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THE BUSINESS END OF THINGS - THE SEMI FINALS

The chaff has been separated from the wheat over 3 days and we are entering the home stretch- the business end of the tournament. The format for the semifinals is the team ranked 1 in the round robin plays team no. 4, while teams ranked 2 and 3 play the other semifinals over 3 sessions of 16 boards per session.

TEAMS SEMI FINALS

MEN	CHINA A Vs CHINA TRAINING	&	INDIA B Vs CHINA HONG KONG
WOMEN	CH. TAIPEI Vs INDIA B	&	AUSTRALIA Vs CHINA
MIXED	AUSTRALIA Vs THAILAND	&	INDIA A Vs CH. TAIPEI A
SUPERMIXED	JAPAN Vs INDONESIA	&	INDIA B Vs INDIA A
SENIORS	CH. TAIPEI A Vs CHINA HONGKONG	&	INDIA B Vs CHINA

The last day of the Round Robin didn't disturb the overnight top four leaders too much. In both the Supermixed and Seniors Categories, the same four as night before last made it to the short list. The only change occurred in the Men's Teams, where India B, who were lying sixth, qualified gathering 52.89 V.Ps in three rounds yesterday. Australia, who, had an ordinary day at office, collecting 37.96 V.Ps in three rounds yesterday, slipped from 4th to 5th, missing the bus.

PAIRS

MENS : 51 Pairs. Qualifying Round - 52 Boards in 2 Sessions. 2 Sections of 13 tables each.
24 Pairs (12 NS & 12 EW) to qualify for the Finals tomorrow.

WOMEN : 13 Pairs. All Play All 13 Rounds of 7 Board Matches per Round. 7 Rounds Today (4 before and 3 after Lunch)

MIXED : 24 Pairs. All Play All 23 Rounds of 4 Board Matches per Round.
12 Rounds Today (6 Rounds each before and after Lunch)

Venue (Men) : Grand Ball Room. Venue (Women and Mixed) : Kullagar Hall 1st Floor.

There Will Be Barometer Scoring

- Tournament Director



FINAL RANKINGS AFTER ROUND ROBIN

MEN

	Team	VPs
1	China	193.66
2	India B	177.95
3	China Hongkong	173.28
4	China Training	172.61
5	Australia	167.47
6	Thailand A	153.74
7	India A	150.00
8	Ch.Taipei	141.30
9	Singapore	109.04
10	Japan	91.92
11	Thailand B	88.76
12	Invitational Men	68.78
13	Bangladesh	68.55
14	Indonesia	53.94

3	Chinese Taipei A	106.34
4	Thailand	100.43
5	India B	91.25
6	Chinese Taipei B	85.68
7	Singapore	73.94
8	China Hongkong	68.03
9	Korea	53.87

SUPER MIXED

	Team	VPs
1	Japan	185.21
2	India A	182.32
3	India B	154.78
4	Thailand	146.57
5	Indonesia	133.53
6	Korea	96.59

WOMEN

	Team	VPs
1	Chinese Taipei	129.87
2	Australia	121.93
3	China	120.75
4	India B	87.92
5	China Hongkong	87.42
6	Korea	86.31
7	Japan	84.37
8	India A	56.02
9	Pakistan	52.41

SENIORS

	Team	VPs
1	Ch.Taipei A	149.53
2	India B	143.29
3	China	142.38
4	China Hongkong	130.46
5	Japan	118.26
6	Ch.Taipei B	116.48
7	Australia	109.11
8	Invitational Seniors A	100.87
9	Indonesia	91.08
10	India A	82.94
11	Invitational Seniors B	76.68
12	Korea	47.06

MIXED

	Team	VPs
1	Australia	122.60
2	India A	120.86



Talk the Talk

BFI President Prasad Keni



Meet Prasad Keni, the youngest ever President of the Bridge Federation of India. Incidentally it was his birthday yesterday. A belated Happy Birthday Prasad.

How did you take to bridge?

I took to bridge at a young age as a volunteer. My late father was a keen player and I grew up in the culture. Most of his bridge friends were amusing interesting people. I took to the game as a result of their influence and the fact that I immensely enjoyed the bridge literature like bridge world magazine.

