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FIELD SET IN MIXED TEAMS



Everyone in Sanya likes Bridge

The Red Bull Mixed Teams is now down to the knockout phase with 32 teams remaining -27 from the Semifinal A and five from Semifinal B. Teams will go from the short, seven-board qualifying Swiss matches to 28-board sets through the quarterfinal round.

The field will play the round of 32 and the round of 16 today with quarterfinals and semifinals on Tuesday. The event concludes on Wednesday.

Mixed Teams at Sheraton

Please note that knockout play in the **Red Bull Mixed Teams** will take place at the **Sheraton** for the duration of the event.

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Today's Schedule

Mixed Teams Captains' Meeting 9:00 Round of 32 10:00 - 12:00 12:20 - 14:20

Round of 16

15:30 - 17:30 17:50 - 19:50

Mixed Pairs

Qualification

10:00 - 11:30

11:50 - 13:20

14:30 - 16:00

16:20 - 17:50

18:10 - 19:40















REVISED SCHEDULE

Wednesday 15th October

Mixed Teams Round of 8	Mixed Pairs Qualification	Mixed Teams Final	Mixed Pairs Semifinal A&B
10.00 - 12.00	10.00 - 11.30	10.00 - 12.00	10.00 - 11.30
12.20 - 14.20	11.50 - 13.20	12.20 - 14.20	11.50 - 13.20
Mixed Teams Semifinal	14.30 - 16.00	15.30 - 17.30	14.30 - 16.00
15.30 - 17.50	16.20 - 17.50	17.50 - 19.50	16.20 - 17.50
18.10 - 20.30	18.10 - 19.40		18.10 - 19.40

Thursday 16th October

Final A	Mixed P	airs	Final B
11.30	10.00	-	11.30
13.20	11.50	-	13.20
16.00	14.30	-	16.00
17.50	16.20	-	17.50
20.20	18.10	-	19.40
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Friday 17th October

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Mixed I	Pairs	Final A	0	pen Team	ıs Q	ualification	
10.00	-	11.30		9.30	-	10.30	
11.50	-	13.20		10.50	-	11.50	
14.30	-	16.00		12.10	-	13.10	
16.20	-	17.50		14.10	-	15.10	
18.10	-	20.00		15.30	-	16.30	
				16.50	-	17.50	
				18.10	-	19.10	
				19.30	-	20.30	

Women & Senior Teams

To be decided

Sunday 19th October

Open Team	s Se	mifinal A&B	
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9.30	0 -	-	10.30						
10.50) .	-	11.50			Monday	20 t	h Octob	er
12.10) .	-	13.10		(Open Tear	ns R	ound of	32
14.10) .	-	15.10			10.00	-	12.00	
15.30)	-	16.30			12.20	-	14.20	
16.50) .	-	17.50			15.30	-	17.30	
18.10) .	-	19.10			Open Tear	ns R	ound of	16
19.30) .	-	20.30			18.10	-	20.10	
Women & Senior Teams		5		Women 8	k Sen	ior Tean	ns		
To be decided					To b	e de	cided		

Tuesday 21st October

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Open Teams R	tound of 16	Open Pairs Qualification				
10.00 -	12.00	10.00	-	11.30		
12.20 -	14.20	11.50	-	13.20		
Open Teams	Round of 8	14.30	-	16.00		
15.30 -	17.30	16.20	-	17.50		
17.50 -	19.50	18.10	-	19.40		
Women & Senior Teams		Women 8	. Se	nior Pairs		
To be de	ecided	To be	de	cided		

Wednesday 22nd October

Open Tear	ns R	Round of 8	Open Pair	s Qu	alification
10.00	-	12.00	10.00	-	11.30
Open Tea	ıms	Semifinal	11.50	-	13.20
13.10	-	15.10	14.30	-	16.00
15.30	-	17.30	16.20	-	17.50
17.50	-	19.50	18.10	-	19.40
Women &	Sen	ior Teams	Women &	Ser	nior Pairs
To be decided		To be	e de	cided	

Thursday 23rd October

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	Open T	eam	s Final	Open Pairs :	Sem	ifinal A & B
	10.00	-	12.00	10.00	-	11.30
	12.20	-	14.20	11.50	-	13.20
	15.30	-	17.30	14.30	-	16.00
	17.50	-	19.50	16.20	-	17.50
				18.10	-	19.40
Women & Senior Teams		Women &	Ser	nior Pairs		
To be decided			To be	ded	cided	

Friday 24th October

Open F	Pairs Final A	Open Pairs Final B
10.00	- 11.30	10.00 - 11.30
11.50	- 13.20	11.50 - 13.20
14.30	- 16.00	14.30 - 16.00
16.20	- 17.50	16.20 - 17.50
18.10	- 20.20	18.10 - 19.40

Women & Senior Pairs

To be decided

Saturday 25th October					
Open F	airs	Final A	Women & Senior Pairs		
10.00	-	11.30	To be decided		
11.50	-	13.20			
14.00	-	15.30			
15.50	-	17.20			
17.50	-	19.30			

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Opening Ceremony

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"The rule of 20" by Max Bavin, Head T.D.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UMLCkWjiNY

Interview with Cecilia Rimstedt, Brink Team

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mc47zav-r-8

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WBF Women's Committee meeting

The WBF Women's Committee will meet tomorrow (Tuesday, 14th October) at 09.30 in the WBF Meeting room on the first floor of the MGM Grand Hotel (next door to the Secretariat).



All the members are kindly requested to attend.



No smoking or drinking policy

Please be reminded that smoking and drinking is prohibited at any time and in any place during sessions. If you do, an automatic penalty of 2VPs plus 100US\$ will be applied.



7.2 Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be taken into the playing area and toilets.

WBF General Conditions of Contest © 2014 Page 13 Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and or electronic device into the playing area and toilets will cause his team to be fined 2 VPs, (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match) or, in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the matchpoints available on a board during the session, plus in all cases, a monetary fine, the amount of which will be announced to the participants before the start of the event. This penalty is mandatory. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

The Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.



