



# Bridge Bulletin



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## MIXED EMOTIONS



One picture is worth 1,000 volunteers

Day 2 of the Beijing 2012 Sport Accord World Mind Games saw China and France cruise into the finals of their respective contests. In both competitions one team was quickly out of the race, Sweden and China being left far behind. That left USA and the Netherlands fighting it out in the Men, while Great Britain and the USA were the contenders in the Women's event.

The luck of the draw meant that the four teams were not in direct opposition in the last round, so all four matches were significant. In the Men's event the Netherlands soon took a stranglehold on their match against Sweden which meant the USA had to do reasonably well against China. They made a good start, but the Chinese did not allow them to pull away and it was the Dutchmen who advanced

to the gold medal round.

In the Women's tournament Great Britain had to beat China and hope that France would do them a favour. The first part of the equation proved to be demonstrable, but the USA soon had control of their match and a French rally was not enough to deprive them of their place in the final.

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# RESULTS

## MEN SERIES

### ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA	Sweden	43 - 9	17.31 - 2.69
2	China	Netherlands	46 - 24	15.38 - 4.62

### ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Netherlands	USA	24 - 12	13.28 - 5.92
2	Sweden	China	4 - 52	1.03 - 18.97

### ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA	China	30 - 32	9.39 - 10.61
2	Netherlands	Sweden	57 - 19	17.85 - 2.15

## WOMEN SERIES

### ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA	China	4 - 25	4.81 - 15.19
2	France	Great Britain	50 - 33	14.39 - 5.61

### ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Great Britain	USA	27 - 16	13.04 - 6.96
2	China	France	15 - 35	5 - 15

### ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA	France	44 - 28	14.18 - 5.82
2	Great Britain	China	41 - 23	14.6 - 5.4

## Rankings after 6 rounds

### MEN SERIES

1	China	78.48
2	Netherlands	64.31
3	USA	60.86
4	Sweden	35.55

### WOMEN SERIES

1	France	74.96
2	USA	67.19
3	Great Britain	61.12
4	China	36.73

## 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.

# MEN SERIES

# Round 3

## United States v Netherlands



**9 Million Bicycles.** If you have been out to explore the wonderful city that is Beijing you may have noticed that there are an awful lot of bike riders.

Nine Million Bicycles is a song written and produced by Mike Batt for the singer Katie Melua's second album, Piece by Piece. It was released as the album's first single in September 2005 and reached number five on the UK Singles Chart, becoming Melua's first top five hit as a solo artist. It was a finalist for The Record of the Year prize, losing to Westlife's You Raise Me Up.

According to Melua, the inspiration for the song came during a visit to Beijing with her manager Mike Batt. Their interpreter showed them around the city and told that there are supposedly nine million bicycles in the city.

Actually I'm not so sure about that number - it might have been right back in 2005 - but nowadays there seem to be an awful lot of cars in Beijing.

Whatever, when USA met the Netherlands in Round 3 there were an awful lot of IMPs flying around - not 9 million, but it might have felt like that to the players.

Dealer West. Both Vul

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Drijver	Katz	Brink
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the eight of diamonds and West took the ace and switched to the ace of spades and a spade. That forced declarer to win, cross to the queen of diamonds, come to hand with a club and try to get rid of a spade on a diamond. When East was able to ruff declarer had to admit defeat, one down, -100.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Grue	Muller	Cheek
1♦	INT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Dbf*	Rdbl
2NT*	3♥	All Pass	

When South transferred to hearts East was able to get in a take out double and West bid 2NT to show his minor two suiter. The play followed an identical pattern, declarer trying for the overtrick by playing on diamonds but this time when East ruffed in declarer was able to claim his contract, +140 and 6 IMPs to the USA.

Dealer East E/W Vul

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Drijver	Katz	Brink
1♣*	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
1♣	16+	3NT	All Pass
2♥	Diamonds, one suiter		

North led the three of clubs and declarer took South's queen with the king and played a spade to the queen and king. South switched to a diamond for the jack, queen and ace, and ducked a spade to North's jack. South won the next trick with the ten of diamonds and returned the suit, and North cashed out, one down, -100.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Grue	Muller	Cheek
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

## 2♣ Spade Raise

North led the king of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a diamond, cashed the top clubs, ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond. A heart to the king, a heart back to the ace and a club, pitching dummy's heart when North produced the jack set up a potential heart ruff. North stopped that by playing the queen of diamonds, enabling South to pitch a heart, but declarer ruffed and exited with the jack of hearts to endplay South (who flamboyantly ruffed with the king of spades). That gave the USA 13 IMPs.