With a youthful person at the helm of the Bridge Federation of India, how do you see the future of BFI? What plans and visions do you have?

The future of BFI is better appreciated by a glimpse of the past. Mr Kamlakar Rao had a long glorious innings that established the basic structure of state associations, national and zonal championships, Master points, international participation, etc.

Enter my predecessor Mr NRK Moorthy during whose tenure I was introduced as a vice President. That was when BFI came into it's own hosting the world championships and BFAME championship twice. Bridge was recognised as a priority sport and this I believe is the legacy I've tried to build up. However the amount of personal sacrifices made by my predecessors I am unable to match.

I have tried to include professionalism and delegation in every aspect of functioning of BFI. We are hopeful of a lot of support from the government. I'm fortunate to have a dedicated team that is working beyond call of duty.

The basic vision is to make bridge a career option and a popular self development and leisure sport. Ensuring that the game survives and grows is a global challenge that every nation is trying to devise a strategy for.

How do you perceive bridge in Asia generally and in India specifically? Also bridge in the Pacific and Asia Pacific region?

Bridge is a legacy of the British empire in Asia. And has unfortunately suffered the same fate as the other institutions of the Raj. Gradual decline and apathy towards inclusive policies has seen the bridge landscape shrink to a few urban pockets. I hear that China has a great programme for schools. And some of the countries are very passionate about the game. Funding remains a chronic problem limiting the teaching and participation programme.

I'd like to appreciate the role of the stalwarts of Indian bridge whose support has kept the game alive by sponsoring several tournaments around the country. We really have a robust calendar.

What do you feel about the prevailing unfair practices that are rampant in international bridge? Any suggestions?

I'm not qualified to answer this question. But I understand WBF is addressing the situation in close association with ACBL. The new laws have been drafted and we haven't had too many incidents of late.

What do you feel about the future of bridge as a sport at the international, national and grassroot level?

The future of bridge at the international level is bright in USA Europe and China. At a national level in India we have a pool of over 1000 players who are regularly playing on the circuit. If these players teach conduct and administer a bit more we will have a great future.

At The grass root we are trying to initiate an ambitious teaching programme and trying to introduce the game in the schools curriculum.

But until then every bridge player should make it his duty to introduce at least 3 new players to the game.

Any pet projects, or anything you might wish to add?

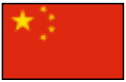
My pet project is to strengthen the functioning of the state associations and reintroduce bridge at the district level. I'd like to see corporates buying into bridge. I'd like to see bridge popularized among the public services. Public sector and the armed forces.

What does Prasad Keni do when he is not involved in bridge?

I'm a mechanical engineer and run a small pharmaceutical laboratory. I'm passionate about social causes and especially the mental health and development of children and adults and senior citizens alike.

I'd like to thank all the sponsors and my team for organising the Asia cup. The Marriott resort in particular and my friend Pervez of Funky Heads.. the event management company.





China Training Vs Australia (Men)



- Anil Padhye & S K Iyengar

ROUND 11

Both the teams started with 3 push boards 4th board gave China a 9imps lead when Aussies overshot to 3NT for -300 in the closed room and further 11 for going down in a slam contract in the open room.

Board:5 Dealer:North Vul:NS

NORTH		
♠ 9 8 4 3		
♥ J 9 5		
♦ 7 5 2		
♣ Q 9 3		
WEST	N	EAST
♠ 10	W	♠ K 6
♥ K Q 10 4		♥ A 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 6		♦ A K J 10 4
♣ A K 8 7 5	S	♣ 6 4
SOUTH		
♠ A Q J 7 5 2		
♥ 7 6		
♦ Q 3		
♣ J 10 2		

Open Room: NS - China Training EW - Australia

West	North	East	South
<i>Hung Andy</i>	<i>Jie Li</i>	<i>Sartaj</i>	<i>Zhong Fu</i>
	Pass	1NT	2♦
DBL	2♥	Pass	2♠
DBL	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Closed Room: NS - Australia EW - China Training

West	North	East	South
<i>Xin Li</i>	<i>Haffer Joe</i>	<i>Yanpei</i>	<i>Markey</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		



Sartaj Hans of Australia

The Australians reached a slam in the Open Room in spite of a intervention by Vulnerable opponents which depends on the diamond queen location. Declarer finessed and went down. 11 Imps to China Training.