Anyone entering the playing area may be required to comply with procedures put in place by the WBF for the detection of such electronic equipment.

See also Section 27.2 for restrictions pertaining to spectators.

The Head Tournament Director will arrange for random checks of players, captains and coaches to ensure that there is compliance with these prohibitions. Refusal to submit to these checks will bar the individual concerned from entry to the playing area and toilet area, and from remaining there.

Refusal to submit to these checks will result in the individual being barred from the playing area and toilet area for the duration of the match or until such time as the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the Championship Committee, shall decide.

Amendments to the General Conditions of Contest

Section 25 Screen Regulations



In section 25.1, the following sentence is added:

A player who removes one or more of his bidding cards from the tray in an apparent attempt to "pass" is indeed deemed to have "passed."

At the end of 25.2 (c), the following sentence is added:

Therefore the tournament director cannot make enquiries on a player's behalf on the other side of the screen during the auction or play.

Section 25.3 (g) is amended as follows:

Failure to do as (f) provides may persuade the Director it was the partner who drew attention to the break in tempo. If so he may well rule there was no perceived delay and thus no unauthorised information. A delay in passing the tray of up to 20 seconds is not normally regarded as significant. If the players have not been randomising the tempo of the auction as desired by section 25. I paragraph 3, then a delay of less than 20 seconds



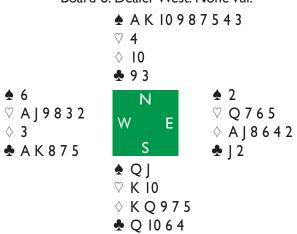
Local Derby

by Mark Horton

Having borne the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune (and the inevitable loss of data that accompanied it) during round I of the Mixed Teams at the Red Bull World Bridge Series I was hoping for better luck when I settled down to follow the second-round encounter between Gotard and Marvelous.

Both teams included pairs from Germany and they faced each other in the Open Room - that's a long way to travel to play someone from the same country!

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gotard	Vechiatto	Eggeling	Engel
I	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♡	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



Berthold Engel, Claudia Vechiatto, Marie Eggeling, Thomas Gotard

West followed the old adage - 'with six-five come alive' and South judged well to take the save in $5 \clubsuit$. Remind me to ask him if he would have carried on to $6 \clubsuit$ had E/W pushed on to $6 \heartsuit$.

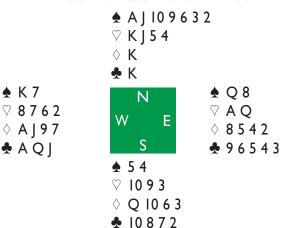
East led the jack of clubs, and when the defenders dropped a trick declarer escaped for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Khandelwal	Capucho	Khandelwal	Lara
Ι♡	4♠	5♡	Dble
All Pass			

The defenders collected a spade trick, -750 and 12 IMPs to Gotard.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.



Open Room

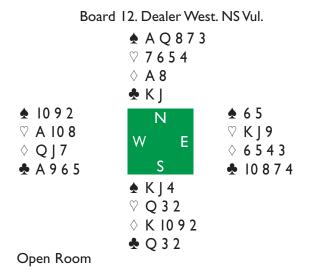
West	North	East	South
Gotard	Vechiatto	Eggeling	Engel
	I ♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♠	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

East led the ace of hearts, and when one of the minor suit aces vanished declarer recorded ten tricks. +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Khandelwal	Capucho	Khandelwal	Lara
	I♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the six of spades, and the play went a little too quickly for the operator. My guess is that declarer won in dummy and took a losing club finesse. North cashed his spade winners and exited with the king of diamonds. With dummy down to ♥AQ ♣965 declarer discarded the queen of hearts and when the club suit failed to divide that was five down, -250 and 6 Marvelous IMPs.



West	North	East	South
Gotard	Vechiatto	Eggeling	Engel
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the six of spades and declarer won with dummy's king, played a club to the king and the jack of clubs. West took the ace, but declarer could not be denied nine tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Khandelwal	Capucho	Khandelwal	Lara
Pass	♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the three of diamonds (second and fourth) and declarer took West's jack with the ace, crossed to the jack of spades, played a club to the king and a diamond to the nine. West won and fatally cashed the ace of hearts. There was no defence now, +600 and a push.

Declarer took the diamond finesse not only because it was likely that East had led from \lozenge Jxxx but also because he feared that if he gave up a club the defenders might be able to cash four heart tricks. Given the heart pips that are missing there is a fair chance that suit might be blocked, so perhaps one should simply play a second club.

As to the defenders' play, it is hard to see how West's move in the heart suit could threaten the contract.

It was Gotard who won this low-scoring affair 13-7 IMPs, 12.57-7.43 VP.



How to play?

by Micke Melander

After an impressive bidding auction with your favorite partner you reach Six Hearts and manage to get it declared by the South hand. How to play when West leads the ace of diamonds?

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

- ♠ A K 9 4 3

 ♡ A Q J 8 6 3

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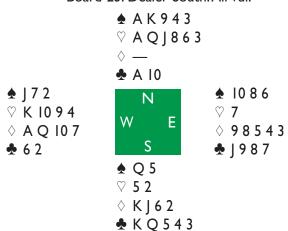
 ♠ A 10

 ♠ Q 5
- ♥ 5 2♦ K J 6 2♣ K Q 5 4 3

At first glance it looks as if you have three spades, a diamond and three clubs. So it looks like it's all about solving how to play the trumps for one loser. What was your line? Let's say you played a club to the king and a heart to the jack, which holds the trick. What then?

Bojoh (for the Indonesian "Pertamina Red") went wrong at this point when she played against Chinese Lucky Star in round 4 of the qualifier Swiss at the World Mixed Team Championships. She tried to cash the ace of hearts but went down when the trumps were 4-1. Maybe you should be alerted by the fact that West of his own free will has led an ace against you, which doesn't happen very often.

