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MEN TEAM



WOMENS TEAM



MIXED TEAM



SENIORS TEAM

THE FINAL DEAL: CHAMPIONS CROWNED, FRIENDSHIPS CELEBRATED

Six Unforgettable Days Conclude with Hong Kong China, Indonesia, China and Australia Emerging as Asia's Team Champions

After six unforgettable days of world-class bridge, the curtain came down on the **5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championships** in Goa. From **22 to 27 June 2026**, the championship brought together the finest players from across the Asia-Pacific region in a remarkable celebration of skill, partnership, sportsmanship and friendship.

Throughout the week, teams battled through demanding round-robin schedules before progressing to the highly competitive knockout stage. Every IMP mattered, every session tested resilience, and every partnership demonstrated the preparation, trust and understanding developed over years of competition. The championship culminated with four deserving Team Champions and four outstanding Pairs Champions, bringing a fitting conclusion to one of the strongest editions of the Asia Cup.

A CHAMPIONSHIP BUILT ON TEAM EXCELLENCE

The Team Championships showcased four contrasting yet equally impressive journeys to the podium, each producing memorable moments and worthy champions.

MEN'S TEAMS

The Men's Final proved to be the closest and most dramatic contest of the championship. After edging ahead by just **2.67 IMPs** at the end of the first two segments, **Hong Kong China A** entered the final 16-board segment knowing that every board would be decisive. China mounted a spirited comeback and reduced the deficit board after board, but Hong Kong China A held their nerve when it mattered most. The match was ultimately decided by only **6.67 IMPs**, with Hong Kong China A prevailing **105.67–99**.

The semi-finals had already demonstrated the quality of the finalists. Hong Kong China A overcame a determined Indian team after three closely contested segments, while China defeated Bangladesh with a composed and clinical performance. The final was a fitting climax to a championship that showcased the highest standard of men's bridge.

WOMEN'S TEAMS

One of the most inspiring stories of the championship came from the young Indonesian women's team. Facing an experienced Chinese side with an enviable record in international bridge, the youthful Indonesian players displayed fearless bidding, excellent judgement and remarkable maturity beyond their years.

Having defeated **India A** in the semi-finals with a commanding performance, Indonesia carried that confidence into the final. Their aggressive yet disciplined style enabled them to steadily build an advantage before securing a convincing **121–86 IMP** victory over China. Winning by **35 IMPs**, Indonesia produced the most dominant performance among all four Team Finals and announced the arrival of a new generation of women's bridge champions in Asia.

China reached the final after defeating Japan in another high-quality semi-final, making the Women's Championship one of the most competitive events of the tournament.

MIXED TEAMS

China's extraordinary depth was fully evident in the Mixed Teams Championship, where both finalists represented China. Following convincing semi-final victories by **China A** and **China B**, the title was guaranteed to remain in Chinese hands.

The final produced excellent technical bridge, with **China A** gradually extending their advantage through consistent bidding and accurate defence. They eventually defeated **China B 97–83**, an **IMP margin of 14**, completing a remarkable campaign and underlining China's unmatched strength across multiple partnerships.

SENIOR TEAMS

The Senior Teams once again highlighted the value of experience, patience and sound judgement. Australia entered the final after surviving a highly competitive semi-final against Bangladesh, while **India B** reached the championship match following one of the most dramatic finishes of the tournament, defeating Japan by just **1 IMP** in an unforgettable semi-final.

The final itself remained competitive throughout all three segments. Australia relied on disciplined declarer play and steady defence to maintain control before eventually defeating **India B 80–72.5**, securing the title by **7.5 IMPs**. Although India mounted several determined challenges, Australia's experience proved decisive in the closing boards.

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The closing day also crowned champions in the four Pairs Championships.

The **Men's** and **Mixed Pairs** events featured a two-stage format, beginning with qualifying rounds before the leading pairs advanced to the championship final. The **Women's** and **Senior Pairs** Championships were contested as complete all-play-all events over two days, rewarding consistency across every session.

PAIRS CHAMPIONS

MEN'S PAIRS	Wei Ho & Sun Wei Lee (Chinese Taipei)
WOMEN'S PAIRS	Barbara Travis & Lori Smith (Australia)
MIXED PAIRS	Sui King Chan & Korn Wong (Hong Kong China)
SENIOR PAIRS	Young Hong Cheng & Wei Wei Tsao (Chinese Taipei)

The Pairs Championships once again demonstrated that success in bridge is built upon partnership understanding, precise judgement and consistency over long and demanding competitions.