Jie-Li of China Training

Board:6 Dealer:East Vul:EW

NORTH		
♠ J 10 3		
♥ A 7 6 2		
♦ 8 4 2		
♣ A 9 6		
WEST	N	EAST
♠ K 6	W	♠ A 7 4
♥ 9 8		♥ K 10 5
♦ Q J 10 6 5		♦ A K 7 3
♣ K 8 3 2	S	♣ Q 10 4
SOUTH		
♠ Q 9 8 5 2		
♥ Q J 4 3		
♦ 9		
♣ J 7 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hung Andy</i>	<i>Jie Li</i>	<i>Sartaj</i>	<i>Zhong Fu</i>
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xin Li</i>	<i>Haffer Joe</i>	<i>Yanpei</i>	<i>Markey</i>
		1C	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the open room on spade lead the Australian declarer scored his contract as south discarded spades on the run of diamonds eventually getting a heart & club trick. In the closed room declarer's line of play was dictated by





China Training Vs Australia (Men)

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south's spade overcall. After cashing 2 daimonds declarer played a Club to the King giving South the Ace for his overcall. North won and pushed back a spade. The Heart Ace now seemed certainty with South for his overcall, so declarer played for the club jack to be in, which it was not. Down two - 13 imps to Australia.

Board:8 Dealer:West Vul:None

NORTH			
♠ K 9 4			
♥ Q 5 4			
♦ A 6 4			
♣ K 9 6 5			
WEST	N	EAST	
♠ 8	W	♠ A J 10 7 6	
♥ K J 10 3 2	S	♥ A 8 7 6	
♦ K Q J		♦ 5 3	
♣ A Q J 8		♣ 10 4	
SOUTH			
♠ Q 5 3 2			
♥ 9			
♦ 10 9 8 7 2			
♣ 7 3 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hung Andy</i>	<i>Jie Li</i>	<i>Sartaj</i>	<i>Zhong Fu</i>
1♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xin Li</i>	<i>Haffer Joe</i>	<i>Yanpei</i>	<i>Markey</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The Closed Room contract made with an overtrick. The slam in the Open Room was beaten by a trick despite declarer guessing the trump position. That was 11 imps more to China, ahead by 18.

On Boards 9 & 12 China gained 5 imps on each board, the contracts in both the rooms played by the Aussies went down.



Joe Haffer of Australia

Board:11 Dealer:South Vul:None

NORTH			
♠ A 7 5 3 2			
♥ 9 7			
♦ 8 3			
♣ K 9 3 2			
WEST	N	EAST	
♠ 10	W	♠ Q	
♥ A Q 10 6 5	S	♥ K 4	
♦ A 9		♦ K Q J 7 6 5 2	
♣ Q J 10 5 4		♣ A 8 6	
SOUTH			
♠ K J 9 8 6 4			
♥ J 8 3 2			
♦ 10 4			
♣ 7			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hung Andy</i>	<i>Jie Li</i>	<i>Sartaj</i>	<i>Zhong Fu</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	DBL	Pass	Pass
RDBL	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xin Li</i>	<i>Haffer Joe</i>	<i>Yanpei</i>	<i>Markey</i>
			3♠
4♥	4♠	5♦	All Pass

In the Closed Room the Aussies pre-empt made it difficult for the opponents to reach the slam, however in the Open Room without any opposition bidding, Australia decided to stay out of slam.

China Training won comfortably by 42 – 15 imps = 16.55 – 3.45 VPs.



Zhao Yan Pei of China Training





Meet the Director of Operations - T C Pant

How did you get into this mind sport?

My dad was an Indian Air force officer and sport being an integral part of defence setup, it came automatically to me. But it was courtesy of one of our neighbors from Bengal for whom it was a ritual to play bridge on Sundays with his friends, which first sowed the seed of Bridge in me. He taught his son and me the basics of bridge in 1971-72.

How did you come into the operations aspect of bridge, considering you are an active player on the circuit?

