All team captains are kindly requested to be available at the theatre at **1715 Hrs**.

— HEAD OF OPERATIONS —

Important Notes

At the end of the round-robin stage, the top four teams, based on the highest number of Victory Points (Vps), will qualify for the semi-finals. The semi-finals will consist of 48 boards, played with carry-over scores.

The semi-final matchups shall be as follows:

- The 1st-placed team will play against the 4th-placed team.
- The 2nd-placed team will play against the 3rd-placed team.

Each semi-final will be played over three segments of 16 boards each.

The winning teams from the semi-finals will advance to the final, which will also consist of 48 boards with carry-over, played in three segments of 16 boards each.

The team that wins the final will be declared the Gold Medallist.

The winning team will be declared the Gold Medalist. There will be playoff for the Bronze Medal

RESULTS - MEN

Round 9

1	KOREA	KUWAIT	17	45	3.28	16.72
2	HONG KONG CHINA B	THAILAND	27	46	4.94	15.06
3	BANGLADESH A	CHINESE TAIPEI	5	55	0.53	19.47
4	INDIA A	CHINA	32	26	11.87	8.13
5	JAPAN	HONG KONG CHINA A	10	21	6.77	13.23
6	SINGAPORE	BANGLADESH B	22	56	2.37	17.63
7	SAUDI ARABIA	INDIA B	17	30	6.28	13.72
8	AUSTRALIA	BYE		12		0

Round 10

1	KOREA	THAILAND	12	24	6.52	13.48
2	HONG KONG CHINA B	CHINESE TAIPEI	36	29	12.16	7.84
3	BANGLADESH A	CHINA	6	58	0.35	19.65
4	INDIA A	KUWAIT	58	17	18.53	1.47
5	AUSTRALIA	HONG KONG CHINA A	17	62	1.02	18.98
6	JAPAN	BANGLADESH B	16	43	3.45	16.55
7	SINGAPORE	INDIA B	15	66	0.44	19.56
8	SAUDI ARABIA	BYE		12		0

Round 11

1	KOREA	CHINESE TAIPEI	49	22	16.55	3.45
2	HONG KONG CHINA B	CHINA	14	30	5.58	14.42
3	BANGLADESH A	KUWAIT	33	43	7.03	11.97
4	INDIA A	THAILAND	29	15	13.96	6.04
5	AUSTRALIA	BANGLADESH B	43	44	9.67	10.33
6	JAPAN	INDIA B	53	28	16.21	3.79
7	SAUDI ARABIA	HONG KONG CHINA A	47	59	6.52	13.48
8	SINGAPORE	BYE		12		0

Round 12

1	KOREA	CHINA	23	29	8.13	11.87
2	HONG KONG CHINA B	KUWAIT	11	18.85	7.56	12.44
3	BANGLADESH A	THAILAND	57	2	19.91	0.09
4	INDIA A	CHINESE TAIPEI	60	11	19.38	0.62
5	AUSTRALIA	INDIA B	27	12	14.19	5.81
6	SINGAPORE	HONG KONG CHINA A	26	40	6.04	13.96
7	SAUDI ARABIA	BANGLADESH B	15	47	2.66	17.34
8	JAPAN	BYE		12		0

RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

1		CHINA	163.93
2		HONG KONG CHINA A	159.91
3		INDIA A	154.19
4		BANGLADESH B	146.47
5		INDIA B	140.03
6		JAPAN	124.32
7		KOREA	121.88
8		AUSTRALIA	117.10
9		BANGLADESH A	106.87
10		KUWAIT	106.36
11		CHINESE TAIPEI	105.58
12		SINGAPORE	100.40
13		HONG KONG CHINA B	99.48
14		SAUDI ARABIA	96.72
15		THAILAND	76.76



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RESULTS - WOMEN

Round 7

11	HONG KONG CHINA B	JAPAN	13	48	2.23	17.77
12	INDIA A	AUSTRALIA B	39	35	11.28	8.72
13	INDONESIA	CHINA	9	44	2.23	17.77
14	PHILIPPINES	AUSTRALIA A	8	40	2.66	17.34
15	INDIA B	HONG KONG CHINA A	35	21	13.96	6.04











Round 8

11	HONG KONG CHINA B	CHINA	27	27	10	10
12	INDIA A	INDONESIA	24	20	11.28	8.72
13	AUSTRALIA B	INDIA B	35	27	12.44	7.56
14	PHILIPPINES	JAPAN	50	20	17.04	2.96
15	AUSTRALIA A	HONG KONG CHINA A	11	20	7.29	12.71