HCL FRIENDSHIP PAIRS

The championship concluded with the ever-popular **HCL Friendship Pairs**, an event that perfectly reflected the true spirit of bridge.

A total of **24 pairs** competed over **46 boards**, played across **two sessions**, in an atmosphere of friendly competition and international camaraderie.

Friendship Pairs Medal Winners

Arun Bapat & Ajay Khare (India)

MD Alauddin & A. H. M. Kamruzzaman (Bangladesh)

Kamna Sharma & Abhijit Pal (India)

The Friendship Pairs provided a fitting conclusion to the championship, reminding everyone that while trophies and medals celebrate achievement, the friendships forged across the bridge table remain the greatest reward.

From the Bulletin Editor

The Bulletin Editorial Team extends its heartfelt congratulations to every champion, medallist, captain, coach, NPC, tournament director, official and volunteer whose dedication made this championship a tremendous success.

To every participant, thank you for showcasing bridge of the highest quality while embodying the sportsmanship and friendship that define our game.

As the final board has been played and the trophies have been presented, the **5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championships** leaves behind memories that will endure far beyond the score sheets.

For six unforgettable days, **Goa became the home of Asia's bridge family for the second time**. We witnessed remarkable skill, extraordinary partnerships, thrilling finishes, true sportsmanship and friendships that crossed borders, cultures and generations. These championships reminded us that while champions are remembered for their victories, bridge itself is celebrated for the respect, trust and lifelong friendships it creates.

On behalf of the Bulletin Editorial Team, we extend our sincere gratitude to the **Asia Pacific Bridge Federation**, the **Bridge Federation of India**, all participating National Bridge Organisations, tournament directors, technical officials, volunteers, sponsors, media partners and every player whose contribution made this championship a memorable success.

Congratulations to every champion and medallist.

Thank you for making the 5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championships an unforgettable celebration of bridge.

Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you all again at the next Asia Cup.

5th BONUS ASIA CUP BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

22 - 27 JUNE 2026 | GOA, INDIA

OVERALL MEDAL TALLY

(TEAMS & PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS – FRIENDSHIP PAIRS EXCLUDED)

RANK	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	HONG KONG CHINA	2	0	2	4
2	AUSTRALIA	2	1	0	3
3	CHINESE TAIPEI	2	0	0	2
4	CHINA	1	3	0	4
5	INDONESIA	1	0	0	1
6	INDIA	0	3	1	4
7	JAPAN	0	1	3	4
8	MALAYSIA	0	0	1	1
9	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0	0	1	1

★ *Congratulations* ★

to all the champions and medal winners!

Thank you to all the players, captains, officials, volunteers and partners for making the 5th Bonus Asia Cup Bridge Championships a grand success.

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CHAMPIONS BY EVENT

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Men Teams : Hong Kong China A China India
- Women Teams : Indonesia China Japan
- Mixed Teams : China A China B Japan
- Senior Teams : Australia India B Japan

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Women Pairs : Barbara Travis & Lori Smith Savleen Thadani & Sadhana Gupta Hor Yung Charmian Koo & Suet Yu Zoe Li
- Men Pairs : Wei Ho & Sun Wei Lee George Kozakos & Hugh Grosvenor Chi Cheung Baron Ng & Cheuk Lun Aaron Hui
- Senior Pairs : Youngkong Cheng & WeiWei Tsao Subir Majumder & Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee Mangalore Vasanth Pai & Ian Robert Irving
- Mixed Pairs : Suk King Chan & Korn Wong K. Miyakuni & A. Miyakuni Timur Edis & Elvan Edis

All Results on
bonusasiacup2026.com

FINALS & PLAY-OFF

MEN		C/O	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
FINAL	 Hong Kong China A	2.67	45	28	30	105.67
	 China		33	27	39	99
PLAY-OFF	 India A		38	40	55	133
	 Bangladesh B	8.33	37	29	25	99.33
WOMEN		C/O	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
FINAL	 Indonesia		34	46	41	121
	 China	12	42	21	11	86
PLAY-OFF	 Japan	3.67	39	33	37	112.67
	 India A		31	19	30	80
MIXED		C/O	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
FINAL	 China B		22	29	32	83
	 China A	12	29	27	29	97
PLAY-OFF	 Australia A		36	27	81	144
	 Hong Kong China A	6.5	28	27	9	70.5
SENIOR		C/O	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
FINAL	 India B	5.5	8	28	31	72.5
	 Australia		33	31	16	80
PLAY-OFF	 Bangladesh	12	5	43	26	86
	 Japan		73	28	52	153

