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**CONGRATUALTIONS TO CHINA AND
JAPAN FOR CAPTURING THE FIRST
BERTHS TO THE VENICE CUP AND
WORLD JUNIOR RESPECTIVELY**

43rd PABF Championships - Open Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (1/7/05)		
	VP	IMP Quotient
1 China (CHAMPION)	411	1.8050
2 Chinese Taipei	373	1.4141
3 Australia	344	1.1705
4 Indonesia	335	1.1282
5 New Zealand	333	1.0962
6 China Hong Kong	331	1.0910
7 Japan	325.5	1.0971
8 Singapore	311	1.0189
9 Thailand	275.5	0.8515
10 China Macau	245	0.6735
11 Philippines	241	0.6724
12 Korea	224	0.6276

Today's VU Graph Schedule

10:00 session Seniors Australia - China

14:00 session Open China – Indonesia

17.30 session PABF Open Team Playoff 4 tables

Match Results – Open Series

Round 7			
Singapore	- China	24 - 66	6 - 24
Indonesia	- Chinese Taipei	39 - 66	9 - 21
China Hong Kong	- Australia	53 - 27	20 - 10
Korea	- Japan	55 - 42	18 - 12
New Zealand	- Philippines	45 - 25	19 - 11
China Macau	- Thailand	6 - 88	0 - 25
Round 8			
China Hong Kong	- China	30 - 45	12 - 18
Australia	- Indonesia	38 - 37	15 - 15
Chinese Taipei	- Singapore	26 - 24	15 - 15
Japan	- Thailand	35 - 48	12 - 18
New Zealand	- China Macau	48 - 19	21 - 9
Philippines	- Korea	57 - 46	17 - 13
Round 9			
Australia	- China	31 - 43	11 - 19
Singapore	- Indonesia	48 - 55	14 - 16
Chinese Taipei	- China Hong Kong	95 - 20	25 - 1
China Macau	- Japan	27 - 66	7 - 23
New Zealand	- Korea	59 - 23	22 - 8
Thailand	- Philippines	50 - 48	15 - 15

43rd PABF Championships Ladies Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (30/6/05) revised			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	China (CHAMPION)	398	2.8276
2	Japan	328	1.4605
3	Indonesia	321.5	1.4264
4	Australia	292	1.3030
5	New Zealand	277	1.0627
6	China Hong Kong	269	1.0605
7	Singapore	260	0.9807
8	Thailand	216.5	0.7440
9	Korea	184.5	0.5457
10	Chinese Taipei	99	0.2938

Match Results – Ladies Series

Round 7			
Australia	- China	40 - 75	8 - 22
Thailand	- Japan	55 - 63	14 - 16
New Zealand	- Indonesia	28 - 50	10 - 20
Chinese Taipei	- Singapore	10 - 108	0 - 25
Korea	- China Hong Kong	41 - 55	12 - 18
Round 8			
China	- Indonesia	54 - 11	24 - 6
China Hong Kong	- Japan	43 - 57	12 - 18
Australia	- Singapore	57 - 26	21 - 9
Korea	- New Zealand	52 - 73	11 - 19
Thailand	- Chinese Taipei	75 - 30	24 - 6
Round 9			
China	- Japan	47 - 36	17 - 13
Indonesia	- Australia	67 - 31	22 - 8
New Zealand	- Singapore	56 - 60	14 - 16
Thailand	- China Hong Kong	15 - 82	2 - 25
Korea	- Chinese Taipei	57 - 40	19 - 11

43rd PABF Championships - Youth Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (30/6/05) revised			
		VP	IMP Quotient
1	Japan (CHAMPION)	288.5	1.5856
2	Australia	271	1.2337
3	China Hong Kong	261	1.1431
4	Chinese Taipei	259.5	1.1949
5	Singapore	252	1.1059
6	Indonesia	250	1.0558
7	Thailand	221	0.8833
8	Philippines	218.5	0.8992
9	Korea	122	0.4708

Match Results – Youth Series

Round 7			
Japan	- Chinese Taipei	59 - 39	19 - 11
Australia	- Indonesia	58 - 26	22 - 8
Philippines	- Singapore	51 - 50	15 - 15
Korea	- China Hong Kong	35 - 61	10 - 20
Thailand	Bye		18 - 0
Round 8			
Japan	- Singapore	43 - 14	21 - 9
China Hong Kong	- Australia	73 - 40	22 - 8
Chinese Taipei	- Thailand	54 - 70	12 - 18
Korea	- Philippines	19 - 88	2 - 25
Indonesia	Bye		18 - 0
Round 9			
Australia	- Japan	89 - 45	24 - 6
Chinese Taipei	- Singapore	67 - 29	23 - 7
Thailand	- Philippines	40 - 37	16 - 14
China Hong Kong	- Indonesia	43 - 65	10 - 20
Korea	Bye		18 - 0

43rd PABF Championships – Senior Series 2nd Round Robin

Ranking (1/7/05)		
		IMP Quotient
1	J – Yamada (champ)	486
2	Australia	475
3	China	458
4	Chinese Taipei	438.5
5	China HK	435
6	Indonesia	409
7	J - Q & K	381
8	New Zealand	381
9	J - Yokohama	337
10	Japan - Wakasa	301
11	Thailand	301
12	Japan - PS Jack	299
13	K - Ivy League	253
14	Korea - Joy Club	244.5

Match Results – Senior Series

Round 8

Japan - Yokohama	- Australia	23 - 31	13 - 17
Thailand	- Chinese Taipei	13 - 46	7 - 23
Japan - PS Jack	- China	10 - 39	8 - 22
Japan - Yamada	- Korea - Joy Club	71 - 24	25 - 4
New Zealand	- Indonesia	33 - 23	17 - 13
Korea - Ivy League	- China Hong Kong	22 - 65	5 - 25
Japan - Wakasa	- Queens & Knight	28 - 39	13 - 17