Dealer South. Both Vul

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Drijver	Katz	Brink
			Pass
1♦	1♠	All Pass	

East led the king of diamonds and switched to the four of hearts. West took the ace, and returned the seven of diamonds, ruffed by the three and overruffed by the six. West ruffed the return of the nine of hearts and played the jack of diamonds, East ruffing as declarer discarded the king of hearts. West ruffed the next heart with the ten of spades and declarer overruffed with the queen and exited with a spade. He could score only one more trick with the king of clubs, -500.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Grue	Muller	Cheek
			Pass
1♦*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	All Pass		

The Dutchmen's Tarzan Precision uses a lot of relays. Here 1NT initiated a game forcing sequence enabling East to discover West's shape and strength.

North led the two of hearts and declarer won with the ace, crossed to the king of diamonds, ruffed a heart and cashed the ace of diamonds, getting the bad news. He turned his attention to spades, advancing the ten and running it when North did not cover. A second spade went to the jack and South ruffed and switched to the two of clubs. This was the critical moment. When declarer put up the queen North was able to cover and when South came in with the queen of diamonds he could cash the jack of clubs for one down and 12 IMPs, taking the score to 36-1 in favour of the USA.

Bridge imitates football to the extent that it is a game of two halves. Netherlands started a comeback with this deal:

Dealer North. E/W Vul

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Drijver	Katz	Brink
			1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

South's tactical move was based on the premise that E/W might have a game.

East led the four of hearts and West took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won and played a diamond to the ten and jack. West switched to the six of clubs and East won with the king and cleared the hearts. Declarer played a diamond from dummy and West won, cashed another diamond and switched to the ten of clubs. That meant declarer was three down, -150.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Grue	Muller	Cheek
			Pass
1♠*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♣*	Pass

Here 1♠ was the game forcing relay.

North led a spectacular king of hearts and a grateful declarer won and returned the suit. South ducked, won the next heart and switched to the three of diamonds. Declarer put in the jack and played the six of clubs. North went up with the ace and declarer claimed ten tricks, +630 and 10 badly needed IMPs.

Dealer North. Both Vul

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

Dealer West. E/W Vul

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Drijver	Katz	Brink
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

- 3♠ Splinter
- 3NT Serious slam try
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4♦ Last train
- 5♠ Even more serious slam try
- 5NT I'm interested

See what you can achieve with a little science.

West led the ten of spades and declarer won perforce with dummy's ace, cashed the king of hearts and played a heart to the ace, claiming when the trumps divided; +2210.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Grue	Muller	Cheek
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ Strong
- 1NT Hearts, 12+

With hearts agreed 2♠ was natural and 3NT a serious slam try and a push looked likely. However, when North asked for key cards there was an accident when South, bidding just a little too quickly, inadvertently gave the wrong response.

Of course declarer took all the tricks, but that was 13 IMPs to the Netherlands.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Drijver	Katz	Brink
1♦	1♠	3♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dbf	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

3♣ was invitational and when East came again with a double West surprised everyone by not taking a pot at 3NT. Of course in theory it was the right decision, but in bridge (as in Chess) there is often a considerable difference between theory and practice.

Not imagining that declarer could have a spade stopper North led the ace of spades, so 4♦ made on the nose, +130.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Grue	Muller	Cheek
1♦*	1♠	2♥*	2NT*
3♦	3♠	Dbf	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 2♥
- 2NT Spade raise

North was on the right lines when he rejected as spade lead, but he guessed to try the five of hearts and declarer won with the queen and claimed nine tricks, +600, 10 IMPs and a last gasp win for the Netherlands, 11.76-8.24 VP.



## MEN SERIES

## Round 4



China

v

Netherlands



Big Trouble in Little China is an American martial arts comedy film directed by John Carpenter. It stars Kurt Russell as truck driver Jack Burton, who helps his friend Wang Chi (Dennis Dun) rescue Wang's green-eyed fiancée (Suzee Pai) from bandits in San Francisco's Chinatown. They go into the mysterious underworld beneath Chinatown, where they face an ancient sorcerer named Lo Pan (James Hong).

Although the film was originally envisioned as a Western set in the 1880s, screenwriter W. D. Richter was hired to rewrite the script extensively and modernize everything. The studio hired Carpenter to direct the film and rushed Big Trouble in Little China into production so that it would be released before a similarly themed Eddie Murphy film, The Golden Child, which was slated to come out around the same time. The project fulfilled Carpenter's long-standing desire to make a martial arts film.

The movie was a commercial failure, grossing \$11.1 million in North America and well below its estimated \$25 million budget. It received critically mixed reviews that left Carpenter disillusioned with Hollywood and influenced his decision to return to independent film-making. It can now be considered a cult film due to its success on home video.

The reigning Bermuda Bowl Champions from the Netherlands would be in danger of missing the gold medal round if they lost their round 4 match against the leaders.

The match started quietly, China surviving on Board 2 when they got to 5♠ when a trump suit of ♠1097432 facing ♠Q8 had to play for only two losers - the ♠J was singleton onside.