PAIRS RESULTS - FINAL

MEN

Rank	Players	Score
1	Wei Ho & Sun Wei Lee	260.00
2	George Kozakos & Hugh Grosvenor	243.00
3	Chicheung Baron Ng & Cheuk Lun Aron Hui	236.00
4	Jia Ke & Stephen Robinson	232.00
5	Fraser Rew & Joachim Haffer	230.00
6	Sayantan Kushari & Kaustubh Bendre	223.00
7	Bassem Afioni & Abdul Hakim Sahab	218.00
8	Sandip Datta & Gopinath Manna	217.00
9	Seongseok Kang & Seungjin Roh	214.00
10	Hiroki Yokoi & Yuki Harada	209.00
11	Yian Hung & Hsueh-hsien Liu	194.00
12	Naimul Hassan & Mohammad Ehsanuzzaman	164.00

MIXED

Rank	Players	Score
1	Suk King Chan & Kon Wong	262.40
2	K Miyakuni & A Miyakuni	246.60
3	Timur Edis & Elvan Edis	241.60
4	Peeracha Suriya & Jittakan Pachimsawat	238.00
5	Yu Chang Hung & Chun Wei Hsu	229.60
6	Toshihiro Katsube & Masako Katsube	219.20
7	William O'shea & Vanessa Brown	217.40
8	Keyzad Anklesaria & Vidhya Patel	217.00
9	Chih Chung Lin & Mingching Yang	216.40
10	Kiran Nadar & Bachiraju Satya	202.00
11	Justin Mill & Jane Rennie	184.80
12	Jaturong Sasibut & Ratpraorn Uthai	165.00

SENIORS

Rank	Players	+/-	Score
1	Younghong Cheng & Weiwei Tsao		316.80
2	Subir Majumder & Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee		303.60
3	Mangalore Vasanth Pai & Ian Robert Irving		275.00
4	Ching Liang Wu & Chiehi Kuo		273.90
5	Vijay Phatarphekar & Ramamurthy Sridharan		272.80
6	Esther C Sophonpanich & Somchai Baisamut		270.60
7	Anand Keshav Sakharam Samant & Prakash Hegde		268.40
8	Panjaroon Jariyanantaneer & Wanna Amornmeswarintara		246.40
9	Sanguan Limcharoenchat & Chalermopol Wongwaiwit		244.20
10	Te Tung Cheng & Hsi Chi Lin		243.10
11	Mahinder Singh Randhawa & Ruth Telford Randhawa		189.20

PAIRS RESULTS - FINAL

WOMEN

Rank	Players	Score
1	Barbara Travis & Lori Smith	577.35
2	Savleen Thadani & Sadhana Gupta	519.11
3	Hor Yung Charmian Koo & Suet Yu Zoe Li	515.77
4	Mary Cristy Ann De Guzman & Mylene Encontro	515.46
5	Pauline Ling & Tsz Kiu Janice CHENG	494.82
6	Wai Man Flora Wong & Hoi Ning Yeung	494.70
7	Gemma Tan & Jenel Frances Ramos	489.81
8	Gwyneira Brahma & Deana Wilson	477.82
9	Jane Reynolds & Viv Wood	470.11
10	Monica Jajoo & Jesal Dabriwala	467.53
11	Carolyn Miller & Pamela NISBET	464.95
12	Pui Yi Pearlie Chan & Sau Yin Joyce Tung	460.82
13	Karen Creet & Judith Tobin	455.05
14	Faith Tislevoll & Victoria Egan	443.52
15	Wendy Ho Simpson & Wai Fong Nancy Neumann	425.91
16	Aditi Sahasrabuddhe & Manisha Anand Jamenis	417.26
17	Lydia Wai Yee Fung & Kwai Yin Cheung	402.38