Round 9

11	HONG KONG CHINA B	INDIA A	14	68	0.17	19.83
12	AUSTRALIA B	INDONESIA	29	39	7.03	12.97
13	CHINA	PHILIPPINES	73	17	19.99	0.01
14	INDIA B	AUSTRALIA A	30	26	11.28	8.72
15	JAPAN	HONG KONG CHINA A	34	49	5.81	14.19

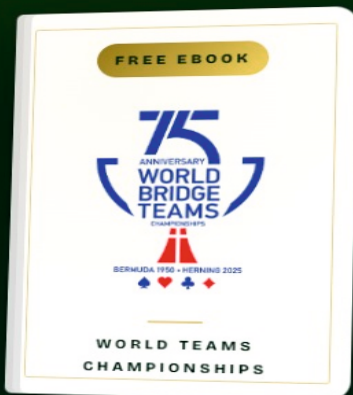
RANKING AFTER 9 ROUNDS

1		CHINA	127.61
2		INDONESIA	108.23
3		INDIA A	105.39
4		JAPAN	89.14
5		AUSTRALIA B	84.40
6		HONG KONG CHINA A	83.44
7		AUSTRALIA A	81.62
8		HONG KONG CHINA B	80.17
9		PHILIPPINES	70.02
10		INDIA B	69.98



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RESULTS - MIXED

Round 9

21	SINGAPORE	CHINESE TAIPEI	44	35	12.71	7.29
22	CHINA B	INDIA A	22	23	9.67	10.33
23	AUSTRALIA A	THAILAND	50	23	16.55	3.45
24	HONG KONG CHINA B	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	19	25	8.13	11.87
25	CHINA A	HONG KONG CHINA A	12	31	4.94	15.06
26	INDIA B	JAPAN (42)	13	38	3.79	16.21
27	AUSTRALIA B	BYE		12		0

Round 10

21	SINGAPORE	THAILAND	18	14	11.28	8.72
22	CHINA B	CHINESE TAIPEI	53	2	19.56	0.44
23	AUSTRALIA A	HONG KONG CHINA B	78	6	20	0
24	INDIA A	JAPAN	28	35	7.84	12.16
25	CHINA A	AUSTRALIA B	26	7	15.06	4.94
26	HONG KONG CHINA A	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	18	40	4.34	15.66
27	INDIA B	BYE		12		0

Round 11

21	SINGAPORE	INDIA A	48	39	12.71	7.29
22	CHINA B	INDIA B	43	52	6.79	12.21
23	AUSTRALIA A	CHINESE TAIPEI	69	25	18.87	1.13
24	HONG KONG CHINA B	THAILAND	35	41	8.13	11.87
25	CHINA A	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	51	27	16.03	3.97
26	AUSTRALIA B	JAPAN	15	29	6.04	13.96
27	HONG KONG CHINA A	BYE		12		0

Round 12

21	SINGAPORE	HONG KONG CHINA B	26	62	2.09	17.91
22	CHINA B	THAILAND	45	32	13.72	6.28
23	AUSTRALIA A	HONG KONG CHINA A	25	38	6.28	13.72
24	INDIA A	CHINESE TAIPEI	40	11	16.88	3.12
25	CHINA A	INDIA B	26	27	9.67	10.33
26	AUSTRALIA B	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	47	31	14.42	5.58
27	JAPAN	BYE		12		0

RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

1		CHINA A	152.68
2		CHINA B	152.05
3		HONG KONG CHINA A	140.37
4		JAPAN	128.27
5		AUSTRALIA A	124.26
6		INDIA B	118.86
7		HONG KONG CHINA B	116.32
8		THAILAND	115.52
9		SINGAPORE	115.14
10		INDIA A	110.65
11		AUSTRALIA B	104.97
12		UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	104.82
13		CHINESE TAIPEI	97.09

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RESULTS - SENIORS

Round 8

31	INDIA A	MALAYSIA	41	21	15.26	4.74
32	BANGLADESH	THAILAND	20	10	12.16	6.28
33	AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	36	24	13.48	6.52
34	JAPAN	INDIA B	7	30	4.15	15.85

Round 9

31	BANGLADESH	INDIA A	33	3	17.04	2.96
32	CHINESE TAIPEI	THAILAND	25	21	11.28	8.72
33	INDIA B	AUSTRALIA	42	24	14.85	5.15
34	MALAYSIA	JAPAN	19	57	1.83	18.17