Round 9

China Hong Kong	- Australia	40 - 59	11 - 19
Chinese Taipei	- Japan - Wakasa	64 - 37	21 - 9
China	- Korea - Ivy League	77 - 16	25 - 2
Queens & Knight	- Japan - Yamada	29 - 47	11 - 19
Korea - Joy Club	- Indonesia	47 - 56	13 - 17
Thailand	- Japan - Yokohama	67 - 37	22 - 8
New Zealand	- Japan - PS Jack	60 - 12	25 - 4

Round 10

Australia	- Indonesia	46 - 49	14 - 16
New Zealand	- Chinese Taipei	13 - 21	13 - 17
China	- Japan - Yokohama	44 - 9	23 - 7
Japan - PS Jack	- Japan - Yamada	39 - 42	14 - 16
Thailand	- China Hong Kong	48 - 29	19 - 11
Korea - Joy Club	- Queens & Knight	32 - 38	14 - 16
Korea - Ivy League	- Japan - Wakasa	25 - 32	14 - 16

Round 11

Japan - Yamada	- Australia	38 - 40	15 - 15
China Hong Kong	- Chinese Taipei	61 - 9	25 - 4
Queens & Knight	- China	61 - 20	24 - 6
Indonesia	- Japan - Wakasa	32 - 46	12 - 18
Korea - Ivy League	- Japan - Yokohama	18 - 47	8 - 22
New Zealand	- Korea - Joy Club	75 - 7	25 - 1
Japan - PS Jack	- Thailand	26 - 31	14 - 16

Open Series		IRR	Against												Adj	Total	Rank
Team			c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
1	China	220				19	18	24	10	14	22	22	23	25		397	1
2	Indonesia	190			9	15		16	15	22	15	10	20	15		327	3
3	Chinese Taipei	182		21			25	15	16	13	22	17	25	23		359	2
4	Australia	176	11	15			10		25	9	21	17	14	25		323	4
5	China Hong Kong	173	12		1	20			15	12	21	22	14	19		309	6
6	Singapore	172	6	14	15				14	5	21	14	18	21		300	8
7	Japan	168.5	20	15	14	5	15	16				23	12	12		300.5	7
8	New Zealand	159	16	8	17	21	18	25			19	17		22		322	5
9	Philippines	140	8	15	8	9	9	9		11			15	17		241	10
10	China Macau	137	8	20	13	13	8	16	7	13			0			235	11
11	Thailand	132.5	7	10	5	16	16	12	18		15	25				256.5	9
12	Korea	115	4	15	7	4	11	9	18	8	13					204	12

Women's Series		IRR	Against										Adj	Total	Rank
Team			c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
1	China	197		17	24	22	19	25	19	25	25	25		398	1
2	Japan	176	13		9	20	13	21	18	16	17	25		328	2
3	Indonesia	159.5	6	21		22	20	15	19	16	18	25		321.5	3
4	Australia	153	8	10	8		16	21	13	25	25	13		292	4
5	New Zealand	129	11	17	10	14		14	19	19	19	25		277	5
6	Singapore	129	3	9	15	9	16		14	15	25	25		260	7
7	China Hong Kong	123	11	12	11	17	11	16		25	18	25		269	6
8	Thailand	107.5	3	14	14	1	11	15	2		25	24		216.5	8
9	Korea	106.5	5	13	12	2	11	4	12	0		19		184.5	9
10	Chinese Taipei	46	4	4	5	17	4	0	2	6	11			99	10

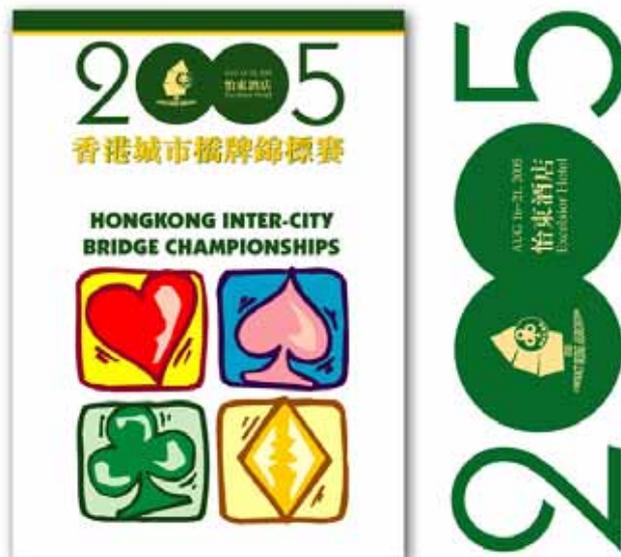
Youth Series		IRR	Against									Bye	Adj	Total	Rank
Team			c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
1	Japan	146		6	21	19	25	22	9	20	21		-0.5	288.5	1
2	Australia	139	24		15	14	24	8	8	22	17			271	2
3	Singapore	137	9	15		7	15	25	17	5	22			252	5
4	Chinese Taipei	123.5	11	16	23		20	12	11	21	22			259.5	4
5	Philippines	123.5	3	6	15	10		14	19	3	25			218.5	8
6	Thailand	120	8	22	3	18	16		3	8	23			221	7
7	China Hong Kong	120	21	22	13	19	11	25		10	20			261	3
8	Indonesia	111	10	8	25	9	25	22	20		20			250	6
9	Korea	55.5	9	13	8	8	2	7	10	10			-0.5	122	9