FRIENDSHIP PAIRS RESULTS - FINAL

Rank	Players	Score
1	Arun Bapat & Ajay Khare	616.64
2	MD Alauddin & A H M Kamruzzaman	599.00
3	Kamna Sharma & Abhijit Pal	586.82
4	Nikita Kamal & Arun Kumar Sinha	569.91
5	Rashedul Hasan Ripon & Bishwajit Saha	562.55
6	Deepa Jacob & Prosenjit Manna	546.73
7	Anantvikram Somani & Maneesh Bahuguna	538.27
8	Marianne Karmarkar & Sandeep Karmarkar	537.64
9	Kai Yin Tam & Kwok Hung Kong	535.91
10	Daehong Kim & Daniel Puerto	534.64
11	Leo Lam & Xunchang Fang	524.91
12	Keshav Prasad Mathur & Narendra Kumar Sharma	523.64
13	Sherif Noshay & Khalifa Alsbah	516.04
14	Shunsuke Morimura & Tadashi Teramoto	504.82
15	TAMER MAMDOUH ABBAS MOHAMED & Manju Law	501.82
16	Nikolas Moore & Rachel Langdon	483.85
17	Sukhjinder Gupta & Uttam Gupta	473.73
18	Rupa Bakeri & Kaustubh Deodhar	473.27
19	Derek Maggs & Yiu Lin Chan	466.82
20	Prasad Keni & Jenny Thompson	444.82
21	Mohammad Arifur Rahman & Md Rashebul Hasan	416.91
22	C Sathish Kumar & D V Ravi	411.27
23	Prakash Gupta & Chanchal Dass	402.00
24	Ming Lok David Lam & Jenell Yi Jun Lim	380.82

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY



Men's Team



Women's Team



Senior's Team

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY



Mixed Team



Men's Pairs



Women's Pairs



Senior's Pairs



Mixed Pairs

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CHINA



Gang Chen
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Chuancheng Ju
(Captain)



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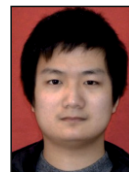
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INDIA A



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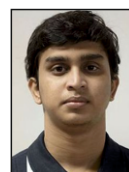
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INDONESIA



Lusje Olha Bojoh
(Captain)



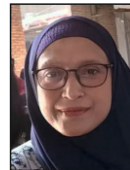
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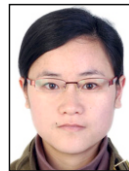
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Jing Wen



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Yan Wang



Ya Li

JAPAN



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Sayori Harasawa



Motomi Shirogane



Yuko Noda

Roll of Honour: Mixed Team

CHINA A



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Mei An

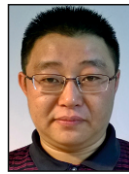
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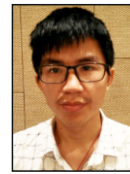
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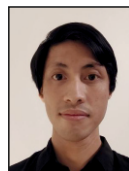
AUSTRALIA A



Matthew Thomson
(Captain)



Cathryn
Herden



Sebastian Yuen



Christy
Geromboux



Maurits Van
Der Vlugt



Dagmar
Neumann

Roll of Honour: Senior's Team

AUSTRALIA



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David Hudson



Michael Courtney



Paul Lavings

INDIA B



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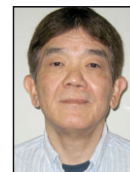
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Roll of Honour: Pair's




MEN'S

- Gold :  Wei Ho & Sun Wei Lee
Silver :  George Kozakos & Hugh Grosvenor
Bronze :  Chieung Baron Ng & Cheuk Lun Aaron Hui




WOMEN'S

- Gold:  Barbara Travis & Lori Smith
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Karma

Hong Kong China A vs China

Mark Horton


There is something highly satisfying when good or bad luck strikes, especially when it arises as a result of the actions you take at the bridge table. We would have to wait and see how it might play a part in determining the outcome of the finals.

We start with the first session of the Men's final, Hong Kong China A enjoying a carryover of 2.67.

A straightforward game on the opening deal settled the nerves. On the next deal EW held ♠86 ♥985 ♦AKJ1064 ♣92 facing ♠KQJ74 ♥AJ743. After 1♠-INT-2♥-3♦ East let matters rest for Hong Kong China A while in the other room the auction went 1♠-INT-(2♣)-2♥-(3♣)-3♦-All Pass.

North held ♠953 ♥KQ ♦Q7 ♣KQ8743, so with careful play you could make 4♥.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ AKJ1095 ♦ 6 ♣ AJ954		♠ KJ8632 ♥ 84 ♦ A9 ♣ KQ8	♠ A4 ♥ 6 ♦ QJ107543 ♣ 762
		♠ Q975 ♥ Q732 ♦ K82 ♣ 103	

Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Mak	Ju	Lai
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣*	3♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

2♣ Diamonds

East led the ♥6 and West won with the ♥9 and switched to the ♦6. Declarer took the ♦A and played a spade, East winning and returning the ♦Q. Declarer won in dummy, drew trumps and lost a club for one down, -100.