Round 10

31	CHINESE TAIPEI	INDIA A	48	15	17.49	2.51
32	INDIA B	THAILAND	56	1	19.91	0.09
33	AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA	65	17	19.28	0.72
34	JAPAN	BANGLADESH	27	22	11.58	8.42

Round 11

31	INDIA A	INDIA B	12	49	1.96	18.04
32	THAILAND	MALAYSIA	51	21	17.04	2.96
33	BANGLADESH	AUSTRALIA	20	57	1.96	18.04
34	JAPAN	CHINESE TAIPEI	16	43	3.45	16.55

RANKING AFTER 11 ROUNDS

1		INDIA B	144.67
2		AUSTRALIA	133.19
3		CHINESE TAIPEI	127.44
4		JAPAN	113.82
5		INDIA A	109.94
6		THAILAND	108.41
7		BANGLADESH	107.12
8		MALAYSIA	30.27



2026 ASIA-PACIFIC FALL TRANSNATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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PRIZE

The top 8 of Open Teams, Swiss Cup, Open BAM Final A and Final B, all have prize.

ENTRY FEES, HOTEL RATE & MEAL

Entry fees:	Hotel Rates:
• 1000 US\$ per team for all event	Haitian Hotel (Host hotel)
• 500 US\$ per team for single event	900RMB per room include breakfast.
• 800 US\$ per team for double event	The buffet of lunch and dinner is 398RMB/person.



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- Asia-Pacific Fall Transnational Championships Open Board-a-Match Teams – the side event

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2nd	US\$20,000
3rd	US\$15,000
4th	US\$10,000

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- Registration before 30th June. Stay in at the designated hotel.
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Variation on a Theme

Mark Horton

Care to try your hand at a defensive problem?

You hold the North cards in the situation this situation:

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠	QJ752	♠	—
♥	K1064	♥	952
♦	7	♦	K963
♣	1097	♣	AKJ862

The auction went like this:

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	4♠	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

Appreciating that partner is not doubling on the strength of potential spade tricks you decide to lead the ♥4. Partner wins with the ♥A and continues with the ♥Q, declarer following with the ♥3 and ♥8.

Your move?

If Partner started with three hearts you can play low and your heart king will be the setting trick. However, if you follow with the ♥6, and this is the layout declarer will be in clover:

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠	98	♠	QJ752
♥	J873	♥	K1064
♦	AQJ1085	♦	7
♣	4	♣	1097

♠	AK10643	♠	—
♥	AQ	♥	952
♦	42	♦	K963
♣	Q53	♣	AKJ862

Here you must overtake the ♥Q and play a third heart for partner to ruff.

The solution to this type of problem was first reported by the legendary Victor Mollo. Famous through the exploits of the Hideous Hog and the Rueful Rabbit, he could write well on any subject. Card Play Technique (which he wrote with Nico Gardener) is a timeless classic and all his books are worth searching out. In February 1972, he describes the play in a match between two fierce rivals, the Blue Team and the Aces.

After 56 boards the Aces were leading by one IMP. Ten boards later the Blue Team was 2 IMPs ahead. But now the Italians began to draw away and despite daring and often brilliant rallies by the Aces they went on to win the 140 board match by 84 IMPs.

Many hands stand out and some will surely find an honoured place in the annals of bridge. Foremost among them, perhaps, is this defence by Pietro Forquet.

♠	J10873	♠	KQ
♥	AQ109764	♥	53
♦	—	♦	953
♣	8	♣	AK9753

♠	A95	♠	642
♥	J82	♥	K
♦	J864	♦	AKQ1072
♣	J62	♣	Q104

In both rooms the contract was Four Hearts by North, East-West remaining silent throughout the auction. The play to the first three tricks was, again, the same. East led the king of clubs, saw West's two, and switched to the king of spades. West encouraged with the nine of spades and the queen of spades followed. Thereafter, in the closed room, Belladonna was in command, dummy's diamonds taking care of the three losing spades.

With the spades blocked, could the result be any different in the open room? Commentators and audience alike expected a flat board. Forquet took his time before playing to that third trick. Then, making up his mind, he overtook the queen of spades and gave Garozzo a ruff!

Forquet reasoned that, since Garozzo knew the club position after seeing the two, he would have cashed his ace of clubs had there been room for declarer to have another club. So, somehow, the defence had to take three tricks in spades, and it was significant that Garozzo, knowing that Forquet had the ace of spades, led the queen of spades and not a low one. Maybe, of course, he had the jack of spades too. But maybe he had started with a doubleton. It was a chance and Pietro Forquet was quick to seize it.

Do you see the point?