Board 23. Dealer South, All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
L Chen	Asbi	J Yang	Bojoh
			♣
Pass	I ♦*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♡
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

- I♦ Transfer to hearts
- 2♠ Game forcing
- 2NT Stopper in diamonds
- 3♠ Showing six hearts and five spades

It's not 100% clear what the best line is to follow, but a reasonable line is to play a spade to the queen and repeat the heart finesse, if trumps now refuse to behave, cash the aces of hearts and clubs and the ace and king of spades. If West has four trumps and three or fewer spades he may be thrown in on trumps, and then be endplayed to lead into South's minors, letting you pitch any remaining spade loser left in dummy.

This Sporting Life

Mark Horton

There will be more than 1000 competitors at this Red Bull World Bridge Series.

Many of them may be getting on in years, and may not be as fit as they would like.

In the recent Chess Olympiad in Tromsø (the venue for next year's European Open Championships) two players died within hours of each other. Chess players are readily susceptible to stress-related conditions. Chess, though the non-player might not believe this, is in many ways an extreme sport. At the Olympiad, participants were playing a game a day over a fortnight - II rounds, with just a couple of rest days on which to recuperate. For up to seven hours a day, they would be sitting at the board trying to kill - metaphorically speaking – their opponent, because this is the ultimate game of kill or be killed. It imposes enormous pressure on players. You need to be at the top of your game to perform. It has been suggested that in the course of a long chess game a player will lose as much weight as he does during a football match.

Many of the great Soviet Chess players had ridiculous lifestyles, living more or less on vodka, cigarettes and Chess. Many of them died young, like Leonid Stein, a three-times Soviet champion in the 1960s, who dropped dead of a heart attack in 1973 at the age of just 38. Mikhail Tal, world champion in the early 1960s, died at the age of 55 – a desperate loss to the sport. Vladimir Bagirov, who was world senior champion in 1998, was 63 when he dropped dead at the board while playing in Finland in 2000.

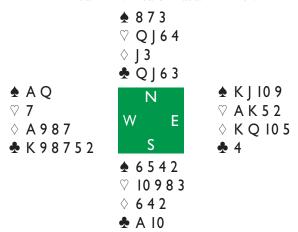
It seems to me that Bridge is no less a challenge - on day one of these Championships the players had to contest 56 deals over 11 hours. So, the next time someone suggests that Bridge is an intellectual pursuit played by wimps, tell them they've got it all wrong: this is a fight to the finish played in the tensest of circumstances by players who are physically and mentally living on the edge. We all need to get fitter to play this demanding game, and society should recognise it for what it is — a sport as challenging, dramatic and exciting as any other.

Round Four

By Barry Rigal

When I got up from watching this match, I thought erroneously that there might only be overtricks at stake, the bridge at my table having represented something very close to par. It just goes to show you can never tell.

Board 22. Dealer East, E-W Vul.



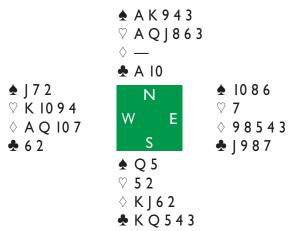
West	North	East	South
Bilde	Meckstroth	Lund MadsenRoge	
		I♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5 ♠ *	Pass
6◊	All Pass		

Lund Madsen's reverse showed extras but didn't guarantee a fifth diamond. Bilde could jump to 40 to show real support, then use keycard to reach the excellent slam. How should one play it on a spade lead? My choice, simplistic as it might be, would be to rise with the A and ruff two hearts early, overtaking a spade as your second entry to hand, then pin your hopes on the trump break. If you do anything else, it seems to me that you run into other more serious jeopardy. For example if you test trump early (or even lead a club up at trick two) the dangers are obvious and the communications become more challenging.

Lund Madsen took a different view, winning the spade ace then diamond king and leading a club towards the king. With all the suits splitting it was not critical which route she followed, and 1370 was a very solid result. In the other room, playing strong club, JoAnna and Lew Stansby bid 1\(\frac{1}{2}\limes-2\limes-2\limes-3\lambda-3\text{NT}, where 2\lambda was Staymanic and 3\lambda natural. JoAnna might have bid 4\lambda over 3\lambda but one can understand her reluctance to bid past 3NT. 12 IMPs to the Danes.

The next board posed a problem for Rogers and Meckstroth – indeed in a standard base I'm not sure what suggestion one might sensibly offer to overcome the problem here.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bilde	Meckstroth	Lund MadsenRogers	
			Pass
Pass	I 🛇	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Meckstroth took an uncharacteristically long time to pass at his final turn, but he knew that if his partner had three trumps they had a terrible hand. With three trumps and constructive values they would raise, with anything better they would start with Drury. And since the partnership opens light he doubtless expected to buy a hand of the approximate shape that he did, but maybe in the 8-10 HCP range.

So what are you supposed to do as South here? I'm not sure transfers are the answer, but even if they were, how exactly would you describe the South hand? Slam is not laydown of course but you certainly want to be there (you have no heart loser one third of the time, and if you lose one heart you might make in some cases if either black suit breaks). At the table Meckstroth settled for a safe line in game after a diamond lead and made 650. There was no swing when Migri Campanile and John McAllister bid to the same contract. As Micke Melander has discussed in a separate article, if you receive a diamond lead through at trick one, the best line in slam appears to be to use the spade and then if necessary the club entries to take the heart finesses. (And yes, hypothetically East might do best to duck the ∇K if he or she had three clubs and four spades, to persuade you to waste the club entry in repeating the heart finesse).

The next three deals did not see the scorer troubled – but one technical point came up which I have never seen in print. Maybe the Smith echoers will have a strong opinion on it?