If West continues with two more rounds of hearts East can discard two clubs, win the first spade and then play a club, securing a ruff for two down.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
G Ho	Chen	W Ho	Cai
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♦*	2♠
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♠3 and declarer took dummy's ♠A, played a heart to the jack, cashed the ♥A, the ♣A and exited with the ♣J. North won with the ♣Q and played the ♠K, declarer ruffing and exiting with a club. North won and played the ♠8 and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥K and claimed for one down when North discarded, -200 and 7 IMPs to **China**.

On Board 5 EW were looking at ♠AKJ53 ♥AQ106 ♦AQ64 ♣- and ♠9 ♥73 ♦J10985 ♣AK1065. Both sides sailed into 6♦. Lady luck had determined that the ♦K was onside so you could take all the tricks.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AQ842 ♥ K983 ♦ A9 ♣ KQ		♠ 10765 ♥ AJ7 ♦ J2 ♣ 10986	♠ KJ3 ♥ Q1064 ♦ 10874 ♣ 74
		♠ 9 ♥ 52 ♦ KQ653 ♣ AJ532	



KwokFai Mak, Hong Kong China

Board 12. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ6		♠ 543
♥ AK32		♥ Q974
♦ 2		♦ QJ76
♣ J10875		♣ AQ
♠ J97		
♥ 10865		
♦ AK93		
♣ 94		
	♠ K1082	
	♥ J	
	♦ 10854	
	♣ K632	



Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Mak	Ju	Lai
Pass	2♣*	Dble	3♣
Dble	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ 11-15 6+♣ or 5♣+4♥/♠

West led the ♦A and when East followed with the ♦J he continued with the ♦3, declarer ruffing in dummy and playing the ♣J for the queen, king and four. Declarer cashed the ♥AK pitching a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and exited with a club. East won and played a spade and when the ♠10 lost that was one down, -100.

Although we can see the contract can be made, the bidding did not suggest spades would be breaking.



Jien Chen, China

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
GHo	Chen	WWho	Cai
Pass	2♣*	Dble	3♣
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

2♣ 11-15 6+♣ or 5♣+4♥/♠

East led the ♦Q and continued with the ♦6, declarer ruffing and playing a club. That was 11 tricks, +150 so 6 IMPs to **China**.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ AKJ2		♠ 97654
♥ A		♥ QJ1042
♦ J1092		♦ A43
♣ Q843		♣ —
♠ Q3		
♥ 985		
♦ 765		
♣ A10962		
	♠ 108	
	♥ K763	
	♦ KQ8	
	♣ KJ75	



Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Mak	Ju	Lai
—	—	—	INT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Dble	3NT
All Pass			

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

West led the ♥5 to dummy's ♥A and declarer played on diamonds, East winning the third round and returning the ♥Q. Declarer ducked, won the next heart, played a club to the queen, cashed the ♦J and played a club, which resulted in 10 tricks being made, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
GHo	Chen	WWho	Cai
—	—	—	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦*	2♥	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 1♦ 0+♦ normally 11-15
- 2♦ Artificial game force

West led the ♥5 to dummy's ♥A and this time declarer guessed to play a club to the king, West winning as East pitched the ♠7. With East's entry intact there were only eight tricks, -50 and 10 IMPs to **Hong Kong China A**.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

	♠ Q 10	
	♥ A Q J 2	
	♦ A 10 2	
	♣ A Q 9 6	



Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Mak	Ju	Lai
—	Pass	1♦*	Dble
2♦	Pass	Pass	2NT
3♣	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♥10 and continued with the ♥9, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond for the seven, queen and ace. When South switched to the ♣6 and the ♣J held declarer cashed the ♦K, ruffed a diamond and played a club. South went up with the ♣A and switched to the ♠Q so now there were only eight tricks, one down, -200.

Having ruffed a diamond declarer should ruff a heart, cross to dummy with a spade, ruff a heart, go back to

dummy with a spade and lead a third spade, scoring the ♣K en passant.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
GHo	Chen	W Ho	Cai
—	Pass	1♣	Dble
2NT*	Pass	3♣	All Pass

South led the ♠Q, declarer winning with the ♠A and playing a club to the jack. When a diamond to the queen held declarer continued with the ♦6 and South won and played the ♥A followed by the ♥J. Declarer won and played a club and South took the ♣A, the last trick for the defence, +130.