If South started with three hearts, he should return the lowest card at trick two. But if he returns the ♥Q, it must be because he started with ♥AQ doubleton.

There is another significant factor.

Holding say ♥AQ7 South can play the ♥Q at trick one (especially when defending a notrump contract).

Heatwave



Indonesia vs China



Mark Horton

As temperatures continue to soar in the United Kingdom the pressure is also rising for the teams hoping to qualify for the semifinals in Goa.

We start the day with the clash between first and second in the Women's Teams, Indonesia v China.

The first two deals were straightforward 3NT contracts. On the second of them East, having opened 1NT with ♠K976 ♥A3 ♦K64 ♣AJ72 saw North double partner's 2♣ response. In this situation you usually bid a major if you have one, but you can also redouble to suggest a strong desire to play 2♣ redoubled. It would have been a good move here as it makes with an overtrick, partner having ♠AJ8 ♥K985 ♦A10975 ♣4.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nobira</i>	<i>Wen</i>	<i>Rahayu</i>	<i>Chen</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Dble	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When East led the ♦A her heart switch at trick two was too late, declarer winning with the ♥A and cashing the ♠AK. When East discarded on the second round declarer played on clubs for +420 and 11 IMPs to China.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/WVul.

	♠ AK7653	
	♥ A10	
	♦ K72	
	♣ A4	
♠ Q842		♠ 10
♥ J8765		♥ Q943
♦ J108		♦ AQ654
♣ 10		♣ 853
		♠ J9
		♥ K2
		♦ 93
		♣ KQJ9762



Yanqing Chen, China

Indonesia v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ren</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Tarabunga</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

2♦ Forcing
4NT RKCB
5♦ 0 keycards

East led the ♥3 and declarer won with dummy's ♥K and ran the ♠9, East winning with the ♠10 and playing two rounds of diamonds. Declarer won with the ♦K and cashed the ♠K, but when East discarded she could not avoid going two down, -100.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/SVul.

	♠ 6	
	♥ J732	
	♦ A10732	
	♣ AK8	
♠ 1085		♠ AK9432
♥ Q10654		♥ AK8
♦ 5		♦ 98
♣ Q976		♣ J2
		♠ QJ7
		♥ 9
		♦ KQJ64
		♣ 10543

Indonesia v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ren</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Tarabunga</i>
—	1♦	1♠	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♥K and switched to the ♠K, West following with the ♥4 and ♠10. Exiting with the ♦9 was safe and in due course West collected a club for one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nobira	Wen	Rahayu	Chen
—	1♦	1♠	2♦
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥9 and declarer won with dummy's ♥10 and cashed the ♠AK. When she continued with the ♥A South discarded the ♦K and then pitched the ♦6 on the ♥K. North won the club exit and continued with the ♦3, South winning, cashing the ♠Q and then plying two rounds of diamonds. Declarer could ruff, but had to lose a club at the end, two down, -100 and 7 IMPs to **China**.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ —	
	♥ KJ10632	
	♦ KJ10652	
	♣ 9	
♠ AK965		♠ QJ82
♥ 98		♥ Q7
♦ Q8		♦ A97
♣ KQ75		♣ J642

	♠ 10743	
	♥ A54	
	♦ 43	
	♣ A1083	

Indonesia v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ren	Bojoh	Wang	Tarabunga
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♠*	3♦*	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ Hearts and a minor
3♦ Spade support

West led the ♠K and declarer ruffed in dummy, came to hand with the ♣A and played a diamond to the king. East won and switched to the ♥7, solving declarer's remaining problem, +850.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nobira	Wen	Rahayu	Chen
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♠*	3♦*	3♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Declarer ruffed the spade lead in dummy, cashed the ♥K and continued with the ♥J for the queen and ace. A diamond for the jack and ace meant +1050 and 5 IMPs for **China**, leading 23-0.

You might like to check the BBO record of Board 8 against the official score. It was a routine 4♠ for EW, but Xingsi Ren appeared to have had a blind spot and was set to go down to put Indonesia on the scoreboard. However, an unfortunate discard not only allowed the contract to make, but it also delivered an overtrick and an IMP to **China**.



Desy Noervita Rahayu, Indonesia

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 965	
	♥ AK1076	
	♦ 32	
	♣ KQ10	
♠ 32		♠ AQ
♥ 843		♥ Q52
♦ J1065		♦ AQ74
♣ 9863		♣ J752

	♠ KJ10874	
	♥ J9	
	♦ K98	
	♣ A4	

Indonesia v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ren	Bojoh	Wang	Tarabunga
—	—	INT	2♦*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

2♦ One major
3♣ Asking partner to transfer to her major
3♥ Spades

If 3♣ suggested decent values you could argue that South might have gone on to game. To a certain extent it depends on how weak South is allowed to be to overcall.