My stint in Netherlands (1992-1999) as a software professional, changed a lot of things as far as bridge was concerned. My partner there was a sports journalist and he prompted me to become a volunteer for recording matches at the "Top 16 pairs of the world" tournament at Hotel Des Indes, The Hague, sponsored by Cap Gemini, which was also known as the "Wimbledon of Bridge". I recorded my first match in 1993 there and that gave a boost to my interest towards "Bridge Management" activities. Then I started work on computer scoring and when I finally came to India in 2000, I along with I got lot of encouragement from senior players like Subhash Gupta, Anand Samant and it was Mr. Anand Samant, who first drafted me in the role of Scorer for Tolani Grand Prix at Mumbai, and then other tournaments followed and I went from Scoring to "Bulletin Writing" and then to handling complete operation of a tournament.

Your track record as an Operations person.

I got my first chance to make Daily Bulletins for the Winter Nationals at Chennai in 2003.

Being from New Delhi, I started acting as Operation Head from 2003 onwards for the annual HCL Tournament and last year it was a great satisfaction for me to handle 150+ teams as Head of Operations of HCL international tournament.

I was head operation for the Commonwealth Bridge in 2010 at New Delhi, and have worked as Scorer, Bulletin Editor or Head of operations in nearly all Indian National tournaments since 2003. I have also been the Bulletin Editor at BFAME championships in Jordan, Dubai, Ahmedabad & Chennai.

What preparations does it entail to smoothly run an international tournament such as this.

The first thing is to completely understand the requirements of the tournament. Then you have to see

that the venue chosen is right and adequate & then comes the plan for setting up the venue. Few other important aspects are creation of web site and then the choosing the manpower for execution. . One of the most important things is to choose the correct manpower for the job. The manpower chosen to conduct the tournament should know the nuances of the activity to be performed by them. Luckily we in India now have a nice experienced team and that allows us to conduct smoothly.

What suggestions do you have to curb unfair practises that are occurring rampantly today?

After Boye Brogeland brought up the cheating scandal in detail with proof, WBF is working very seriously to curb this menace. The advent of cameras on the Vu-graph table is one thing, which for at least psychological reason may prevent the unfair practices.

What is the future of bridge in India and world over?

Usually it is heard that the game is dying slowly and slowly. I will not say that exactly but yes, the youngsters are not showing much interest in the game. Luckily for Bridge, we are now seeing lot of youngsters in Europe and China, which is a good sign. WBF is also trying hard to put Bridge in track by conducting World Youth Championships. ACBL is also giving lot of leverage to promoting Bridge to juniors.. Though in India, we still have problems. With cut throat competition in professional life, and new avenues of entertainment, younger generation is utilizing their time in those activities, which interests them. In 70-80s,, if a engineer used to pass out his B.Tech and was not knowing bridge, his degree was considered to be incomplete but those times have gone. BFI is trying hard to revive it by conducting bridge courses in school but we all should be careful that it should not spoil the career of a growing kid, as bridge is a addictive game

What does Mr Pant do when he is not playing bridge?

For initial 1 year after my retirement, I was still interested in imparting my professional knowledge but I have stopped now. I love travelling to different places mainly hilly terrains. Though the travel is still continuing, but now it is mainly for participating or conducting a bridge tournament. I also love watching Vu-graphs of important tournaments and try to keep a track record of excellent hands played in various parts of the world. May be one day I will publish my favorite 52 deals.





India B Vs Indonesia (Men) - Anil Padhye & S K Iyengar



ROUND 13

Both the teams started the final round of round robin bidding a slam.

Board:2 Dealer:East Vul:NS

NORTH			
♠ Q			
♥ K Q 8 7			
♦ K J 9 5 4			
♣ A 8 7			
WEST	N	EAST	
♠ J 10 4 3	W	♠ K 8 7 5 2	
♥ Q 8 7 6 3 2	S	♥ A 9 4	
♣ J 10 9		♦ A 10	
		♣ Q 3 2	
SOUTH			
♠ A 9 6			
♥ J 10 6 5 3 2			
♦ K 6 5 4			

Open Room: NS-Indonesia. EW-India

West	North	East	South
Sunit	Kurniawan	Kaizad	Gunnadi
		1S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Closed Room: NS-India. EW-Indonesia

West	North	East	South
Prayogo	Subhash	Aditya	Sapan
		1S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	5H
Pass	Pass	DBL	All Pass

In the Closed Room, South, who couldn't overcall 2/3 hearts threw all caution to the wind and bid 5H and came up with a winning 850.