Senior Series		IRR	Against														Adj	Total	Rank
Team			c/o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
1	Australia	267				15	14	19	17	16	12	25	20	12	20	25		462	1
2	Chinese Taipei	241.5			16	7		4	18	13	17	21	24	25	23	14		423.5	4
3	China	241		14			14	15	23	6	10	25	22	25	23	23		441	3
4	Japan- Yamada	230	15	23			20	16		19	23	24	16	25	25	25		461	2
5	Indonesia	218	16		16	10			17	24	13	12	11	15	25	17		394	6
6	China Hong Kong	205	11	25	15	14			25	19		23	25	25	11	25		423	5
7	Japan- Yokohama	183	13	12	7		13	5			10	16	19	22	8	25		333	9
8	Japan- Queens & Knight	179	14	17	24	11	6	11			21	17		25	15	16		356	8
9	New Zealand	177	18	13	20	7	17		20	9			25	18	14	25		363	7
10	Japan- Wakasa	172	5	9	0	6	18	7	14	13			11	16		10		281	12
11	Japan- PS Jack	170	10	6	8	14	19	5	11		4	19			14	16		296	10
12	Korea- Ivy League	153	18	5	2	4	15	5	8	1	12	14			6			243	13
13	Thailand	150	10	7	7	5	0	19	22	15	16		16	24				291	11
14	Korea- Joy Club	124.5	3	16	7	4	13	5	3	14	1	20	14					224.5	14

Dear bridge friends,

**HONG KONG INTERCITY
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
2005**

Perhaps the best loved bridge event during summer in this part of the world is the Hong Kong Intercity Bridge Championships. For more than two decades without fail, bridge players from all over particularly in Asia have made it an annual ritual to attend the event because of its friendliness yet highly competitive ambience and above all for its impeccable organization.



The Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited will once again be the host of this year's Intercity from 16 to 21, August 2005. The running of the tournament will be in the professional hands of Anthony Ching and Doris Lo both fresh from the 43rd PABF. The bulletin will be in the capable hands of Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorf from Australia. Most of the matches will be broadcast live on BBO as well as on the China Net.

The venue will be the Excelsior Hotel in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. You and your team are cordially invited to participate in this annual event. The 5-star Excelsior Hotel is situated at the heart of Causeway Bay on Hong Kong Island, a renowned district centre for entertainment, business and shopping. Blessed with a spectacular view of the Victoria Harbour, the hotel is also noted for its historic significance – standing on Lot No.1, the very first plot of land sold at auction when Hong Kong became a British Colony in 1841.

The Organizing Committee has successfully negotiated an attractive accommodation package with the hotel for our guests. A Standard Room, for single or double occupancy goes for HK\$900 per night while the rate for a larger Superior Room is HK\$960, both are inclusive of tax and service charge. As all hotels in Hong Kong are facing a fully-booked situation this year, in the event you decide on joining our Intercity, we wish to impress upon you to book your rooms at the earliest opportunity as we anticipate there will also be a large number of players from other parts of the world coming to the Intercity. To facilitate the ease in making your reservations, we have provided a direct link to the hotel reservation desk through our website at www.hkcba.org.

If you have any further inquiries, please feel free to contact Doris Lo at either 852-9040-8641 or email doris1710@sinagirl.com or doris1710hk@yahoo.com.hk.



香港二〇〇五年城市橋牌錦標賽

Hong Kong Inter-city Bridge Championships 2005

日期 DATE **August 16 to 21, 2005**
 二零零五年八月十六至二十一日

地點 VENUE **The Excelsior Hotel, 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong**
 香港銅鑼灣怡東酒店

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 賽程表

日期 DATE	時間 TIME	項目 EVENT
August 16 八月十六日	11:00-12:00	Captains' Meeting 隊長會議
	12:00-14:30	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Luncheon 開幕典禮及歡迎午宴
	14:30-23:30	Open Teams Qualifying Rounds 公開隊際賽初賽
August 17 八月十七日	11:00-23:30	Open Teams Qualifying Rounds 公開隊際賽初賽
August 18 八月十八日	11:00-18:00	Open Teams Qualifying Rounds 公開隊際賽初賽
	19:00-23:00	IMP Pairs 國際序分雙人賽
August 19 八月十九日	11:00-15:45	Open Teams Quarter-finals 公開隊際賽半準決賽
	16:15-18:30	Open Teams Semi-final 1 公開隊際賽準決賽 1
	11:00-18:30	Transnational Team of Six 跨國六人隊際賽
	19:15-23:30	San Miguel Happy Hour Continuous Pairs 生力啤歡樂時光連續式論對賽
August 20 八月二十日	10:30-15:15	Open Teams Semi-finals 公開隊際賽準決賽
	15:45-18:00	Open Teams Final 公開隊際賽決賽
	11:00-18:00	Swiss Team 瑞士制隊際賽
	19:00-24:00	Open Pairs Qualifying 公開論對賽初賽
August 21 八月二十一日	11:00-18:30	Open Teams Final 公開隊際賽決賽
	12:00-18:30	Open Pairs Final 公開論對決賽
	12:00-18:30	Open Pairs Consolation/Mixed Pairs 公開論對負方賽/ 男女混合雙人賽
	19:30-21:30	Victory Dinner and Prize Presentation 祝捷晚宴及頒獎典禮

Room Rate

(Including 10% service charge and 3% government tax)

房間價格

(房間已包括政府稅及服務費)

Standard HK\$900 nett per room night
 Superior HK\$960 nett per room night

標準房 每晚港幣 900 元
 豪華房 每晚港幣 960 元

參加費 ENTRY FEES :

Open/Ladies Teams (Foreign)	公開/女子隊際賽 (外地)	HK\$6,000 per team 每隊
Open/Ladies Teams (Local)	公開/女子隊際賽 (本地) ^[1]	HK\$4,500 per team 每隊
Youth Teams (Foreign)	青年隊際賽 (外地)	Free 免費
Youth Teams (Local)	青年隊際賽 (本地)	HK\$1,200 per team 每隊
Swiss Team	瑞士制隊際賽	HK\$800 per team 每隊
Transnational Team of Six	跨國六人隊際賽	HK\$1,000 per team 每隊
IMP Pairs	國際序分論對賽	HK\$200 per pair 每隊
Open Pairs Qualifying	公開論對賽初賽	HK\$200 per pair 每隊

Open Pairs Final	公開論對賽決賽	HK\$300	per pair 每隊
Open Pairs Consolation	公開論對負方賽	HK\$200	per pair 每隊
Mixed Pairs	男女混合雙人賽	HK\$200	per pair 每隊
Happy Hour Continuous Pairs	歡樂時光連續式論對賽	HK\$200	per pair 每隊

Registration 報名

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The third FISU-Championships will be held in Tianjin in China from October 21 till October 27. There will be 5 days of intensive competition and 1 day of organized touristic tour in the city of Tianjin.