East led the ♣2 and declarer won and played a spade, collecting 11 tricks, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nobira	Wen	Rahayu	Chen
—	—	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♦ Spade support

West led the ♦J and declarer was soon in a position to claim 11 tricks, +650 and 10 IMPs to **China**.



Jing Wen, China

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q875	♠ J	♠ A4
♥ 973	♥ AK2	♥ QJ106
♦ AQ104	♦ J975	♦ K862
♣ A3	♣ QJ987	♣ K42
	♠ K109632	
	♥ 854	
	♦ 3	
	♣ 1065	

Indonesia v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ren	Bojoh	Wang	Tarabunga
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♠*	All Pass		

When East doubled it clearly suggested the type of hand she held and West could have jumped to 3NT. Nevertheless she must have been surprised when East passed 2♠.

It was impossible to survive the violation of *Burn's Law*, declarer taking seven tricks for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nobira	Wen	Rahayu	Chen
—	1♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West led a heart and declarer won in dummy and ran the ♠J, West winning and returning a heart. Declarer won and exited with a diamond, East winning with the ♦6, cashing a heart and playing a diamond. Declarer ruffed and played the ♠10, East taking the ♠A and returning the ♥10. When Declarer ruffed with the ♠9 West discarded the ♦A and when declarer was tempted into cashing the ♠K she was three down, -300.

Indonesia had broken their duck to the tune of 9 IMPs, but **China** won 44-9, 17.77-2.23 VP taking them to the top of the table.



Dewita Sonya Tarabunga, Indonesia

The Chinese Encounter



China B vs Chinese Taipei



Mark Horton

When you have been reporting on events for more than 40 years it can be difficult to produce an original title. Although the events in match can sometimes be inspirational, it's a good idea to make sure your file is saved from the start.

In Round 10 of the Mixed Teams China B faced Chinese Taipei and when the first four deals were straightforward games I decided I would have to wait for something to suggest itself as the match unfolded.

Declarer won the club lead with dummy's ♣A, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart and claimed 12 tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Lin	Wu	Yang
1♣	1♥	Dble	2♦
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

Board 20 Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 5		
	♥ AQ10543		
	♦ AQ64		
	♣ 82		
♠ J1098		♠ AQ62	
♥ KJ		♥ 9872	
♦ 83		♦ 97	
♣ KQJ109		♣ 654	
	♠ K743		
	♥ 6		
	♦ KJ1052		
	♣ A73		



China B v Chinese Taipei

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hung	Hu	Hsu	Ding
1♣	1♥	Dble*	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	5♦

All Pass

The South hand presents an interesting bidding problem. One possibility would be to redouble on the first round. South's decision to pass worked well when North introduced diamonds.

East led the ♣4 and declarer won with dummy's ♣A and played a heart for the king and ace. When the ♥Q collected West's ♥J declarer was assured of 10 tricks, +620 to flatten the deal.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ QJ8632		
	♥ —		
	♦ J4		
	♣ AJ1074		
♠ A94		♠ K107	
♥ 743		♥ Q1086	
♦ Q10862		♦ A7	
♣ 86		♣ Q932	
	♠ 5		
	♥ AKJ952		
	♦ K953		
	♣ K5		



China B v Chinese Taipei

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hung	Hu	Hsu	Ding
—	3♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

East led the ♥8 and declarer took dummy's ♥AK pitching diamonds and played a spade for the queen and king. When East tried the ♦A declarer ruffed and exited with a low spade, West winning and returning the ♥3. Declarer ruffed and played the ♠8, West winning and exiting with the ♣6. When declarer played the ♣J East followed with the ♣2 and his ♣Q was eventually the setting trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Lin	Wu	Yang
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Yu Wu, China

East led the ♣2 and declarer won with the ♣7, crossed to the ♣K and played the ♥AKJ. East won and played two rounds of diamonds, West winning with the ♦Q and switching to the ♠9 for the queen and king. When East cashed the ♥10 declarer, down to ♠J86 ♣AJ discarded the ♣J so East's club exit meant he finished four down, -400 and 7 IMPs went to **China B**.



MingChing Yang, Chinese Taipei

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 9 7 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ 4 ♣ K Q J 4 3</p>		<p>♠ Q ♥ A J 10 3 ♦ A Q 9 8 6 ♣ A 9 5</p>	<p>♠ J 6 5 2 ♥ Q 9 8 6 4 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 10 2</p>
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**China B v Chinese Taipei
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Hung	Hu	Hsu	Ding
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

- 2♥ Fourth suit forcing
- 4♠ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♠ 2 keycards + ♣Q
- 5NT Kings?

