



# Bridge Bulletin



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## CHINA ENCOUNTER TRIUMPH AND DISASTER



A snapshot from the chinese TV production

*If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two imposters just the same  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it*  
Rudyard Kipling

Day 1 of the Beijing 2012 Sportaccord World Mind Games was one of mixed emotions for the teams representing the host nation. The Men's team started badly against the USA, but bounced back with wins over the Bermuda Bowl champions from the Netherlands and the current world champions, Sweden, to move to the top of the table. All four teams are still in contention in the race for gold.

It was a different story in the Women's tournament, as China struggled to make an impression, losing narrowly to

the USA and then being heavily defeated by Great Britain & France to leave them adrift at the foot of the table. The USA and France have a big lead and when play resumes on Friday their opponents will be hard pressed to force their way back into the gold medal round.

There is excellent coverage of the Championships on BBO as well as live commentary direct from Beijing twice a day. There will be a Bulletin every day until the end of the tournament.

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# RESULTS

## MEN SERIES

### ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	China	USA	31 - 58	3.74 - 16.26
2	Sweden	Netherlands	31 - 23	12.29 - 7.71

### ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Netherlands	China	24 - 27	9.09 - 10.91
2	USA	Sweden	4 - 31	3.74 - 16.26

### ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	China	Sweden	61 - 14	18.87 - 1.13
2	Netherlands	USA	46 - 40	11.76 - 8.24

## WOMEN SERIES

### ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Great Britain	France	30 - 37	7.97 - 12.03
2	USA	China	20 - 14	11.76 - 8.24

### ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	China	Great Britain	15 - 61	1.23 - 18.77
2	France	USA	39 - 41	9.39 - 10.61

### ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Great Britain	USA	25 - 72	1.13 - 18.87
2	China	France	8 - 50	1.67 - 18.33

## Rankings after 3 rounds

### MEN SERIES

1	China	33.52
2	Sweden	29.68
3	Netherlands	28.56
4	USA	28.24

### WOMEN SERIES

1	USA	41.24
2	France	39.75
3	Great Britain	27.87
4	China	11.14

## Other Sports in the Sportaccord World Mind Games

On the official website of the Sportaccord World Mind Games, <http://www.worldmindgames.net/en/>, you can also find information about the other sports participating in this event, along with photos and other relevant material.

# WOMEN SERIES

# Round 1



France

v

Great Britain



**From Beijing With Love** (凌凌漆 is a homophone for 007 in Chinese) is an action and comedy film directed by Lee Lik-Chi and Stephen Chow. It's a very direct spoof of the James Bond movies and stars Stephen Chow, Anita Yuen and Law Ka-Ying.

Golden Gun steals the cranium of China's only dinosaur fossil. Chow, starring as a hawker-cum-secret-agent 007, is sent to Hong Kong by a high-ranking government official to recapture the cranium. When he arrives in Hong Kong, he meets Siu Kam (Anita Yuen), who proposes to help him in his endeavor. However, Siu Kam turns out to be a subordinate of Golden Gun. Golden Gun is in actuality the government official who directs Chow to find the cranium.

Golden Gun instructs Siu Kam to send 007 on a false lead and tells him that the cranium may have been stolen by a smuggler. 007, with the help of Siu Kam, sneaks into a cocktail party held by the smuggler. Before he enters, he tells Siu Kam that he will fetch her some white roses. Siu Kam tells 007 to find evidence that the smuggler stole the cranium; meanwhile, Kam hides in a tree, planning to snipe 007 from afar. The party is interrupted by a mysterious man (modeled after Jaws from James Bond) and a mysterious woman who are out to kill 007. Taking this opportunity, Siu Kam shoots Chow several times, including once in the leg with 007 thinking another assassin has shot him. 007 (who was wearing a bulletproof vest but not bulletproof trousers) escapes, grabbing three white roses on the way out. Siu Kam is touched by this gesture and saves his life. She decides to defect from Golden Gun. Together, the two destroy the organization that is behind the theft of the cranium. Chow wins over Yuen and is rewarded with a meat cleaver emblazoned with the calligraphy of Deng Xiaoping.