Hosting and playing area?

Each delegation will be hosted at the University of Tianjin in rooms per 2. The Championships will be played also at the same University. The sleeping area and the playing area will be next to each other with very nice rooms and internet connection in each room.. some pictures from the hosting place TNU-Golden Bridge International Hotel ([More Info](#)).



Participation?

Each country may send 2 national teams. Teams must be entered by the National University Sport Federation (NUSF) by sending the necessary FISU-forms (general, nominative, quantitative, individual) to the Organizing Committee (OC), which is the Chinese University Sport Federation. For most of the NUSF, it is an obligation to organize a National University Bridge Championship to send afterwards a team to FISU-Championships. It is possible to ask the patronage of this National University Bridge Championship to FISU by sending an e-mail to Mister Laurent Briel, Director of World Championships at FISU: l.briel@fisu.net. More about FISU-rules and FISU-obligations in the presentation ([pdf](#)) held in Torino or also at www.fisu.net.

Flight to China?

More economical to book flight to Beijing, then directly flying to Tianjin. The Organizing Committee will provide free transport from the airport of Beijing to the hosting place in Tianjin. To further reduce costs, best to book at least 6 months in advance.

Invitation?

The official invitation will be available soon and published on this website. This invitation will be send by the Organizing Committee to all National University Sport Federations connected to FISU. The WBF will also inform and invite all National Bridge Federations about the FISU-Championships.

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Bridge Congress 2005
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5TH AUGUST TO 7TH AUGUST 2005
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PROGRAM LINE-UP

- 1). 5/8/05 – FRIDAY 7.30PM-11.00PM OPEN PAIRS S\$40.00 A PAIR
- 2). 6/8/05–SATURDAY 9.30AM-1.00PM MIXED PAIRS S\$40.00 A PAIR
- 3). 6/8/2005 – SATURADAY 2.30PM-11.00PM OPEN TEAMS
7/8/2005 – SUNDAY 9.30AM-5.30PM OPEN TEAMS
S\$320.00 A TEAM.
- 4). 7/8/2005 – SUNDAY 6.30PM VICTORY DINNER AND PRIZE
PRESENTATION

Full student teams from overseas are exempted from the entry fee for the Open Team event.

Closing Date of registration: 29 July 2005

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Liberte Cup – Late comers welcome

The Organizers have decided to accept late-comers to the 2nd-day double-session of the Liberte Cup on condition any addition entries must be on a full table basis (2 pairs, 4 pairs,...). As there will no longer be any Consolation Game the prize money intended for the consolation game winners: US\$200, will be allocated as US\$100 bonus to the first day winning pair and US\$100 bonus to the second day winning pairs

Notice

We have been awarding +3IMPs to the affected teams when a board is fouled due to misboarding or duplication error, applying Law 86A. However, this is inconsistent with the WBF General Conditions of Contest under regulation 21.1, which states that the match has to be scored as though the board had never been played and the match is scored as though it consists of 1 (or more) fewer boards.

Since the WBF Conditions of Contest are used for this event, we have adjusted all the scores affected by the previous calculation.

MORE DIRECTORS' TALES

It was discovered at the end of a round in a teams event that the pairs at one table had sat in the wrong direction (this was not very obvious during play as they were in a triangle movement). As they were all experienced players, some of the other players wanted to know which pair had sat wrongly. "Both of them" replied the Director earnestly, "otherwise one pair would have sat on top of the other".

Director (to a perpetually slow pair): "move quickly now or you will be penalised"

Slow player: "but we're the sitting pair..."

The playing Director usually arranges to sit out the last round to be able to clear up faster and the sit-out pair in a small Howell movement will be the highest number less one, say 13, 11 or 9. The players have no problem remembering this but if it is some other number there will be at least a few queries during the session, usually at the beginning of a new round. One time the phantom pair was Pair 3 and there were too many queries of "no Pair 3?" until the Director announced: "there is no Pair 3, no partridge and no turtle doves".

From David Law of Malaysia

Thursday on Vugraph – by Rick Wakeman

Well the world found the PABF yesterday! More than 2000 kibitzers came to your tables to watch PABF's finest in action. They came from countries all over the world - Russia, France, Canada, USA, South Africa, The Netherlands, Asian countries, South American countries, Scandinavia, the British Isles and down under. Yes, folks they came to watch you.

In the last match of the day, featuring Australia and China in the open teams, there were almost 1,000 people watching at the same time – nearly 300 hundred in the room featuring Chinese commentary and over 700 enjoying the play with English commentary. When the play ended in the open room (English), more than 300 kibitzers switched over to the closed room to watch the final boards being played out, while more than 300 stayed in the open room until the final comparison came up on their screen.

We have several world class commentators coming back every day because the 43rd PABF broadcast is a fun place for them and they too are enjoying the bridge. One very highly ranked team from last year's Bermuda Bowl was seen on-line scouting the systems and play of the PABF teams.

What a show! But shhhhh – can you keep a secret? We aren't done yet! Not by a long shot!! Dr. Hahn, the Championship Chairman, has made the necessary arrangements for us to simultaneously broadcast from 4 tables on the weekend and in at least 3 languages. Japan has volunteered some operators and BBO has been by our side with instant support. It would be nice to have some more operators so if you have a mind to help us out please come and find me. This weekend is shaping up to be a showcase of bridge in the Pacific Asia Zone.