North led the ♥4 and declarer put in dummy's ♥10, South winning perforce with the ♥K and exiting with the ♣7. Declarer won with dummy's ♣9, cashed the ♦A,

ruffed a diamond and played a heart to the jack. South ruffed and exited with the ♣8 ensuring two down, -100. Naturally, there is a double-dummy way to make 6♣ – just play the ♠Q and run it!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Lin	Wu	Yang
1♣	2♦*	Dble	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

It looks like 2♦ promised the majors. For sure an opening bid of 2♦ would be weak with both majors (could it be that South did not see the 1♣ opening?).

West led the ♣K and switched to the ♦4, East taking the ♦A, cashing the ♣A and then playing the ♦4. West ruffed declarer's ♦K and played the ♣Q, declarer ruffing and playing a heart. East took the ♥A and played the ♦6 (difficult to switch to the ♠Q) which ensured four down, -800 and 14 IMPs to **China B**.



Yu Chang Hung, Chinese Taipei

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J 9 7 4 2 ♥ A 10 ♦ 6 ♣ Q J 5 3 2</p>		<p>♠ A Q 6 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ A K 10 9 3 ♣ 9 8</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 5 ♥ Q 7 3 2 ♦ 8 5 4 2 ♣ A 6</p>
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**China B v Chinese Taipei
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Hung	Hu	Hsu	Ding
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	3♦*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥4 and declarer took dummy's ♥A, cashed the top diamonds pitching the ♥10 and then played the ♠A, collecting South's rabbinical ♠K. A spade to the jack and a spade to the queen were followed by the ♣9 for the four, queen and ace, North exiting with the ♥2. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a club for the eight and ten. When South exited with the ♥K declarer needed to discard from both hands to endplay South. When he ruffed with the ♠6 he was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Lin	Wu	Yang
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	3♦*	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

3♦ Heart support

North started with two rounds of clubs and South won and switched to the ♥4, declarer taking the ♥A, playing a spade to the ace and claiming the rest, +650 and 13 IMPs for **China B**.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ KQ1085		
	♥ 105		
	♦ A3		
	♣ QJ52		
♠ 97		♠ 63	
♥ KQJ82		♥ A943	
♦ 8765		♦ J10	
♣ 93		♣ AK876	
	♠ AJ42		
	♥ 76		
	♦ KQ942		
	♣ 104		

China B v Chinese Taipei

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hung	Hu	Hsu	Ding
—	—	1♣	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

East led the ♣A and West followed with the ♣3. When East's next card was the ♣8 declarer took the rest for +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Lin	Wu	Yang
—	—	1♣	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East cashed the ♣A and switched to the ♥A, continuing with the ♥4 when West followed with the ♥2. West won and went back to clubs for one down, -100 and 13 IMPs to **China B**. They had recorded an emphatic win, 54-2, 19.65-0.35VP.



Weiming Huang, China

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Time Trouble



Chinese Taipei vs India A



Mark Horton

As the number of matches remaining to be played decrease the chasing teams must put their pedal to the metal. Chinese Taipei were in just such a position when they faced India A in the Senior Teams.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AK96	♠ 8752	♠ 1043
♥ J3	♥ 85	♥ AKQ1072
♦ A105	♦ Q864	♦ K97
♣ K1076	♣ Q98	♣ A

♠ QJ	♠ 1043
♥ 964	♥ AKQ1072
♦ J32	♦ K97
♣ J5432	♣ A

In our featured math the teams played in 6♥ and 6NT, but some pairs went all the way and discovered that 13 tricks were possible. If you are in 7♥ you have various chances. In 7NT you might reply of the 25% chance in spades, or play for a squeeze.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q1084	♠ 7	♠ J632
♥ K8	♥ AQJ1074	♥ 9652
♦ Q96	♦ K32	♦ 105
♣ 8652	♣ AQ9	♣ KJ3

♠ AK95	♠ J632
♥ 3	♥ 9652
♦ AJ874	♦ 105
♣ 1074	♣ KJ3

Chinese Taipei v India A Open Room

West Phatarphekar	North Cheng	East Sridhar	South Lin
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

2♣ Fourth suit forcing

Closed Room

West Kuo	North Hegde	East Wu	South Samant
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

2♦ must have been forcing.