I can't promise you anything so dramatic as that from the tournament here in Beijing, but with such magnificent rewards for victory it is a certainty that every match will be hard fought. First up are the stars from Great Britain and France.

Dealer East. N/S Vul

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

  

♠ K 9	♠	♠
♥ J 9 2	W	♥
♦ A Q 4	N	♦
♣ J 6 5 4 2	E	♣
	S	

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allouche	Brock	Reess	Smith
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♣
		All Pass	

The defenders started with three rounds of hearts, East ruffing and switching to a club. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and lost a diamond at the end, +140.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	D'Ovideo	Senior	Neve
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♣	All Pass	Pass	INT

When N/S sold out to 2♣ Great Britain was sure of a pick up. Declarer could not be denied nine tricks for +110 and 6 IMPs.

Dealer South. E/W Vul

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

  

♠ A 10 9 7 6 5
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 7 2

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allouche	Brock	Reess	Smith
Dbl	2♠*	Dbl*	2♦*
3NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
2♦	Multi		All Pass
2♣	Pass or correct		
Dbl	Responsive		

Once West had disclosed significant extra values by jumping to game it was easy enough for East to go on to the cold slam. Perhaps you could make a case for some inves-

tigation for seven, although the lack of space is a problem. Declarer claimed almost at once, +1430.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>D'Ovideo</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Neve</i>
			2♦*
Dbf	2♥*	4♥	All Pass

Here North preferred to bid 2♥ and East jumped to game. When West failed to take another bid France had picked up an unexpected 14 IMPs.

Dealer North Both Vul

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2NT Relay			
3♠ Minimum			

South found the testing lead of the five of clubs and North won with the queen and switched to a trump. Declarer put up the king and South took the ace and returned the seven of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade to the ten. South won and played a third club - one down, +100.

I leave you to judge if declarer should have preferred the combination play of rising with the queen of spades on the second round of the suit and then playing three rounds of diamonds.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>D'Ovideo</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Neve</i>
	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the four of hearts and declarer went up with dummy's ace and played a spade to the queen and ace. The club switch went to North's queen and on the spade

switch declarer put up the king and played on diamonds, ruffing the third round and then giving up a trump to pick up 12 IMPs.

Dealer West E/W Vul

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Dbf	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
2NT	Game force with spades		
3♦	Relay		
4♦	Short hearts		

When West doubled 5♦ South was entitled to feel optimistic - even if a club lead might defeat 6♠ now East would surely lead a diamond.

So it proved as declarer won the diamond lead, came to hand with a club and played a heart. East went up with the ace to play a second diamond and declarer ruffed and played the nine of spades to the king. West had to score a trump trick for one down, +50.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>D'Ovideo</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Neve</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Here South preferred to bid her suit before supporting spades. If North had now cue bid 4♣ South would at least have bid 4♦, but would probably then have respected a sign off of 4♠. Stopping in game gave France a more than useful pickup, those 11 IMPs giving them a last gasp win, 12.03-9.97 on the new 20 Victory Point scale.

# MEN SERIES

# Round 2



**Sweden**

**v**

**United States**



**The China Syndrome** is an American thriller film that tells the story of a reporter and her cameraman who discover safety coverups at a nuclear power plant. It stars Jane Fonda, Jack Lemmon, Michael Douglas, Scott Brady, James Hampton, Peter Donat, Richard Herd, and Wilford Brimley.

It was nominated for Academy Awards for Best Actor in a Leading Role (Jack Lemmon), Best Actress in a Leading Role (Jane Fonda). The film was also nominated for the Palme d'Or (Golden Palm) at the 1979 Cannes Film Festival, and Lemmon won Best Actor for his performance. The film's script won the 1980 Writers Guild of America award.

China Syndrome is a fanciful term, not intended to be taken literally, that describes a fictional worst-case result of a nuclear meltdown, where reactor components melt through their containment structures and into the underlying earth, 'all the way to China'.