Big Trouble in Little China

Dealer West, Both Vul

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Fu	van Prooijan	Miao
Pass	1♦*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the queen of spades (earlier his partner had led the three from ♥QJ53 against 3NT) and declarer won with the king. He crossed to the ace of clubs, came to hand with a diamond and cashed the king of clubs. When the jack fell he could claim, +630.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhengjun	Drijver	Chuancheng	Brink
2♦*	Pass	3♥	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Dbl	4♣
Dbl	4♦	Dbl	All Pass

2♦ Both majors, weak

East's double was hardly written in stone, but it worked like a charm when South decided to run. East probably couldn't believe it when North retreated to 4♦.

East cashed the ace of spades and continued with the ten. South won with the king, played a club to the ace and tried the jack of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. The jack of hearts was covered by the queen and ace and declarer played two more hearts, pitching a spade on the first and ruffing the second. He could cash a club but thereafter could only score one more trump, two down, -500 and 15 not unlucky IMPs for China.

Dealer North, N/S Vul

♠ 4 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ A K 10 9 7 4 ♣ A J 5	♠ A J 10 ♥ A Q 10 8 7 5 ♦ Q 6 ♣ K 6	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">                     N W     E S                 </div> ♠ K 9 8 7 3 2 ♥ — ♦ J 5 3 2 ♣ Q 7 2	♠ Q 6 5 ♥ J 6 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 10 9 8 4 3
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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Fu	van Prooijan	Miao
Pass	1♣*	2♠	Pass
All Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

East led the two of clubs and West won with the ace and switched to the four of spades. Declarer put up the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and the king of clubs and played the ten of hearts. West ducked and declarer had to lose a trick in each suit, -100.

It looks normal to treat the East hand as a one suiter once North has started with a Precision Club, but I wonder what the computer simulations would say? After all, if



Cornelis Willem VAN PROOIJEN

E/W find their diamond fit they are cold for game.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zhengjun	Drijver	Chuancheng	Brink
Pass	1♥	2♠	3♥
Dbf	4♥	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

The first two tricks were the same, but at trick three declarer simply exited with the queen of diamonds. East had to win, but now declarer could win the club return, ruff a diamond and advance the jack of hearts to pick up West's trumps. That textbook avoidance play earned the Netherlands 13 IMPs.

Dealer East, Both Vul

♠ A J 9 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ 8 4 3 2	♠ 7 6 ♥ K 5 ♦ K J 9 4 ♣ Q J 7 6 5	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">                     N W     E S                 </div> ♠ K 2 ♥ A Q 10 2 ♦ 6 5 3 2 ♣ K 10 9	♠ Q 10 8 5 4 3 ♥ 8 7 6 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ A
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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Fu	van Prooijan	Miao
Pass	1NT	1♦*	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
		All Pass	

West led the three of clubs and when East put in the nine declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the nine king and ace. Now East correctly switched to trumps, but for reasons that are not entirely clear he preferred the two to the king. West won with the jack and cashed the ace, felling East's king. He switched to the jack of hearts and East overtook it, cashed a heart and gave West a heart ruff for one down, -100.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Zhengjun	Drijver	Chuancheng	Brink
INT	Pass	1♦*	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
		All Pass	

After an identical first trick declarer tried the ten of spades. West took the jack and switched to the jack of hearts. The defenders made no mistake from here and declarer was two down, -200 and 3 IMPs to China.

Dealer East, None Vul

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Fu	van Prooijan	Miao
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♥	Dbl*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Declarer won the heart lead in dummy and ran the jack of spades to North's king. When a heart came back declarer won, drew trumps and tried a club to the king. When it lost he claimed eight tricks, +110.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhengjun	Drijver	Chuancheng	Brink
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	2♥	Dbl*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Aloysius Wilhelmus Martinus VERHEES

North led the eight of hearts and declarer won with dummy's king and ran the jack of spades to North's king. Declarer won the heart switch and cashed his major suit winners to reduce everyone to five cards. South had correctly held on to the ♦QJ8 ♣AQ, while North had kept ♦K2 ♣J83. When declarer, who had ♦A94 ♣104 facing ♦107 ♣K95 played the four of diamonds North, seeing no danger, played low and South had to take the ten and return a diamond. Now declarer took the ace and exited with a diamond to endplay South.

North's uncharacteristically careless play cost the Netherlands 7 IMPs.

Dealer South, N/S Vul

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Fu	van Prooijan	Miao
			1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the four of hearts and East won with the king and had to score a trick with the ace of spades, +660.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhengjun	Drijver	Chuancheng	Brink
			1♣*
Pass	2♣*	Dbl	Rdbl
2♥	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

When West found the lead of the seven of hearts declarer had to go one down, 13 IMPs to China. There is a saying that if you always find the right lead you will never be on the losing side. I wonder where it originates from? Confucius?

China scored a comfortable win, 15.38-4.62 VP to consolidate their position at the top of the table. For the Netherlands, time was running out.