I must mention that the Hong Kong youth has played a huge role in the BBO broadcast success to date. They have operated 6 sessions now and without them what has happened in the last two days just wouldn't have been possible. Hats off to you guys! A heart felt thank-you from the organizing committee.

I want to end this article with an account of something very special that happened on our broadcast today. When Jack Zhao from the China Open Team finished the final board he walked over to my computer that was linked to his old bridge club in the Netherlands, where they had all gathered to watch Jack play on our broadcast. In front of over 700 people, Jack's first words to them were something like "Hi guys, I miss you so much. Guess I should have redoubled that last contract." I missed the rest of the conversation but a world class player from Europe sent me a note – saying "Wow, what moment – that touched my heart."

See you at the tables – good luck to those that still have some work to do.

Report on Thursday Cathy Chua

Open Second Round Robin Match 7

After watching China play Singapore in this round, the score sheet 24-7 VPs China's way surprised me. Still, the hands will tell the story.

It was an important round for teams vying for the 2nd to 5th spots. Singapore was lying 6th 22 VPs from 3rd spot. Meanwhile Australia played HK and they were laying =3rd and 4th respectively. HK's 20-10 VPs was a crucial result for them.

Equally important was the Vu-Graph match won by Chinese Taipei over Indonesia 21-9 VPs.

I could go on for a long time about board one...it's an interesting position.

Bd 1	♠ A532		
Dlr N	♥ 102		
Vul Nil	♦ Q85		
	♣ 9542		
♠ J1074		♠ K8	
♥ A53		♥ KQJ864	
♦ K94		♦ J1072	
♣ A106		♣ 7	
	♠ Q96		
	♥ 97		
	♦ A63		
	♣ KQJ63		

Typically EW have reached 4♥ with clubs overcalled by South and maybe raised by North. The hand is on the spades guess and all things being equal North would like to leave that suit to declarer to play. But all things are not equal. After declarer wins the club lead, draws trumps and plays a diamond to North, North has to consider shifting to spades now, particularly if he has raised clubs. This is because declarer is about to make a discovery play: find out who has the ♦A in order to decide the spade position.

Shifting to the spade while the diamond ace is still out means declarer's decision will be based – to some extent or another – on what he thinks of North as a player. The easy spade shift is most likely to be from the ace. Slow spade shifts are more likely to be from the queen. Does this mean quick players who shift to a spade because they know they have to are at a disadvantage? And if declarer is basing his decision on what he thinks of us as defenders, should we not be allowed to manipulate that impression? The purists say 'no', but this doesn't seem so clear to me.

At any rate, back to the actual play. At the table I watched Heng made an easy spade shift and declarer guessed correctly. In the other room declarer misguessed for one down and 10 IMPs to China. And that is exactly the sort of encounter one finds on such hands: playing relatively lowly Singapore, the Chinese declarer played Heng to have made the easy shift because it was easy. In the other room playing the strongest team in the event by a huge margin declarer played the defence to be good, rather than easy. Ie, he played as if he had a genuine guess.

In Indonesia vs CT Panelewan's easy spade shift was kinged by declarer: here clubs were raised. But in the other room Gautama played the shifter for the queen: here clubs were not raised. So, same 10 IMPs to ChT.

In Australia-HK neither declarer did the right thing in spades. A flat board.

I don't approve of part-scores, but a couple this match had some interesting moments.

Bd 2	♠ J1083		
Dlr E	♥ AQ743		
Vul NS	♦ 10		
	♣ K65		
♠ K742		♠ 95	
♥ J865		♥ K2	
♦ A743		♦ KQ52	
♣ 8		♣ AQJ42	
	♠ AQ6		
	♥ 109		
	♦ J986		
	♣ 10973		

In Singapore-China, East opened 1NT and when East's response to Stayman was passed to North he balanced with 2♥, there playing it. Yang Li Xin began with the ♠9, to the queen and king. The club shift was won by the ace over the king and East persevered with spades, won by dummy's ace. The ♥10 was run to the king and now the moment of truth for East. Should he sit pretty, cash clubs from the top and exit in diamonds? Or should he put partner in with the club ruff to get his hard-earned spade ruff? If partner has a trump trick it is the same either way, but if he doesn't then it matters. In the end he went for the more aesthetically pleasing low club and that was +200. I see from the score-card of this match that an average was given for this board and therefore no score.

It was a part-score hand generally speaking, but Hinge-Nagy tried an ambitious and failing 3NT, losing 4 IMPs to 1NT +90 in the other room. The Thailand-China Macau match, in which Thailand won by a blitz, featured quite too much action, including this board where CM played 5♦ doubled for -500. Luckily for them average was awarded on this board in their match too.

A few pairs bid these NS cards to a vul game on board 4:

♠ A62
♥ AJ7
♦ AQ1074
♣ J6

♠ KQ53
♥ Q10932
♦ 2
♣ 985

It was a game-swing to Australia and to Indonesia, and would have been a game-swing to China when Heng-Liao had a bidding misunderstanding to finish in the sub-optimal 2♠, but it was another averaged board. A stroke of luck for Singapore.

Bd 5
Dlr N
Vul NS

♠ 853
♥ AJ43
♦ AKJ10
♣ AJ

♠ J10
♥ Q985
♦ Q86
♣ KQ102

♠ Q962
♥ K76
♦ 3
♣ 87653

♠ AK74
♥ 102
♦ 97542
♣ 94

Most of the field played 2NT failing EW on this board. China were one of the few to stop in one. In practice almost every pair made 7 tricks, but I don't quite see why. I watched the diamond opening lead go to the queen. Won't spade shift and then club by South make life awfully hard for declarer? Small swings to China, CK after they made 9 tricks EW, flat in Indonesia-CT, 2NT down.