Board 4 gave 10 more imps to India B when the Indonesians in the Closed Room misdefended a non vul 3NT. Next couple of boards Indians kept adding small gains to lead by 32 imps to Nil.

Board:8 Dealer:West Vul:None

NORTH			
♠ J 10 9 5 3			
♥ K			
♦ J 10 9 8 7 5			
♣ 7			
WEST	N	EAST	
♠ 8 7 6	W	♠ A K Q 4 2	
♥ 4	S	♥ A 8 6 3	
♦ A Q 4 2		♦ K 6	
♣ A K Q J 10		♣ 5 3	
SOUTH			
♠ Q J 10 9 7 5 2			
♥ 3			
♣ 9 8 6 4 2			

Open Room: NS-Indonesia. EW-India

West	North	East	South
Sunit	Kurniawan	Kaizad	Gunnadi
1C	Pass	1S	3H
DBL	Pass	4H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5H	DBL	6D	Pass
7NT	DBL	All Pass	

Closed Room: NS-India. EW-Indonesia

West	North	East	South
Prayogo	Subhash	Aditya	Sapan
1C	2D	2S	3H
3S	Pass	4D	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
7S	All Pass		

The Indonesians in the closed room quickly went 2 down in the grand slam on the cruel trump break. Sunit, in the Open Room, knowing all required key cards & a diamond King with partner carefully bid 7NT. On the heart lead, once he learned about the spade break, he eventually squeezed north in spades & diamonds to score his doubled grand slam with 18 imps and a 50 imps lead. Board 9 saw Indians adding 8 more imps when Indonesians in 1 room were -50 in 3D & -300 in 3C in the other room.

Board:10 Dealer:East Vul:Both

NORTH			
♠ A K 10 3 2			
♥ 10 8 3 2			
♦ 7			
♣ J 7 3			
WEST	N	EAST	
♠ 9 6 5	W	♠ Q J 8	
♥ K 9 4	S	♥ J 5	
♦ 6 3 2		♦ A J 9 8 5 4	
♣ A Q 6 5		♣ 10 8	
SOUTH			
♠ 7 4			
♥ A Q 7 6			
♦ K Q 10			
♣ K 9 4 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sunit	Kurniawan	Kaizad	Gunnadi
		2D	Pass
3D	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Prayogo	Subhash	Aditya	Sapan
		Pass	1C
Pass	1S	2D	Pass
Pass	DBL	All Pass	





India B Vs Indonesia (Men)

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The Indians in the Open Room conceded 100. Sapan in the Closed Room chanced his arm once again passing an intended take out double but this time entered -180 in opponent's column letting Indonesians open their account.

Board:11 Dealer:South Vul:None

NORTH			
♠ 7 3			
♥ A Q 9 7 6			
♦ 6			
♣ A 10 8 7 6			
WEST	N	EAST	
♠ K 10 8 6 2	W	♠ A Q J 9	
♥ K J		♥ 5 4	
♦ 8 5		♦ A K Q 10 9 7	
♣ K Q 9 5	S	♣ 3	
SOUTH			
♠ 5 4			
♥ 10 8 3 2			
♦ J 4 3 2			
♣ J 4 2			

Open Room: NS-Indonesia. EW-India

West	North	East	South
Sunit	Kurniawan	Kaizad	Gunnadi
			Pass
1S	2H	3H	Pass
3S	Pass	4C	Pass
4S	Pass	5D	Pass
5H	DBL	Pass	
5S	All Pass		

Closed Room: NS-India. EW-Indonesia

West	North	East	South
Prayogo	Subhash	Aditya	Sapan
			Pass
1S	2S	3D	3H
Pass	Pass	5S	Pass
6S	All Pass		

Subhash with a penchant for trump leads, than most others, thought this auction also called for one, duly found a trump lead and soon declarer wrapped up 12

tricks. (The dealing room reported that the board No. 11 in the mens section had only 50 cards. The Aces were missing the point is were they missing before or after round 13-Ed.)