Against three no-trumps your partner leads a spade, a suit in which you hold jack-third, and dummy a singleton. Your jack forces the king, and at trick two declarer leads the club

jack from hand, and partner pitches the $\heartsuit 9$ (for reference, a suit in which dummy has KQxx). Is this a substitute Smith Echo to say 'Don't continue the suit I led"? Or is it simply discouraging in hearts?

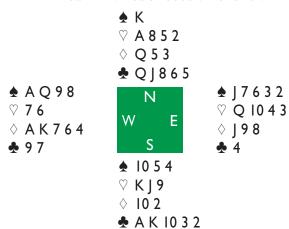


Christina Lund Madsen and Dennis Bilde

When Dennis Bilde made this discard Lund Madsen read it as discouraging for the opening lead, while Bilde had simply meant it to refer to his heart holding and wanted his suit continued. Fortunately for the defense, Lund Madsen's shift did not let through the contract as declarer always had nine tricks.

The last two deals saw Meckstroth's team down just 11 to McAllister, but Migri Campanile and McAllister put two very nice results together.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

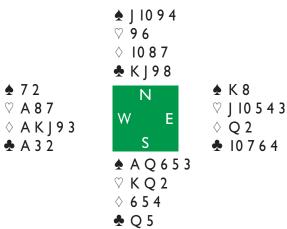


West	North	East	South
Bilde	Meckstroth	Lund Mad	senRogers
			♣
I ♦	I 🛇	I♠	Dble
3♠	3NT(!)	All Pass	

One has to admire the buccaneering spirit exhibited by declarer – I suppose stoppers are indeed all in the eye of the beholder. Lund Madsen stewed for some while but decided to play her partner for four spades (but maybe leading the \$7 would be more discreet?). The defenders cashed out their six winners, with the spade blockage holding them to just four spade tricks.

In the other room JoAnna Stansby raised $1 \diamondsuit$ to $2 \diamondsuit$ as East, and now McAllister competed to $4 \clubsuit$ rather than try for no-trumps. Well done, and 6 IMPs more for his team.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bilde	Meckstroth	Lund Mad	senRogers
I♦	Pass	I	l ♠
Dble	3♠	All Pass	

Bilde's weak no-trump base meant he was somewhat endplayed at his third turn, with extras in context but no way to describe them. His first double had suggested a strong no-trump without a stopper perhaps. He passed out 3\(\Delta\) and after cashing two diamonds and observing the queen, he thoughtfully underled his $\langle J \rangle$ to get a heart through. This didn't yield an extra undertrick but it was nice play nonetheless.

In the other room after a strong club from Lew Stansby and a negative response, Campanile competed with I♠ and McAllister simply raised to 2♠ after a take-out double from West. JoAnna Stansby bought the hand in 3♥. With one of the spades going on the diamonds, the issue is whether the defenders can get the clubs going in time to create a trump promotion. The answer is no, but at the table declarer misguessed the hearts and finished up down one, for a further 4 IMPs to McAllister, and a 22-1 victory.



The Board that Never Was

by Mark Horton

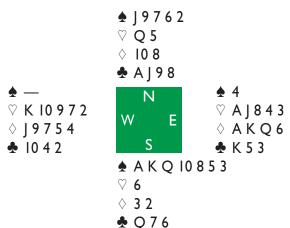
The Man Who Never Was is a 1956 Second World War war film, based on the book of the same name by Lt. Cmdr. Ewen Montagu which dramatises Operation Mincemeat, a 1943 British Intelligence plan to deceive the Axis powers into thinking the Allied invasion of Sicily would take place elsewhere.

Montagu becomes involved in a tricky scheme to fool the Nazis which entails locating a corpse, establishing an identity for it as an intelligence officer called Major Martin, and having the body float in the water just off the coast of Spain, with military identification and letters in its pockets that describe a forthcoming invasion of Greece by the British.

Confused?

Here is the first board of the round 4 match between McAllister and Beijing Trinergy:

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
McAllister		Zur-Cam	banile
	Pass	♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4NT	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West led the two of hearts and declarer lost a heart, two diamonds and a club, two down, -300.

In the other room:

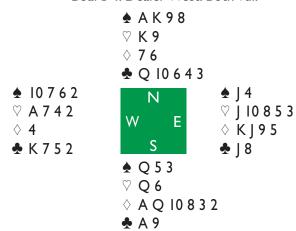
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde		Lund Ma	dsen
(The exact s	sequence is los	t in the mist	s of time.)

East-West had bid up to 5% and N/S were contemplating bidding $5\clubsuit$, which might or might not have seen E/W go on to 6% when the Director arrived to point out that the wrong N/S pair were at the table. So, the board was

cancelled and a new much quieter one was substituted, McAllister picking up 5 IMPs by going plus at both tables.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	Yan	Lund Mad	dsenWang
Pass	♣	100	2♦
2NT*	Pass	3♡	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

2NT Heart support

East led the eight of clubs, which solved a problem for declarer, who saw West win with the king, cash the ace of hearts and switch to the seven of spades for the eight, jack and queen. Declarer cashed dummy's ace of clubs, crossed to hand with a spade, drew trumps and did the right thing in spades and diamonds for +600.

If East avoids a trump lead declarer would have to get the suit right. The odds line is to play low to the nine, which delivers four tricks 33.91% of the time. My guess is that every Chinese player knows that one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sun	McAllister	Yan	Zur-Campanile
Pass	♣	Pass	I ♦
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the five of hearts and West took the ace and returned the two to declarer's king. When a diamond to the ten held, declarer was in the game and he continued with a spade to the king and a diamond to the jack and queen, East discarding the seven of clubs. Declarer cashed the queen of spades followed by the minor-suit aces. A spade to the eight produced a hard fought flat board.