In Round 2 of the Men's competition the USA scored 4 IMPs on the first deal of the match - and then went into meltdown.

Dealer North None Vul

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

  

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♦ Q 2											
♣ K Q 7 5											

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Cheek</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

North led the king of hearts and continued the suit, South winning and returning the eight of hearts, a clear suit preference signal. Declarer though for a long time, but could find no answer. He ruffed with the seven of diamonds and North overruffed and returned the two of spades. South won and played a fourth heart - the two - for North to ruff with the jack of diamonds. Declarer could claim the rest, but he had lost the first five tricks, -50.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
	Pass	1NT	2♥
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

The first two tricks were identical, but now South returned the four of clubs. That unclear signal resulted in North switching to the two of clubs. Declarer went up with dummy's ace, cashed the top diamonds ending in dummy and pitched a club on the jack of hearts, +110 and 4 IMPs to the USA.

Dealer South Both Vul

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

  

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### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Cheek</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♥	Pass	4♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass
5♠	Pass		

4♣ agreed hearts and East checked on key cards and the queen of trumps before bidding the slam. North led the nine of spades and declarer put in the jack. When that held he played a heart to the queen and ace, won the return of the queen of spades in hand, drew trumps, unblocked the ace of diamonds, crossed to the king of hearts, pitched a club on the ace of spades, another on the king of diamonds, and ruffed a diamond. When the queen did not appear declarer cashed his trumps, pitching dummy's diamond. The last trump executed a show up squeeze on North, +1430.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Sylvan	Hurd	Wrang
1♥	1♠	2♠*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		Pass

Declarer followed a similar line (he took the spade finesse on the second round of the suit) and recorded twelve tricks - to lose 13 IMPs.

Dealer South N/S Vul

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

Dealer East Both Vul

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Grue	Upmark	Cheek
		1♣*	2♣
Db1*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

1♣ 12-14 NT/17+-19 NT/11-22 Natural (4)5+ cards (4 only if 4414)

Hard to find spades, let alone a slam once you have located a nine card fit. Perhaps if West had bid 4♣ rather than 3♥? That was +680.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Sylvan	Hurd	Wrang
1♥	Pass	1♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

1♣ 10-13 balanced/17-18 Balanced/ clubs

I refer the honourable reader to the comment I made to the previous auction. 6♠ is reasonable, as a diamond lead is not guaranteed (and you are not necessarily down even if they find it). So, it was flat board.

Netherlands picked up 13 IMPs when they bid 6♠ against China and it was a nasty double whammy for our hosts when Great Britain did the same in their match against China's women.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Grue	Upmark	Cheek
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♥ Transfer, forcing but could be very weak

1♠ Usually balanced with 2/3 spades

North led the eight of diamonds and declarer won in hand and played a spade to the eight and nine. South switched to the jack of clubs and declarer won in dummy and cashed another top club. Assured of four club tricks declarer played a third round of the suit and then a heart to the queen and king. South exited with the ten of hearts and declarer won and played a spade to the queen and ace and returned a spade. He was now able to claim the rest, +430.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Sylvan	Hurd	Wrang
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

There was a slight variation on opening lead as the three of diamonds went to the nine and jack. Declarer played a club to the king and a spade to the ten and queen. Back came a diamond covered by the queen and king and when declarer ducked South returned the six of diamonds. Declarer won and tried a heart to the queen. South won with the king and cashed the ten of diamonds. When declarer pitched a heart from both hands South exited with a heart and declarer won and played a spade to the jack and king, South cashing a heart for two down, -100 and 11 IMPs for Sweden.

On the fourth round of diamonds declarer does better to pitch a spade from hand and heart from dummy. Then he can win the heart switch with the ace and test the clubs. When they prove to be good for four tricks declarer must decide between the spade finesse or playing for South to have been squeezed in the majors.

Incredibly Sweden had outscored their opponents 31-0 over the last 15 deals to record a significant win, 16.26-3.74 VP.