It was 8 IMPs to **Hong Kong China A** and at the end of the session they led by 14.67.



Yang Cai, China

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Hong Kong China A vs China

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We stay with the Men's final, the closest of the four gold medal matches, with China hoping for a different outcome.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Hong Kong China A vs China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Lai</i>	<i>Cai</i>	<i>Mak</i>
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♠K and switched to the ♥8. Declarer won with the ♥K, played a diamond to the queen and the ♠J. When it held another spade saw West win and switch to the ♣J, East taking the ♣A and returning the ♥Q for West to ruff, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G Ho</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>W Ho</i>	<i>Dong</i>
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♦	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	4♣	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♠2 and West took the king and ace and then played the ♠4, East ruffing and switching to the ♥Q. Declarer won with dummy's ♥K, played a diamond to the jack, cashed the ♦A and exited with the ♦Q, West winning and returning the ♣Q. East won with the ♣A

and played the ♥9 and had to score a heart at the end, three down, -500 and 9 IMPs to **Hong Kong China A**. On this layout declarer can save a trick by winning the heart switch in hand and playing diamonds.

On Board 19 NS held ♠K103 ♥6 ♦AKQJ5 ♣9654 and ♠AQJ98752 ♥QJ9 ♦97632 ♣1087 — both teams reaching 6♠ and taking all the tricks when West did not lead a heart.

On the next deal South held ♠AK53 ♥109 ♦AK954 ♣K3 and saw West open 1♠ and East respond 1NT. They both bid 2♦. Lai passed but then bid 3♦ over East's 2♥, ending the auction. Shen bid 3♦ immediately and Dong tried 3NT. Given that partner has not shown a good raise by bidding 2♠ it was an aggressive move. Dummy produced only ♠62 ♥876 ♦QJ87 ♣J654 and 3NT was one down, while 3♦ made in comfort, 6 IMPs going to **Hong Kong China A**.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Wai Kit Lai, Hong Kong China

Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	Lai	Cai	Mak
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	2♥	Dble*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♥2 and declarer took the third round of the suit discarding dummy's ♠2. Declarer cashed five clubs and played three rounds of diamonds, but North won with the jack and the defenders took the last two tricks with the ace and king of spades, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
GHo	Shen	WHo	Dong
—	Pass	1♣*	1♥
Dble*	2♥	Dble	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣ 11-21 (can be 5♦ balanced)

Here declarer took South's ♥J at trick one with the ♥A and cashed five clubs before exiting with a heart (South had discarded the ♥8 and the ♠6 and the ♦910). North won with the ♥Q and returned the ♦4 for the two, queen and king and declarer played the ♠5. When North put up the ♠A collecting partner's ♠K declarer had acquired a ninth trick, +600 and 12 IMPs to **Hong Kong China A**.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 83	♠ AKJ10	♠ 974
♥ Q106	♥ J75	♥ AK9432
♦ AJ10542	♦ 98	♦ K
♣ 98	♣ K542	♣ A73

♠ Q652	♠ 974
♥ 8	♥ AK9432
♦ Q763	♦ K
♣ QJ106	♣ A73

Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	Lai	Cai	Mak
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦*	1♥	Dble*
2♦*	2♠	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

1♦ 2+♦ 11-13 balanced or 11-15 unbalanced
2♦ Heart support

Declarer lost two spades and a club, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
GHo	Shen	WHo	Dong
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

North started with three rounds of spades and declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the king, a heart to the queen and cashed the ♦A, discarding dummy's ♣3 (a heart is best). South won the next diamond and switched to the ♣Q. Declarer took the ♣A, but could not avoid a heart ruff which meant one down, -50 and 10 IMPs to **China**.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J9742	♠ KQ	♠ A10
♥ 93	♥ AKQ10642	♥ J7
♦ AJ104	♦ Q53	♦ 82
♣ 75	♣ K	♣ AQJ10643

♠ 8653	♠ 8653
♥ 85	♥ 85
♦ K976	♦ K976
♣ 982	♣ 982

Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	Lai	Cai	Mak
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	4♣	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ 16+ unbalanced or 17+ balanced