A bit of excitement on board 6:

Bd 6
Dlr E
Vul EW

♠ AQ3
♥ 95432
♦ A8
♣ Q93

♠ J876
♥ 8
♦ J62
♣ 107652

♠ K95
♥ AQJ10
♦ 1094
♣ KJ8

♠ 1042
♥ K76
♦ KQ753
♣ A4

In Australia-HK both sides made eight tricks in hearts....but Australia was in 2♥, while HK was in 4♥ doubled, so that was 9 IMPs to Australia. Thailand against CM picked up 10 IMPs for making 3NT when it failed in the other room. Indonesia was left in its 1NT opening by East, +300 to CT and 5 IMPs when 1NT NS made two in the other room.

And in China-Singapore:

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
Yang	Heng	Dai	Liao
		1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

I don't particularly understand why, in the Australia-HK match the declarers only managed 8 tricks. As Heng pointed out after the match, 3♥ plays just like 3NT. Just draw trumps. You don't even have to eliminate diamonds first, though it is handy to: Heng won the diamond in hand and played a heart to the king and a heart. Then he won the diamond return, cashed just one more diamond and then exited a heart. This was ten tricks and an IMP in when 3NT made 9 tricks in the other room.

Strange board: at the table I admired Dai's enterprising double, looked approvingly upon Heng's decision to run and they were both wrong!

Board 8 was stratospheric:

Bd 8	♠ 753		
Dlr W	♥ ---		
Vul Nil	♦ AKQJ7		
	♣ AK862		
♠ J64		♠ KQ10982	
♥ AJ987		♥ KQ1064	
♦ 3		♦ 62	
♣ 10974		♣ ---	
	♠ A		
	♥ 532		
	♦ 109854		
	♣ QJ53		
<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
Dai	Heng	Yang	Liao
Pass	1♦	2♦*	3♦
4♥	5♣	5♥	6♦
Pass	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	???		

Should North play South for the spade ace AND not three bad clubs? Heng took the money: not that there was much of it, +100 while in the other room China bought it in 6♦ so that was 13 IMPs to China.

For Australia Gaspar-Richman struggled to 5♦ (making) (oh, alright, making with 2 overtricks, sorry, guys!) while Hinge-Nagy did the right thing over 7♦, a gain of 4 IMPs when 7♥ went for -300.

I'm always a fan of bidding on with these hands because you might be cold, because you might be making even when you shouldn't. As in the match where 6♥ doubled made on ♠A opening lead and then? – wrong shift. In a nice win by Korea against the disappointing Japan (I picked them to win!!) Korea played 6♦ doubled making in one room and 5♠ doubled one down in the other for 14 IMPs.

Bd 9	♠ A43		
Dlr N	♥ Q986		
Vul EW	♦ 10		
	♣ AJ842		
♠ 1076		♠ J85	
♥ K2		♥ 754	
♦ 9742		♦ AKJ53	
♣ 10763		♣ 95	
	♠ KQ92		
	♥ AJ103		
	♦ Q86		
	♣ KQ		

Board 9 was a case of 'do you or don't you?' Singapore did, Indonesia did, so each were 11 IMPs out.

Board 10 wouldn't be worth mentioning but for a noteworthy score in the China Macau-Thailand match.

Bd 10	♠ KQ10943		
Dlr E	♥ ---		
Vul All	♦ 95		
	♣ KQJ92		
♠ A8		♠ 7	
♥ A76		♥ QJ92	
♦ AK72		♦ J10863	
♣ 7643		♣ 1085	
	♠ J652		
	♥ K108543		
	♦ Q4		
	♣ A		

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
Lai	Leelas-N	Cheng	Lim'pon
		Pass	Pass
1NT	2♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	Redble	All Pass	

You can spare a little sympathy for West on this hand. When he has heard one player bid all the way to 2♠ and a raise to game by a passed partner...And then a perfectly normal heart lead from East, so it made 12 tricks for +1880 and 15 IMPs when 4♠ undisturbed made in the other room.

On board 11 an interesting 3NT:

Bd 11	♠ K1065	
Dlr S	♥ K5	
Vul Nil	♦ A10854	
	♣ AJ	
♠ 982		♠ AJ7
♥ A7432		♥ J106
♦ QJ943		♦ 2
♣ ---		♣ K98752
	♠ Q43	
	♥ Q98	
	♦ K7	
	♣ Q10643	

I watched East lead a club to the ace, declarer shooting a club back. Heng-Liao must be about the fastest pair in the tournament. Yang ducked the jack and declarer turned his attention to the spade suit: spade to the queen and then to the ten and jack. Yang shifted to the ♥J ducked to the king. Now another round of spades and East cashed the ♣K before exiting a diamond. Declarer had nine tricks, while in the other room 3NT failed.

I am not sure if my information is reliable, but according to the record I was given play went: club to the jack, spade to the queen and a spade to the jack, followed by another club to declarer's ace. Now big spade to the ace and a diamond won by the king in dummy. A diamond to the jack and ace, the last spade was cashed and the ♥K was taken by the ace and the ♦J was the setting trick: 11 IMPs to Singapore.

Against HK Nagy for Australia began with the ♥J, partner having shown the red suits. Now declarer tried a spade to the queen and then a club to the ace and another club which East did not duck. I imagine a club continuation would beat 3NT and so too would the chosen heart, but partner did not duck and now declarer had time to set up a spade for his ninth trick. In the other room

Gaspar-Richman stopped in 2NT and so 10 IMPs to HK.

Indonesia actually managed to buy the hand EW in 3♥ one down, but when their teammates failed in 3NT that was 3 IMPs out to CT. Panelewan received the ♥J opening lead and played the usual spade to the queen, then, knowing his RHO had the reds he too played a club to the ace and a club which Huang ducked. Panelewan had a bit of a think about that and then exited with the ♠K. Huang won and led his singleton diamond to dummy's king and now declarer played a strange ♥9. One down.