Board 6. Dealer East, EW Vul. **♠** A O ♡ K 5 4 9763 **♣** | 7 53 **★** 852 ♥ | 10876 ♦ A K J 10 ♦ O 5 4 2 ♣ K Q 8 6 **102**

★ K | 10 9 7 3 ♡ A O 9

> ♦ 8 ♣ A 9 4

Open Room

♡ 32

West	North	East	South
Bilde	Yan	Lund MadsenWan	
			I♠
Pass All Pass	INT	Pass	2♠

It's always annoying to miss a game when the tricks are on top - maybe North should raise to 3♠ when South would certainly go on to game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sun	McAllister	Yan	Zur-Campanile
		Pass	I♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The recommended auction gave McAllister a 6 -IMP pick up for an 11-2, 13.56-6.35 VP win.



Team McAllister

Breakfast with Jeff Polisner

By jean-Paul Meyer



Jeff Polisner

Jeff Polisner, WBF counsel, was the prosecutor in the case of Elinescu and Wladow, members of the German team, who won the d'Orsi Senior Trophy in the 41 st World Bridge Teams Championship in Bali. They were convicted of having used illegal signals.

Jeff, was the role of prosecutor a delicate one to handle?

As a lawyer, I have been involved in a number of bridge cheating cases. The case from Bali was the first prosecution under the WBF disciplinary code. It was not that difficult because there were videotapes and the codes were decrypted. I do not think that the hearing panel had a hard task to come to a conclusion. The players appealed and the new hearing panel confirmed the first decision.

How do you feel about the defending side?

I thought they were arrogant and did not present any relevant argument. The players who cheat always go too far. They use information they get and play beyond their ability. They do not even bother to construct alibi hands which would destroy any try to decrypt their code.

Do you think that cheater's teammates can play with them regularly without any doubt?

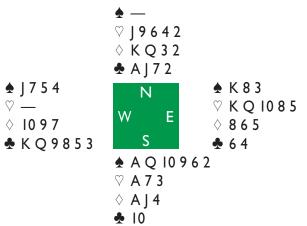
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Missed Opportunity

by Micke Melander

Platinum Cem played Shanghai Yitong in Round six in the Mixed Team Qualifier.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
	Peter		Jessica
	Bertheau		Larsson
Pass	I♡	Pass	I♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♡
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Three Clubs was forcing to game and asked for a stopper initially. When South removed the contract to FourHearts

it was a mild slam try, rejected by North. East however wasn't alarmed by this and doubled for business with her strong trump suit and remembering that partner had made an earlier overcall and probably had something to help on defense.

East led the four of clubs, which went to the ten, queen and Bertheau's ace. After some minutes of studying his problem he realized that the only reason for East to double was that trumps were breaking badly. But were trumps 4-I or 5-0? He decided to play for trumps 4-I and played the jack of hearts at trick two, covered by East and won in dummy. From here on it was still possible to make the contracted only if you played the card in the right order, but when Bertheau didn't get the timing right he went one off, losing four trump tricks to East.

One way of making the contract after playing a heart at trick two is to cash the ace of diamonds, play a diamond to the king, ruff a club, cash the ace of spades (discarding a club from hand) and play a diamond to the queen. Now when declarer plays his last club from hand East has to ruff with the eight as not to give declarer a ruff with the seven from dummy, which almost makes it a loser on a loser play...

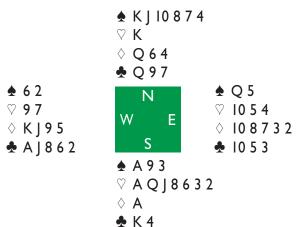
"I played it wrong," Bertheau said afterwards. "I should have just cashed out my winners and tried to ruff two spades in hand and a club in dummy. That would have given me five tricks. When three rounds of diamonds hold that makes eight and there is no way for the defense to take me down." Right he was, though it is always easier when you know the full layout of the deal!



Peter Bertheau and Jessica Larsson

He was probably very relieved by the fact that their opponents got to play in Five Hearts at the other table, going two down for a push.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
	Peter		Jessica
	Bertheau		Larsson
			Ι♡
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2◊*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♡*	Pass	6♡
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ Häxan (Gazilli style)
- 2♦ GF if South is strong
- 2♠ 16+ and 3 spades
- 3♠ Setting trumps
- 3NT Serious slam try
- 4♥ Cue bid with the ace or the king
- 6 Maybe we should play in hearts instead the suit looks good with your king...
- 6♠ No we play in spades!

A very nice bidding sequence from Bertheau-Larsson took them to Six Spades. This may look no better than 50% but when East didn't find the club lead and declarer cashed the ace and king of spades that was thirteen fast tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
			I
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
All Pass			

It didn't go as well for the opponents in the Closed Room. South didn't like the possible rebids that were available in their system and choose a natural bid of Two Clubs. North made an invitational bid by jumping to Three Spades and believed that Four Clubs was a weak hand with 5-5 in hearts and clubs - when for South it was a cue-bid for spades...

Championship Diary

Walking into the MGM Hotel on Saturday morning the piped music on offer was the Animals 1965 hit single We Gotta Get out of this Place. (The B side is entitled I Can't Believe It.) Having only finished Friday's Bulletin at midnight we could readily empathise with the lyrics.

Just to prove that the Editors have a life outside of bridge we should mention that in 1996 Brent Manley ran his first marathon in Memphis, Tennessee. A year later he was installed as Editor of the American Contract Bridge League's Bridge Bulletin with a readership of close to 200,000. Other runners told him about the 50 States Marathon Club and in September this year he became one of the small number to have completed a marathon in every state when he finished the Maui Marathon in Hawaii.

You can sample all kinds of exotic food here in Sanya. Which reminds me - all mushrooms are edible; but some only once.

Francesca Canali is our photographer here in Sanya. The standard procedure is for the journalists to tell the photographer which matches they are covering so appropriate photos can be taken, but she advocates a new method - if she gets any amazingly good pictures she expects us to report on that match.

Yesterday at the last minute we had to find some room for an unexpected item. Having read the article entitled The Fab Four, Patrick Jourdain suggested we change it to the Fab Three.