East led the ♣A and declarer had to go one down, -100.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
GHo	Shen	WHo	Dong
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♥8 and North took to tricks in the suit and then switched to the ♠K. That was enough for one down, but having won did not cash the ♣A, preferring to play the ♠10. North won and switched to the ♦3 and when declarer, having taken South's ♦K with dummy's

♦A played the ♠J North ruffed with the ♣K, eventually scoring the ♦Q for two down, -300 and 9 IMPs to **China**.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	Lai	Cai	Mak
1♦*	2♣	2♦	Dble*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♦ 0+♦ normally 11-15

West led the ♦A and continued with the ♦6, declarer pitching the ♠3 on dummy's ♦K. He played two rounds of spades and West won and switched to the ♣6, declarer winning with the ♣K, cashing the ♥A and playing a spade. West ruffed with the ♥9 and had to score another trump trick for one down, -50.

When West's ♠K appeared on the first round of the suit declarer had an interesting possibility. If he ruffs a

diamond and cashes the ♥AK he can then play of clubs, finessing against West's ♣Q. Having pitched a spade on the ♣J he ruffs a club and exits with a spade forcing West to win and surrender a heart trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
G Ho	Shen	W Ho	Dong
Pass	INT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♣ Hearts

East led the ♣10 and declarer took West's ♣Q with the ♣A and cashed the top hearts. He unblocked the ♣K and played the ♦Q, West winning and switching to the ♠K, ensuring one down and a flat board.

If declarer takes East's ♥Q at face value he can cash the ♣K and can then get home by playing a spade to the ace and pitching the ♦Q on the ♣J or by simply playing the ♦Q. At some point West can be endplayed to lead into declarer's ♥A10.

Hong Kong China A took the session 28-27 adding an IMP to lead by 15.67.



Chuancheng Ju, China




The End of the Line

Hong Kong China A vs China

Mark Horton

Before we complete our coverage of the Men's Final, I would like to compliment everyone about the general excellence of their system cards. It makes like much easier, especially when you are working remotely.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A 6 4 3 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ K J 4 ♣ A 9 2</p>		<p>♠ K J 5 ♥ Q 8 ♦ A Q 9 6 2 ♣ K 10 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ K J 5 4 3 2 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ J 6</p> <p>♠ Q 8 7 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ 5 3 ♣ Q 8 7 5 4</p>
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Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	W Ho	Cai	G Ho
—	—	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Dble	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

2♣	Stayman
2♦	No major
3♦	5♦


South led the ♥10 and North won with the ♥K and returned the ♥2 to declarer's ♥Q. Declarer crossed to the ♦J and cashed the ♥A, South discarding the ♦5 as declarer pitched the ♣10. Declarer cashed the ♦K and when South discarded the ♣7 he was known to have started with nine black cards. Declarer cashed the top clubs and played three more diamonds. The last of these saw South down to ♠Q87 ♣Q forced to part with a spade and declarer made no mistake, cashing the top spades for a magnificent +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	Ju	Lai	Shi
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣5, declarer winning with the ♣K, crossing to the ♦J and playing a spade to the jack. That meant 11 tricks, +460 and 11 IMPs to **China**.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J 8 4 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ K 8 7 6 2 ♣ Q 7</p>		<p>♠ A 10 7 5 ♥ Q 8 7 6 3 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 9 6</p> <p>♠ K Q 9 3 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ J 8 3</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ A K J ♦ J 10 4 ♣ A K 10 5 4 2</p>
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Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	W Ho	Cai	G Ho
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Dble	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

2♣ Both majors 54+ 4-10

North led the ♠A and continued with the ♠5, declarer ruffing in dummy and running the ♦J. When it lost to the ♦Q North played a third spade which ensured two down. When declarer allowed North to score a club ruff the contract was three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	Ju	Lai	Shi
—	—	—	1♦*
Pass	1♥	2♣	Dble*
Pass	2♥	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	
1♦	0+♦ 10-14 balanced or 10-15 unbalanced		
Dble	Heart support		

East cashed two clubs and waited for his heart tricks, two down, -100 and 9 IMPs to **Hong Kong China A**.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 1073 ♥ 8 ♦ AK962 ♣ AQ87</p>		<p>♠ A865 ♥ A9 ♦ QJ85 ♣ 962</p>	<p>♠ QJ9 ♥ KQ7654 ♦ — ♣ K1043</p>
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Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>W Ho</i>	<i>Cai</i>	<i>G Ho</i>
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