Board:12 Dealer:West Vul:NS

NORTH			
♠ Q 9 7 5			
♥ Q 7 3 2			
♦ 9 5			
♣ K 7 2			
WEST	N	EAST	
♠ 10 8 6 3	W	♠ A	
♥ A K 8 6 3		♥ A K 10 9 8 5 4	
♦ Q 9 5 4	S	♦ J 4 2	
		♣ 10 6	
SOUTH			
♠ K J 4 2			
♥ J 6			
♦ Q 10 7			
♣ A J 8 3			

Open Room: NS-Indonesia. EW-India

West	North	East	South
Sunit	Kurniawan	Kaizad	Gunnadi
Pass	Pass	1H	DBL
1S	2H	All Pass	

Closed Room: NS-India. EW-Indonesia

West	North	East	South
Prayogo	Subhash	Aditya	Sapan
Pass	Pass	4H	All Pass

Indonesian East's speculative 4H opening in the closed room came through, Kaizad in the other room, understandably enough opened 1H opening and rested in 2H making the same

The remaining deals were push and India emerge 58-24 resulting in a 17.63-2.27 win for India B over Indonesia catapulting them to a second place finish at the end of the round robin.

= 16.55 – 3.45 VPs.

THE KIDA APP

Amaresh Deshpande (from Kodaikanal, South India) has made a Card Play App specially designed for Kids. The app is totally free and supports 35 languages. As an appreciation of his unique approach to introducing Bridge to kids - the WBF has appointed him in charge of Bridge. Development for the upcoming World Youth Championship in China as well as the World Bridge Series in Orlando in 2018.

The KIDA app can be downloaded for both iOS and Android

Event : Side walk speedball

Venue : EDU's Restaruant (Next to Thai-N-Wok)

Time : 8.00 pm

Director : Pataratham (Thailand)

Entry Fee : Rs. 1000.00 / Pair

To Get you started :

One House Beer or 300ml. House Wine

Prizes

1. Best MP Score (2 Places)

2. Pair with Highest Speedball Boards.



'Canadian Slams' - John Carruthers

Continuing the series of Canadian Slams by John Carruthers - The internationally renowned bridge writer, journalist and editor. John so kindly consented to give us this for the Daily Bulletins - Ed.

This deal might be called *A Tale of Two Tables*. After all, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." One of the Daily Bulletin editors, usually such circumspect, agreeable chaps, after viewing the auction at our table, called Joey Silver, "completely barking mad, certifiable." The event was the 2005 Transnational Teams in Estoril, Portugal. It was Round 8 and we were playing against a Russian team.

Dealer South. EWVul.

WEST		NORTH		EAST	
♠ K8652	♠ Q43	♠ AJ1054	♠ AJ97	♠ A103	♠ -
♥ K	♥ QJ62	♥ -	♥ A103	♥ AK9843	♥ -
♦ 75	♦ J	♦ -	♦ AK9843	♦ -	♦ -
♣ Q9873	♣ AJ1054	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -
WEST		SOUTH		EAST	
♠ K8652	♠ 10	♠ -	♠ -	♠ -	♠ -
♥ K	♥ 98754	♥ -	♥ -	♥ -	♥ -
♦ 75	♥ Q1062	♦ -	♦ -	♦ -	♦ -
♣ Q9873	♣ K62	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -

West	North	East	South
<i>Krasnosselski</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Zhmak</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠!	2♦	Double
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

When Silver picked off the opponents' suit, it looked as though we were headed for a huge gain. Not satisfied with his windfall, North went to the well one too many times after my aggressive negative double. When I doubled three no trump, I said to myself, "Where are their tricks?" Little did I know they were in Silver's suit!

Silver shrewdly led his club five. I won with the king and returned the six to the nine and ten and Silver, leery of the ace-ten of hearts in the dummy, shifted to his jack of diamonds. Krasnosselski won with dummy's king, led a spade to the king and a spade to the jack, cashed the ace

and nine of spades, led a heart to the king and claimed nine tricks for plus 750. This looked bad for us, until the comparison ...