42 (forty-two) is the natural number immediately following 41 and directly preceding 43. The number has received considerable attention in popular culture as a result of its central appearance in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* as the 'Answer to The Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything'.

That explains why Group A of the Mixed Teams Semifinal comprised 42 teams.

High Anxiety

by Mark Horton

High Anxiety is a 1977 comedy film produced and directed by Mel Brooks, who also plays the lead. It was Brooks' first film as a producer and first speaking lead role (his first lead role was in Silent Movie).

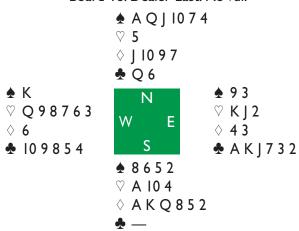
The film is a parody of suspense films, most obviously the films directed by Alfred Hitchcock, Spellbound, Vertigo and The Birds in particular. The movie was dedicated to Hitchcock, who worked with Brooks on the screenplay, and later sent Brooks a case containing six magnums of 1961 Château Haut-Brion, to show his appreciation.

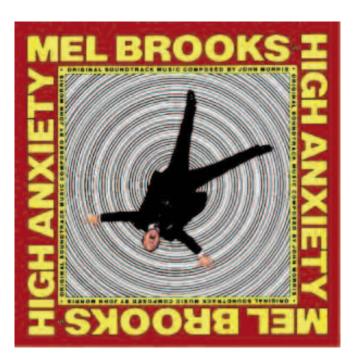
If any reader feels that a similar gesture is appropriate can I mention that I prefer the Latour `6I (but lesser vintages would be equally acceptable).

This deal from round 7 of day one of the Red Bull Mixed Teams produced all manner of results, some of them the type that might drive one to drink - especially a 1961 Bordeaux.

This was Lucky Star v Salvo:

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Lei	Auken	Ying
		♣	I♦
2◊*	2♠	3◊*	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♡
Pass	5♠	All Pass	
-			

2♦ 5+♥, 4+♣

3♦ Heart support (I'm guessing 3♥)

I'm not sure $4 \triangleq$ is the right approach on the South hand. In the Bulletin room there were votes for $5 \triangleq$, $4 \triangleq$ and $4 \heartsuit$.

Declarer was not hard pressed to score +710. Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	Mahmood	Yang	Michielsen
		I♣	I ♦
2♡	4♠	5♡	6♣*
Pass	6◊	Pass	6♡*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Once North had jumped to $4 \triangleq$ (did it in any way imply a fit for diamonds?) South was not stopping short of $6 \triangleq$ and was able to make a couple of grand slam tries along the way.

If E/W had tried 7♣ my guess is they would have been writing down an even bigger number than the -1460 they had to inscribe on their score card.

There was a bigger swing in the match between Pertamina Blue and Rossard:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Voldoire	Djauhari	Avon	Andhani
		I ♣	$ \Diamond \rangle$
I	I♠	$Dble^*$	2♠
4♡	4 ♠	5♣	5♦
6♣	6◊	Dble	All Pass

Declarer was not troubled in the play, +1740.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Gawel	Dewi	Brewiak
		2♣	2♦
5♣	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♣	Dble	All Pass	

South cashed the king of diamonds and switched to the six of spades. North took the ace and returned a heart, South winning with the ace and returning a heart for North to ruff, three down, -500 and 15 IMPs to Pertamina Blue.

On a roll

By Brent Manley

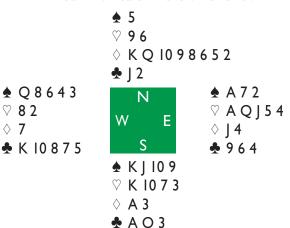
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Dble

It's always good for team morale to get off to a fast start in a match against a quality opponent. Team Salvo, in comfortable qualifying position, did just that in the first match of the Mixed Teams Semifinal A on Sunday, starting with the first deal against the Chinese squad with the tongue-twisting name of Jilinshengqiaopaixiehui, shortened for this article to JILIN.

JILIN sent Wenjiong He, Jin Jing, Yu Wei and Hui Yang against Nafiz Zorlu (Turkey), Anita Sinclair (England) and Roy Welland and Sabina Auken (Germany)

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



North	East	South
He	Sinclair	Yang
4 ♦	Pass	4NT
5♣	Pass	5◊
	He 4 ◊	He Sinclair 4♦ Pass

Sinclair could have defeated the diamond game with a club lead, but she made the not-unreasonable lead of the $\triangle A$. She switched to a club at trick two, but He could discard the losing club on the $\triangle K$. Plus 400 to JILIN.

At the other table, Welland was more aggressive with his eight-card diamond suit.

West	North	East	South
Wei	Welland	Jin	Auken
	5♦	Dble	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The double of $5\lozenge$ is speculative at best and was punished severely. Welland led the \heartsuit 9, taken in dummy with the ace. Auken took the \clubsuit A when declarer played that suit at trick two, and she cashed the \diamondsuit A and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace and a club to the king then a club to Auken's queen. She still had two trump tricks and the \heartsuit K to come. That was six tricks to the defense and plus 800, good for a 9-IMP gain.

On the following board, aggressive bidding by the Chinese team did not work out well for them.

♣ Q 9 7 3

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♣ 10 5			
West	North	East	South
Zorlu	He	Sinclair	Yang
			Pass
3♠	4♣	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5◊

All Pass

A A 6 2

♡ | 10 3 2

 \Diamond 6432

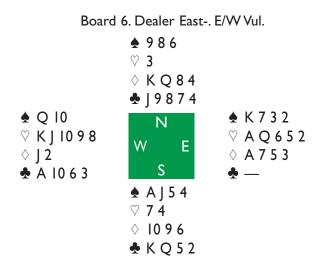
North has a good hand, but it was not enough to compensate for the weak South collection. Zorlu led the \clubsuit J to the queen, king and ace. Yang took a successful diamond finesse and cashed the trump ace, but when the \diamondsuit K did not fall, there was no hope for the contract. In fact, declarer misplayed the contract and finished three down. After the \diamondsuit A failed to produce the king, South cashed the \clubsuit A and erred by trying to cash the \clubsuit K. Zorlu ruffed with the master trump and tapped dummy with a spade. Declarer took six trump tricks and the two black aces to finish at minus 500.