Prakash Hegde, India

West led the ♣6 and when declarer put in dummy's ♣Q East won (always a good feeling to topple a grand slam on the opening lead) and it was all downhill after that, declarer finishing five down to score -250, 9 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ Q3	♠ 10964	♠ J872
♥ KQ872	♥ AJ964	♥ 5
♦ K1094	♦ AQ5	♦ 8632
♣ K9	♣ 2	♣ A854

♠ AK5	♠ J872
♥ 103	♥ 5
♦ J7	♦ 8632
♣ QJ10763	♣ A854

With East as declarer 4♠ was safe (a diamond lead from North defeats 4♠!) declarer winning the club lead and drawing trumps for +620 and 13 IMPs to **Chinese Taipei**.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ AJ1092 ♥ J ♦ QJ953 ♣ AK532		♠ Q843 ♥ 1096 ♦ KQ92 ♣ 75	♠ 76 ♥ K4 ♦ J853 ♣ KJ1084
		♠ K5 ♥ AQ87532 ♦ 764 ♣ 6	

Chinese Taipei v IndiaA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Phatarphekar	Cheng	Sridhar	Lin
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
Dble	4♥	5♣	All Pass

South led the ♥A and switched to the ♦7 but the bird had flown, declarer taking dummy's ♦A, drawing trumps and pitching a diamond on the ♥K. You may have spotted the answer. North must bid 4♦ over West's double, ensuring a diamond lead.



R Sridharan, India

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kuo	Hegde	Wu	Samant
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
Dble	4♦	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♠A and continued with the ♠Q, declarer (having unblocked the ♠K) winning with dummy's ♠Q and playing the ♥10. There was nothing to the play, +590 and a massive 15 IMP swing went to **IndiaA**.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 9643 ♥ AKJ4 ♦ A6 ♣ 954		♠ AQJ5 ♥ 7 ♦ Q102 ♣ KJ1076	♠ — ♥ Q109863 ♦ K954 ♣ A32
		♠ K10872 ♥ 52 ♦ J873 ♣ Q8	

Chinese Taipei v IndiaA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Phatarphekar	Cheng	Sridhar	Lin
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

East led a heart and West played the ♥A followed by the ♥K, declarer ruffing and cashing the ♠Q. The 4-0 trump split meant that West could not be denied a diamond ruff, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kuo	Hegde	Wu	Samant
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

South led the ♠2 and declarer was soon claiming, +450 and 4 IMPs to **Chinese Taipei**. They had won 48-15, 17.49-2.51 and remained firmly in the hunt, while IndiaA dropped down to fifth.

Connections



Saudia Arabia v Bangladesh B



Mark Horton

Coincidences frequently occur in day-to-day life. One of my wife's daughters is visiting us at the moment. The family lives in Saudia Arabia, so covering this match from Wednesday's final round seemed a logical choice.

Board 15. Dealer South. NIS Vul.

♠ QJ ♥ J10932 ♦ 9754 ♣ 97		♠ K109876 ♥ 5 ♦ AKQ6 ♣ A8	♠ A5 ♥ 74 ♦ J1083 ♣ J6532
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♠ 432 ♥ AKQ86 ♦ 2 ♣ KQ104

Saudia Arabia v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Daowd	Haque	Suwaigh
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Dble	Rdbl
2♦	4NT*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The meaning of 5♠ is unclear.

When the trump suit did not behave as declarer would have wished he was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Afiouni	Ahasan	Sahab	Rahman
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

4NT	RKCB
5♣	1 keyboard
5♦	♠Q?

It looks like 5♥ denied the ♠Q. That meant 13 IMPs to **Bangladesh B**.

Board 18. Dealer East. NIS Vul.

♠ J ♥ 73 ♦ K842 ♣ AKJ763		♠ KQ10652 ♥ AQ106 ♦ J75 ♣ —	♠ 843 ♥ J842 ♦ Q10963 ♣ 10
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♠ A97 ♥ K95 ♦ A ♣ Q98542

Saudia Arabia v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Daowd	Haque	Suwaigh
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♣	2♠	Pass	3♣
Dble	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♣10 and declarer ruffed, unblocked the ♦A and played to ruff two diamonds for +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Afiouni	Ahasan	Sahab	Rahman
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♣	Dble	All Pass	



Omar Suwaigh, Saudi Arabia

North led the ♠K followed by the ♠10 and declarer ruffed and played the ♦K, South winning and playing a third spade. Declarer ruffed and exited with a heart, North winning, cashing the ♥A and then playing the ♦7. South ruffed dummy's ♦K and tried the ♣Q, but declarer was sure to take six tricks, two down, -300 and 9 IMPs to **Saudia Arabia**.