West	North	East	South
<i>Graves</i>	<i>Kirilenko</i>	<i>Baran</i>	<i>Shudnev</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Double	1♥
2♠	3♥	5♣ ¹	Pass
5♥ ²	Pass	5NT ³	Pass
6♠ ⁴	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Exclusion Key Card Blackwood
2. 1 key card
3. Queen-of-spades ask
4. No queen

Graves won the queen-of-hearts lead with his king and led a diamond to dummy's king. He discarded his second diamond on the ace of hearts and ruffed a diamond with the five of spades. West could not gain by over ruffing, so he discarded a club. A spade to the ace was followed by another diamond ruff, establishing the suit. West discarded again. Graves cashed the king of spades, leaving North with the outstanding trump, the queen. West ruffed a club and played diamonds from the top - North could take his trump whenever he liked, but Graves had a trump left for dummy's third heart; 12 IMPs to Canada.

John Guoba and I had been playing together on and off for about 15 years when the following deal arose in the final of the 1987 Canadian National Team Championship. Our teammates were Eric Murray, Mark Molson and Boris Baran. As you'll soon be able to tell, Guoba and I still did not know our system!

Dealer South. EWVul.

WEST		NORTH		EAST	
♠ -	♠ 654	♠ AK	♠ AJ1032	♠ 4	♠ 1032
♥ AK1093	♥ 5	♥ AKQJ1096	♥ 4	♥ 8753	♥ 1032
♦ 42	♦ AKQJ1096	♦ AK	♦ 8753	♦ 8753	♦ 1032
♣ QJ9854	♣ AK	♣ -	♣ 1032	♣ 1032	♣ 1032
WEST		SOUTH		EAST	
♠ -	♠ KQ987	♠ -	♠ -	♠ -	♠ -
♥ AK1093	♥ QJ8762	♥ -	♥ -	♥ -	♥ -
♦ 42	♦ -	♦ -	♦ -	♦ -	♦ -
♣ QJ9854	♣ 76	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -



Message from CTD - Anthony Ching



First I must thank the BFI President, Mr. Prasad Keni, and his Organising Committee for inviting me to direct these championships. For the past week, I had the pleasure to work with a very professional team of directors and operations personnel. My special thanks go to Mr. T. C. Pant, the Head of Operations, for his cooperation and a most efficient job. My thanks also go to all the participants for their cooperation and understanding.

I had a wonderful stay here. Unfortunately I did not have a chance to enjoy this beautiful city. Must catch up next time. Thanks and good bye, good bridging.

'Canadian Slams' - John Carruthers

Contd.

West	North	East	South
<i>Molson</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Baran</i>	<i>Hobart</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Baran led a spade and Kirr claimed ten tricks when the queen held in the dummy; plus 430. At our table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Guoba</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Carruthers</i>
—	—	—	1♠ ¹
3♣ ²	4NT ³	Pass	5♦ ⁴
Pass	6♦ ⁵	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 5-card majors; strong club system; stretching a bit
2. 5+/5+ in clubs and hearts
3. To North: ordinary Blackwood; To South, RKCB for spades
4. To North: 1 ace; To South: 1 or 3 key cards for spades
5. To North: to play; To South, a guess

The problem was that in one place in our system notes, I had written that our version of four notrump was Roman Key Card Blackwood, meaning that every time we bid Blackwood, it was RKCB. In another place in the notes, however, I had omitted the Roman Key Card phrase, so that Guoba thought his four notrump was ordinary Blackwood, not RKCB. It was my fault, as the keeper of the system, for the incomplete and ambiguous description. So, as it happened, we did know the system, I suppose – it was just that we each knew a different system!

This is only a story because of Greg Carroll on lead. He led the three of hearts, trying for a ruff! When I called the five from dummy, David Turner chuckled. I said to him, "Do you have the four?" He laughed and gave me a high five, good sport that he is. I was soon claiming. I had at the least tied a world record, winning the first trick in a slam with the singleton five, everyone having followed suit.

This board cost our opponents the win. We won 10 IMPs on it instead of losing 10 IMPs had they taken their two aces. We won the match by 15.