- 1♦ 0+♦ normally 11-15
- 2♠ Fourth suit forcing

When North led the ♣2 declarer could win with the ♣8, pitch two spades on the ♦AK and play a heart. North took the ♥A and played two rounds of spades but declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed a top heart, ruffed a heart high and drew trumps ending in dummy for +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mak</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Lai</i>	<i>Shi</i>
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

- 1♦ 2+♦ 11-13 balanced or 11-15 unbalanced

North led the ♣2 and declarer won, pitched a spade on a top diamond and then played a heart, finishing with nine tricks, +110 and 10 IMPs to **China**.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 94 ♥ J87 ♦ 8752 ♣ Q1085</p>		<p>♠ QJ83 ♥ 42 ♦ AKQJ9 ♣ J2</p>	<p>♠ AK75 ♥ AQ10965 ♦ 64 ♣ 6</p>
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Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>W Ho</i>	<i>Cai</i>	<i>G Ho</i>
—	—	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♥J and East took the ♥A and continued with the ♥Q, declarer winning and cashing out for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mak</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Lai</i>	<i>Shi</i>
—	—	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♦	Dble	3♣
Pass	3♥*	Dble	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♥7 for the four, nine and king and declarer took his winners for one down, -100 giving **Hong Kong China A** 2 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q109865 ♥ 864 ♦ KQ43 ♣ —</p>		<p>♠ K ♥ K107 ♦ 106 ♣ QJ109763</p>	<p>♠ AJ742 ♥ A9 ♦ A9852 ♣ 5</p>
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<p>♠ 3 ♥ QJ532 ♦ J7 ♣ AK842</p>

Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	W Ho	Cai	G Ho
—	—	—	1♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	All Pass

That was +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	Ju	Lai	Shi
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♥*	4♣
4♠	5♣	6♠	Pass
Pass	7♣	Dble	All Pass

That was four down in top tricks, -1100, and 9 IMPs to Hong Kong China A..

No one bid diamonds, the suit in which EW can make a grand slam.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	W Ho	Cai	G Ho
1♥	2NT*	3♥	5♣
5♥	Dble	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2NT Minors

5♥ doubled might have been expensive —♠A, a low diamond switch, spade ruff, low diamond, spade ruff, but South decided to take out insurance.

West led the ♥A and the ♣A was the setting trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	Ju	Lai	Shi
1♠	2NT*	Pass	5♣
5♥	Pass	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2NT Minors

West led the ♥K, no swing. The session score was 22-21 to Hong Kong China A.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

Hong Kong China A v China

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	W Ho	Cai	G Ho
—	1♦	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

3♦ Looking for a stopper

When East raised hearts it was a fair shot for West to continue with 4♠. It was alerted and was possibly RKCB. (If it was a control East might have jumped to 6♣.) Whatever, it got EW to the slam that scored +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	Ju	Lai	Shi
—	1♦*	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass

When South led the ♠Q declarer took all the tricks, +640 giving China 12 IMPs.

Bidding 4♦ over 3♠ would have kept the ball in play, but it's tough to reach 6♣.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 65
♥ 974
♦ 83
♣ AQJ875

♠ 10973
♥ AJ10
♦ K976
♣ 96



♠ QJ8
♥ Q865
♦ J104
♣ K32

♠ AK42
♥ K32
♦ AQ52
♣ 104

Both teams reached 4♠

West led the ♦8 and declarer won with the ♦A, cashed the ♠AK, eliminated the diamonds and claimed. There was no need to guess the location of the ♥Q. Board 15 saw **China** make INT and 2♦ for 5 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J106
♥ A642
♦ —
♣ AJ10654



♠ AK75
♥ 73
♦ AJ962
♣ 73

♠ 9842
♥ J85
♦ K8
♣ KQ82

♠ Q3
♥ KQ109
♦ Q107543
♣ 9

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	W Ho	Cai	G Ho
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	—
2♥	Dble	3♣	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♣	4♦

All Pass

2♣ 11-15 6+♣ or 5♣+4♥/♠

West led the ♠J, so declarer took 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	Ju	Lai	Shi
2♣*	2♦	3♣	5♦

All Pass

2♣ 11-15 6+♣ or 5♣+4♥/♠

Game on a finesse through the opening bidder is a fair prospect but East led the ♣K and with the ♦K misbehaving the battle was lost, one down giving **Hong Kong China A** 5 IMPs and the title!

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