Anita Sinclair

At the other table, West opened 2♠. Welland overcalled 3♠ and was allowed to play there, finishing with 10 tricks for plus 130 and a 12-IMP gain.

On the penultimate deal of the set, Salvo lost 9 IMPs when Zorlu and Sinclair defeated an odd 4\(\phi\) contract five tricks but failed to double.



West	North	East	South
Zorlu	He	Sinclair	Yang
		Ι♡	Dble
INT	2♣	Pass	2♠
4♡	4♠	All Pass	

The auction no doubt convinced East-West (and North) that South had a strong hand with a long spade suit. That probably accounts for the failure of East-West to double the final contract.

Zorlu led the \heartsuit K to get a look at dummy, continuing the suit when Sinclair signaled encouragement. Yang ruffed in dummy and played a club to his king, East discarding a diamond. West took the \clubsuit A and exited with the \diamondsuit 2: queen, ace, 6. East's spade exit was ducked to West's 10 and the \diamondsuit J was taken by dummy's queen. A spade to the jack lost to the queen and declarer was tapped by another heart. His only other trick from there was the trump ace. What should have been plus 1100 was plus 250. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Wei	Welland	Jin	Auken
		Ι♡	Dble
2NT*	3◊	4♡	All Pass

Eleven tricks were trivial. Plus 650 meant 9 IMPs to JILIN. That was it for the team, however, and Salvo emerged with a 32-9 win, worth 17.42 victory points.

World Championship Book 2014

The official book of these championships will be available around April next year. With analysis from our regular team of writers – John Carruthers, Barry Rigal, Brian Senior and Geo Tislevoll, it will again be in the full colour format first used for the 2013 edition and will comprise at least 336 large pages. There will be a full results listing, many photographs, and all the best of the action.

On publication, the official retail price will be US35-00. For the same price, you can pre-order while at these championships and have the book sent to you post free as soon as it is available.

In previous years the discount for buying at the championships has been greater. I should explain that the reason why I can no longer afford to be quite so generous is that it now costs something like US\$14 to send a single copy from England to anywhere else in the world (surface mail).

You can place your pre-order with Jan Swaan in the Press Room one floor up from the playing area in the MGM Grand. You may pay:

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MIXED TEAMS QUALIFICATION

Semifinal A

TEAM VP I BRINK 171.04 2 SALVO 160.17 3 RIVERS 159.75 4 GZ. ZHAOHENGI 156.23 5 BINKIE 155.04 6 ROSSARD 154.97 7 YUNNAN 153.17 8 PLATINUM CEM 151.17 9 HAUGE 149.93 10 ATABEY 149.04 WILLENKEN 147.02 12 YEH MIX 146.95 13 DIAMOND 146.78 14 SAIC 146.49 15 MOSS 142.18 16 PZIM 141.09 17 **NUNES** 138.82 18 MCALLISTER 137.43 19 **GEELY AUTOMOB** 135.41 20 **BARR** 135.24 21 **JILINSHENGQIA** 135.08 CHIME 134.11 23 PING AN CHINA 134.08 24 VITAS 132.71 130.41 25 **TAYLOR** 26 GOTARD 129.5 27 LUCKY SEVEN 129.46 HUBEI QIAOXIE 128.94 29 HEILONGJIANG 127.23 30 **RADIO COMMUNI** 126.1 GANZER 31 125.83 **SHENZHEN** 125.56 33 PERTAMINA EP 125.19 34 PERTAMINA EP 122.93 35 SHENZHEN PING 120.87 36 SINGAPORE MIX 119.7 **SUZHOUTAIHU** 119.61 PAN-CHINA 38 114.68 39 **BEIJING TRINE** 113.08 40 **VALIO** 106.48 **NORCO** 41 105.94 **LUCKY STAR** 99.74

Semifinal B

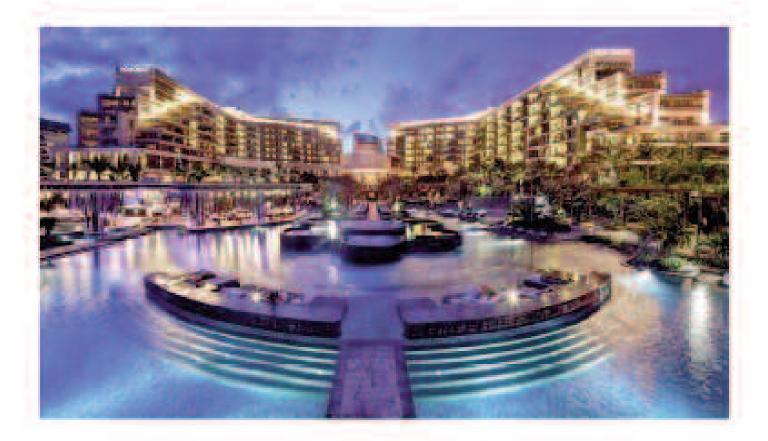
	TEAM	VP
1	HUOCHETOU BLU	144.73
2	SHANGHAIYITO	140.62
3	XBA	139.64
4	SHENZHEN NANG	139.48
5	GZ. ZHAOHENG2	135.4
6	GILLIS	131.68
7	LYNCH	130.03
8	REDBULL	129.11
9	BROCK	128.11
10	MEIKUANGTIXIE	127.85
П	GLASSON	126.66
12	DALIAN	126.16
13	COFCO YALONG	124.72
14	MILNER	124.51
15	NT FEIXIANG	123.5
	GSRC & S UNIT	123.15
17	SANYA-HONGYE	122.82
18	CAYNE	120.79
19	THE LOCOMOTIV	120.44
20	TIANYA BRIDGE	119.78
	PENFOLD	117.42
22	SHANDONGPUSHI	113.85
23	IOEL	113.53
24	WUHAN	113.11
25	MARVELOUS	112.68
26	MASTER MINDS	111.64
27	SHANGHAI THIN	111.6
28	THAILAND	110.97
29	HEY YO	110.64
30	SHANXI ZHANGB	109.16
31	BLING	109.1
32	WEST VIP	108.83
33	BEYOND	105.74
34	BEIJING CENTU	104.97
35	TIANJIN CONTR	103.77
36	CHINA PETROLE	103.06
37	ZHEJIANG JINJ	102.73
38	BURGESS	102.57
39	MCMULLIN	99.95
40	SOUL	99.16
41	QINGHAI BRIDG	97.42
42	ZHIHAOLE	96
43	BRIDGE ASSOCI	92.04
44	PANDA	91.36
45	ROSSLEE	89.7
46	SANSHA SATELL	27.27
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MIXED TEAMS WBF MPs