The defenders get an extra trick if South switches to a heart at trick four provided North wins and returns a diamond. South ruffs and can put partner in with a heart for another diamond ruff, subsequently scoring two more trump tricks.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ 975		
	♥ K8753		
	♦ 5		
	♣ Q1064		
♠ KQ43	N W S E	♠ AJ108	
♥ Q		♥ 962	
♦ AQJ976		♦ K843	
♣ 72		♣ J3	
	♠ 62		
	♥ AJ104		
	♦ 102		
	♣ AK985		

**Saudia Arabia v Bangladesh B
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Daowd	Haque	Suwaigh
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♥	Dble*	2♥
4♠	All Pass		
Dble	4♠		

North led the ♦5 so declarer recorded an overtrick, +650.

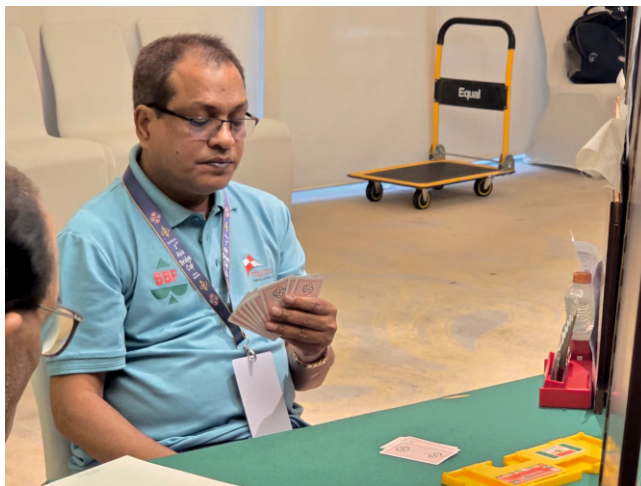


Mohammad Ba Daowd, Saudi Arabia

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Afiouni	Ahasan	Sahab	Rahman
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Dble*	3♦	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦A followed by the ♦Q and declarer ruffed and played a heart to the ace, claiming +420 which meant 14 IMPs went to **Bangladesh B**.



Md. Zahid Hossain, Bangladesh

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ A10975		
	♥ 653		
	♦ A96		
	♣ K4		
♠ 86	N W S E	♠ KJ42	
♥ K9874		♥ —	
♦ K108		♦ J743	
♣ 1087		♣ Q9532	
	♠ Q3		
	♥ AQJ102		
	♦ Q52		
	♣ AJ6		

**Saudia Arabia v Bangladesh B
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Hossain	Daowd	Haque	Suwaigh
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

4NT RKCB
5♥ 2 keycards

West led the ♠8 and East won with the ♠K and returned the ♠2 (a diamond is best). Declarer won with the ♠Q and played the ♥10, West winning and switching to the ♣10. Declarer won with the ♣J, played a club to the king and ran the ♠9 pitching a diamond. West ruffed and tried exiting with the ♦K, but declarer had the rest, one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Afiouni</i>	<i>Ahasan</i>	<i>Sahab</i>	<i>Rahman</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣7 and declarer won with the ♣J and ran the ♠Q, East winning and continuing with the ♣3. Having taken dummy's ♣K declarer played a heart to the queen and West won and fatally switched to the ♦8. Declarer won with the ♦Q, pitched a diamond on the ♣A, crossed to the ♠A, unblocked the ♦A, played a heart to the ace and ruffed a diamond for +620 and 13 IMPs to **Bangladesh B**.



Shah Ziaul Haque, Bangladesh

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J754	♠ A86	♠ 932
♥ 7	♥ J1043	♥ KQA986
♦ AJ842	♦ K106	♦ Q975
♣ 1053	♣ AKJ	♣ 7

♠ KQ10	
♥ A52	
♦ 3	
♣ Q98642	

Saudia Arabia v Bangladesh B

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hossain</i>	<i>Daowd</i>	<i>Haque</i>	<i>Suwaigh</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♥	3♦	Dble*
4♦	Dble	All Pass	

That cost -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Afiouni</i>	<i>Ahasan</i>	<i>Sahab</i>	<i>Rahman</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦5 and West won and returned the ♦2. Declarer won in dummy, unblocked the clubs, came to hand with a spade and took three more clubs. When West discarded all his remaining diamonds two rounds of spades ending in dummy squeezed his partner for a third overtrick, +490 and an unusual push.

Bangladesh B won 47-15, 17.34-2.66VP.

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