Bd 12	♠ 872	
Dlr W	♥ 873	
Vul NS	♦ 86	
	♣ Q9642	
♠ QJ9		♠ 103
♥ AKJ92		♥ Q64
♦ 1073		♦ AQ42
♣ J10		♣ A873
	♠ AK654	
	♥ 105	
	♦ KJ95	
	♣ K5	

Four hearts on the ♦8 opening lead was common. China's Dai ran that one, drew trumps and then ace and another diamond. I guess others tried the same stratagem, but nobody was going to fall for it. Down one and a flat board in the match.

Bd 13	♠ KQ943	
Dlr N	♥ 98	
Vul All	♦ AK43	
	♣ A3	
♠ 87		♠ AJ102
♥ Q643		♥ 105
♦ 10987		♦ J2
♣ J54		♣ KQ1097
	♠ 65	
	♥ AKJ72	
	♦ Q65	
	♣ 862	

Four hearts was the usual spot and failed everywhere except when China declared against Singapore. An injudicious spade pitch by East as declarer drew trumps meant the spades set up with one ruff, when that

was all that South had left in the trump department: 12 IMPs to China.

Board 14 was a flat 3NT everywhere but for some sort of bidding problem by the Indonesian NS which left them languishing in a 4-3 club fit at the 3-level with 28 highs: 7 IMPs to CT.

Board 15 led to a couple of ugly numbers and some interesting contract evaluation.

Bd 15 ♠ 8743
Dlr S ♥ AQ92
Vul NS ♦ Q
 ♣ K962

♠ 10	♠ QJ62
♥ J8643	♥ 105
♦ KJ10652	♦ 973
♣ 7	♣ A1053
	♠ AK95
	♥ K7
	♦ A84
	♣ QJ84

Diamonds did not play well: +1400 to Japan against Korea and +1100 to CT against Indonesia. Lots of 4♠ contracts always making – the ruff available with the short trump doesn't help the defence.

Strangely, in Australia vs. HK 3NT was flat, making. Even if West gets off to the ♦K as a starter (South played it both times) it looks like ducking 2 diamonds is enough to get 3NT home one way or another.



China vs Singapore

West's hopes of a big score on a big hand were dashed all over the room on board 16:

Bd 16 ♠ AQ4
Dlr W ♥ J4
Vul EW ♦ J109874
 ♣ 54

♠ J6	♠ 103
♥ AKQ103	♥ 876
♦ AKQ52	♦ 3
♣ Q	♣ K987632
	♠ K98752
	♥ 952
	♦ 6
	♣ AJ10

I watched the following auction ensue:

<i>west</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>south</i>
Dai	Heng	Yang	Liao
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	???		

Well, it's the right vulnerability for 4♠ but, it turns out, the wrong time. It's hard to believe on the auction, but hearts is hopeless while the 4♠ he chose instead was doubled with alacrity by East and -300 combined with +100 in the other room was 5 IMPs to China. Take a faster bid with the North cards - 4♠ over double and surely EW will be in big trouble.

Board 17 has me baffled:

Bd 17 ♠ 85
Dlr N ♥ AJ94
Vul Nil ♦ K1064
 ♣ 972

♠ A76432	♠ 109
♥ K52	♥ 63
♦ 8	♦ A753
♣ K103	♣ J8654
	♠ KQJ
	♥ Q1087
	♦ QJ92
	♣ AQ

In 4♥ South was always the declarer and mostly received the singleton ♦8 opening lead. So why did it always make? Did all the Easts duck? Did the Wests shift to clubs after taking their ruff?

Australia-HK continued to eshew the 4-4 major fits, flattening another board in 3NT both rooms. I guess it wasn't plain luck that saw this contract always played by South.

Bd 19	♠ AK106		
Dlr S	♥ A2		
Vul EW	♦ 984		
	♣ 9432		
♠ 95432		♠ J87	
♥ 6		♥ K94	
♦ K		♦ A1065	
♣ QJ10875		♣ AK6	
	♠ Q		
	♥ QJ108753		
	♦ QJ732		
	♣ ---		

Heng opened 4♥, passed out and West began with the ♦K. He shifted to a club, ruffed and Yang, next in with the ♥K went back to diamonds. He wasn't very pleased with himself when declarer ran that to dummy, but surely declarer was going to do that for himself in the fullness of time. I do not have the opening lead recorded of the two pairs who went down in 4♥. When China played in a partscore that was 7 IMPs to Singapore.



China vs Singapore

Open Series Second Round Robin Match 9

Board 1 started this match with a bang. For China Fu Zhong opened 2♥ and Klinger overcalled a thin – needs must – 2NT. Neill had an array of unattractive choices. Pass happens to save his side, but he transferred to spades and West was more than content to double that. -500 combined with 3♣ making 9 in the other room for 9 IMPs to China.

Bd 1	♠ 109765		
Dlr N	♥ 10943		
Vul Nil	♦ Q73		
	♣ 3		
♠ AKQ42		♠ 3	
♥ 6		♥ QJ852	
♦ KJ65		♦ 84	
♣ 964		♣ AK1085	
	♠ J8		
	♥ AK7		
	♦ A1092		
	♣ QJ72		

There were big swings in 2 important matches this round. Chinese Taipei trounced HK 25-1 VP, starting this match with 3♣ doubled for +570, while going down one in 2♠ in the other room: 12 IMPs. And Singapore began against Indonesia with 2♠ doubled -300 in one room, 3♦ down in the other for 9 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 2 saw Chinese Taipei score heavily via a non-descript auction:

Bd 2	♠ A10		
Dlr E	♥ K2		
Vul NS	♦ AQ8763		
	♣ J76		
♠ 542		♠ K86	
♥ Q10864		♥ A97	
♦ 9		♦ J104	
♣ AK109		♣ 5432	
	♠ QJ973		
	♥ J53		
	♦ K52		
	♣ Q8		

North opened 1NT and South transferred to spades before raising to the NT game. One can hardly crime East for beginning innocently with the ♦J. In the other room 3♥ by EW failed, making it 12 IMPs to CT.