This list represents WBF Masterpoint holdings of the squads in the Red Bull Mixed Teams.

TEAM	AVG
I NUNES	2741.5
2 PZIM	2341.0
3 DIAMOND	2035.5
4 BRINK	1766.3
5 SALVO	1331.2
6 GEELY AUTOMOBILE	1307.8
7 SAIC	1246.1
8 JOEL	1210.4
9 BROCK	1164.4
10 MILNER	1125.9
II RIVERS	1120.7
12 CAYNE	1094.1
13 GANZER	1038.3
14 MOSS	984.6
15 PLATINUM CEM	913.3
16 LYNCH	861.7
17 TAYLOR	771.5
18 PENFOLD	763.5
19 WILLENKEN	755.5
20 PERTAMINA EP RED	710.9
21 YEH MIX	686.3
22 ZHEJIANG JINJIANG BRIDGE CLUB	608.3
22 ZHEJIANG JINJIANG BRIDGE CLOB 23 MCALLISTER	570.8
24 PERTAMINA EP BLUE	410.0
25 CHIME	386.I
26 REDBULL	373.2
27 GILLIS	363.5
	340.5
28 BEIJING TRINERGY 29 BARR	340.3
30 MARVELOUS	301.6
31 VITAS	267.5
32 SOUL 33 PAN-CHINA	214.8 209.5
34 ATABEY	207.5
35 MCMULLIN	191.0
36 ROSSARD 37 RAYNER	172.1
37 RATNER 38 GLASSON	156.3 152.3
38 GLASSON 39 HAUGE	
	138.1
40 GOTARD 41 SHENZHEN NANGANG POWER	122.2
	122.0
42 BURGESS	109.3
43 SHANGHAI YITONG	75.2
44 GZ. ZHAOHENGI	56.7
45 TIANJIN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOC	CI 50.1

	TEAM	AVG
46	BINKIE	49.3
47	LUCKY SEVEN	45.3
48	SINGAPORE MIXED	44.0
49	ROSSLEE	43.5
50	VALIO	43.3
51	SHENZHEN	41.6
52	SUZHOUTAIHU	38.4
	GZ. ZHAOHENG2	33.5
54	BEYOND	28.8
55	THAILAND	26.4
56	PING AN CHINA	24.3
-	JILINSHENGQIAOPAIXIEHUI	22.5
	COFCO YALONG BAY	18.9
59	HUBEI QIAOXIE	14.8
	MASTER MINDS	9.4
	SANYA-HONGYE	9.0
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	NORCO	7.0
	LUCKY STAR	4.8
	MEIKUANGTIXIE	4.2
	WEST VIP	3.6
	BLING	2.5
	HEY YO	2.2
	WUHAN	0.8
	BEIJING CENTURY WEIDA	0.0
	BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FUJIAN P	0.0
	CHINA PETROLEUM SPORTS ASSCCIA	0.0
	DALIAN	0.0
	GSRC & S UNITED	0.0
	HEILONGJIANG TEAM	0.0
	HUOCHETOU BLUE	0.0
	NT FEIXIANG	0.0
	PANDA	0.0
	OINGHAI BRIDGE ASSOCIATION	0.0
	SANSHA SATELLITE TV	0.0
	SHANDONGPUSHI TEAM	0.0
	SHANGHAI THINK BRIDGE CLUB	0.0
	SHANXI ZHANGBI OLD CASTLE	0.0
	SHENZHEN PINGAN	0.0
	THE LOCOMOTIVE SPORTS ASSOCIAT	0.0
	TIANYA BRIDGE FATE	0.0
	XBA	0.0
	YUNNAN	0.0
	ZHIHAOLE	0.0





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● Registration Time: One hour before each side game starts

Time: 8 events in all

DATE	TIME	Event Name	
10.12	19:00	Red Bull Cup	
10.15	10:00	ICBC "Banking@Home" Cup	
10.15	16:00	OSIM Cup	
10.19	19:00	S.D.Spontini Cup	
10.20	10:00	Lancy Cup	
10.20	18:00	Liangzi Cup	
10.22	19:00	Aimer Cup	
10.23	19:00	Lianzhong Cup	

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- Entry fee: 500 RMB/Pair/Round, of which 400 RMB enter the prize pool.

Reward Pattern:

Allocation of the prize pool (over 40 pairs)

RANKING	PROPORTION OF THE PRIZE POOL
1st	20.00%
2nd	10.00%
3rd	8.00%
4th	6.50%
5th	5.50%
6th	4.50%
7th	4.00%
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22nd	2.00%
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24th	2.00%

Allocation of the prize pool (less than 40 pairs)

RANKING	PROPORTION OF THE PRIZE POOL
1st	25.00%
2nd	12.50%
3rd	8.00%
4th	7.00%
5th	6.00%
6th	5.00%
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