Hosts India - Also Ran



Both the Alpha Teams (Team India A) in the Men & Women Categories bowed out of the 3rd Asia Cup

Women - India A



L-R : Mrinal Thakur, Devi Bhatnagar, S K Iyengar (NPC), Asha Sharma, Asha Surana, Nikita Kamal

Men - India A



L-R : Rajeshwar Tewari, Debabrata Majumder, S Shridhar, Sumit Mukherjee, S Sundaram, Jaggy Shivdasani



Misplay This Hand With Me - Mark Horton

A Bridge Across Two Continents

When we sent Mark Horton copies of the Daily Bulletins from this Championships, the rock star of the bridge writers gave the Daily Bulletin a filip by sending this little gem from his noted book *Misplay These Hands With Me*. He was as usual bridging the gap between continents : Europe and Asia in this case. Thank you Mark.

A player's first appearance in a major championship can result in mixed emotions. The elation of representing one's country can be rapidly dissipated by an indifferent performance. Half-way through an opening round in a major championship I have already committed a couple of minor inaccuracies when I pick up this collection:

♠ AQ1092
♥ 98
♦ J85
♣ AK8

Neither side is vulnerable and as I am the dealer I start with 1[. When my partner responds 3] I explain to my screen-mate that it promises a mixed raise in spades with 6-8 points. When East doubles I decide to bid 4[which results in this auction:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♥*	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

West leads the ♥2 and I get this dummy:

♠ K7643
♥ 653
♦ A104
♣ 106

♠ AQ1092
♥ 98
♦ J85
♣ AK8

East wins with the ♥A and returns the ♥10, West winning with the jack and continuing with the king. I ruff, play three rounds of clubs, ruffing in dummy and then draw trumps ending in hand, East discarding the ♥4.

When I play a diamond West follows with the two and East takes dummy's ten with the king and returns the ♦6.

These cards remain:

♠ 76
♥ —
♦ A4
♣ —

♠ Q10
♥ —
♦ J8
♣ —

How do the diamonds lie?

If the player on my right started with the ♦KQ then I must play the ♦J. If that is not the case I must try the eight, hoping East started with the ♦9. Before deciding I try to construct the defenders hands. I know East started with one spade and at least four hearts including the ♥AQ10. He played the ♣Q on the third round of the suit, so I am inclined to place him with nine red cards, probably five hearts and four diamonds. That leaves West with a 2-3-3-5 shape. If East started with both diamond honours then West could have defeated the contract by switching to a diamond at trick three, so, having made my mind up I play the ♦8 and await West's card with interest. It is the nine so I am one down.

This was the full deal:

Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K7643	♠ J
♥ 653	♥ AQ1074
♦ A104	♦ KQ76
♣ 106	♣ Q93
♠ 85	♠ AQ1092
♥ KJ2	♥ 98
♦ 932	♦ J85
♣ J7542	♣ AK8

Post mortem

When making my calculations I forgot that East had returned the ♥10, strongly suggesting something useful in diamonds. At this level one can be guilty of thinking that the opponents will not make a mistake. I should know better by now.



Teams Singapore



MEN



L-R : Desmond Oh, Kelvin Ong, Patrick Choy, Wong Loke Leng, Xing Li Kun, Edwin Lau

MIXED



L-R : Kenneth Chan, Sugiharto, Jane Choo, Greta Chai, Rajendra, Lim Jing Xuan



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VG1  India B  China Hong Kong

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 China Hong Kong  India B

WOMEN TEAMS

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 Australia  China

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VG4



Australia



Thailand



Chinese Taipei A



India A

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Thailand



Australia



India A



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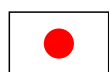
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China Hong Kong



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CHINA

Senior Teams (BBO2/VG)



CHINESE TAIPEI



INDIA B

Women Teams (BBO3/VG)



INDIA A



CHINESE TAIPEI A

Mixed Teams (BBO4/VG)

13:00 – 15:15 Hrs.



INDIA B



CHINA HONGKONG

Men Teams (BBO1/VG)



INDIA A



INDIA B

Super Mixed Teams (BBO2/VG)



AUSTRALIA



CHINA

Women Teams (BBO3/VG)



AUSTRALIA



THAILAND

Mixed Teams (BBO4/VG)

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