In the Australia-China match the defence had an easy time finding a good opening lead to 3NT by Neill. West opened 2♥, hearts and a minor (I expect). 3♦ by North and when NS bid 3NT over East's 3♥ bid it wasn't rocket science to come up with the club lead...not that this meant the end of the hand. West has to duck the first or

second club to be sure of taking five tricks. When he played 3 rounds of clubs Bruce could have made via running diamonds and strip-squeezing East. Instead he went for the simple spade finesse... a 2♠ partscore in the other room meant 6 IMPs to China.

A big swing in all three matches on board 6:

Bd 6	♠ ---	
Dlr EW	♥ K87	
Vul E	♦ QJ10863	
	♣ Q873	
♠ K10654		♠ AQ873
♥ 93		♥ A642
♦ 54		♦ K
♣ 10542		♣ A96
	♠ J92	
	♥ QJ105	
	♦ A972	
	♣ KJ	

Indonesia got to buy 5♦ doubled in one room for +550 and 4♠ in the other for 100 and 10 IMPs. Chinese Taipei did one better: +550 and +140: 12 IMPs. Australia held their loss to 9 IMPs: -550 in one room and +150 in the other. At the vulnerability no-one in the field was interested in pushing on to 5♠ over 5♦.

As was pointed out to me, board 19 was a theme I like:

Bd 19	♠ 942	
Dlr S	♥ AJ7	
Vul EW	♦ K82	
	♣ QJ83	
♠ 107		♠ KQ863
♥ K86		♥ 5432
♦ AQJ1054		♦ 93
♣ 94		♣ 105
	♠ AJ5	
	♥ Q109	
	♦ 76	
	♣ AK762	

Richman held the West hand for Australia against China, Tan for Singapore against Indonesia and they were the only two players to beat 3NT. Queen of diamonds opening lead holds, ♦J holds, easy game!.

Singapore continues its best PABF ever, still a good chance to be in the Playoff on the weekend. This match was 14-16 VPs vs. Indonesia. As I write China has beaten Australia 19-11 VPs, but there is a board in dispute which, if it goes Australia's way, will bring back a game swing.

Photos, Photos, Photos!

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3) Then, on the next page click on photos.



Eating is more important than anything - Staff lunch time

Summary of a chat between Ding Yu Cheng Open China Macau team and Simon Hinge Open Australia team

Mr Ding wondered why I was interviewing him which is a long story in itself. He thought I should be interviewing the Chinese Bridge Team.

This is an interview with an Australian flavour. Ding is an affable, good-looking bloke who likes tennis and doesn't get to play enough. He likes food – home-style Chinese in particular but doesn't cook. He is single. He was born in Beijing and went to Tsing Hua University in Beijing where he completed a PhD in Economics earlier this year. He learnt English while completing his MBA in Pittsburgh USA in 1992-3. He is a businessman by profession, one of his major roles being vice-chairmanship of the Sun Media Investment Group. Ding is quite eclectic in his musical tastes particularly classical, both Chinese and Western.

He first learnt to play bridge at the age of 15 in 1981 during the long summer vacation after junior school. He'd always loved cards and in this long vacation learnt to play bridge independently of his father's interest in the game. He was the first Chinese Youth champion 1987-88.

His observation is that the difference between bridge in China and bridge abroad is that Chinese bridge players are a lot younger and there are seemingly many more professional bridge players in China than anywhere else. Interestingly, see that Lianzhong, the Chinese equivalent of BBO, constantly has 10,000 players all the time and he sees a significant influence on the bridge playing population of China through this medium.

As a child he used to caddy at the Spring Festival Bridge Tournament which was the tournament at which Deng Xiao Ping played.

Normally Deng Xiao Ping would only play at home. Ding's father partnered Deng Xiao Ping and so Ding knew Deng Xiao Ping quite well.

The reason he is representing China Macau is that a friend of his father's, Mr Li, invited him to play on the China Macau team. He does have many business interests there although it is not his place of residence.

In relation to travel and bridge: he used to travel to the US Summer Nationals and other events, but with the 9/11 disaster and travel difficulties, plus study commitments have prevented much travel in recent times. He is intending to rectify this situation.

His best bridge result outside China is 15th in the Mixed Pairs in Lille in France in 1998.

His funniest bridge story about a disaster, of course! Playing in the US in Anaheim in a Pairs event in 2000, it was the first board of a tournament. LHO opened 1NT strong, partner overcalled 2♠, RHO hadn't seen the 2♠ bid and was contemplating what to do and eventually, after noticing the bid, doubled. Deng redoubled for rescue – or so he thought – and it went all pass. Naturally a conversation took place before the opening lead as is often the case in Chinese where his partner says – 'we'll be making it this time' or something to this effect. Result: -2200 as dummy tracked with a 0355, one jack.

And for all those Australians reading this, Deng is a Collingwood supporter. [Editor's note: I believe the interviewer had some influence on this choice of Collingwood. I rather think Deng had never heard of our game before].

Mr Deng's father is President of the CCBA .



Simon Hinge
Collingwood Supporter
and player in the
Australian Open Team.
Priorities possibly in
this order



Ding Yu Cheng
China Macau Open team
With some interesting
observations about
bridge in China

Schedule for Today – July 1..

Round	Date	Starting Time	Tables - Open Series					
			1	2	3	4	5	6
10	01-Jul	10:00	CHI - CHI	CHK - IND	SIN - AUS	JPN - PHI	THA - NZL	KOR - CMA
11		14:00	CHI - IND	CHI - AUS	SIN - CHK	NZL - JPN	PHI - CMA	KOR - THA

Round	Date	Starting Time	Tables - Senior Series						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12	01-Jul	10:00	AUS - CHI	IND - CHI	YAM - YOK	CHK - NZL	PSJ - Q+K	THA - WAK	JOY - IVY
13		14:00	AUS - CHI	CHI - YAM	IND - CHK	Q+K - YOK	WAK - NZL	PSJ - IVY	JOY - THA

Berth Selection

The Play-off for all four Series will start at 5.30PM

