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NETHERLANDS MAKE IT A HAT-TRICK AS CHINA SCORE TWICE

The final session of the Individual Championships more than matched Monday's Men's and Women's Pairs for dramatic content.

The Men's event saw three pairs break clear and the lead changed hands several times. When the dust had settled the Netherlands Bas Drijver took the gold, Joel Wooldridge silver for the USA and Johan Sylvan bronze for Sweden.

In the Women's Championship Great Britain's Nevena Senior led for the first six rounds. But China's On the seventh and last she was directly opposed by her nearest challenger, China's Liping Wang. Two good results put the Chinese player ahead and al-



though she didn't do so well on the final deal it was enough to keep her ahead of Nevena. However, there was a twist in the tale, as at another table China's Wenfei Wang had posted three big scores to overtake them both. So, gold and silver for China, bronze for Great Britain.

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MEN SERIES**SESSION 1**

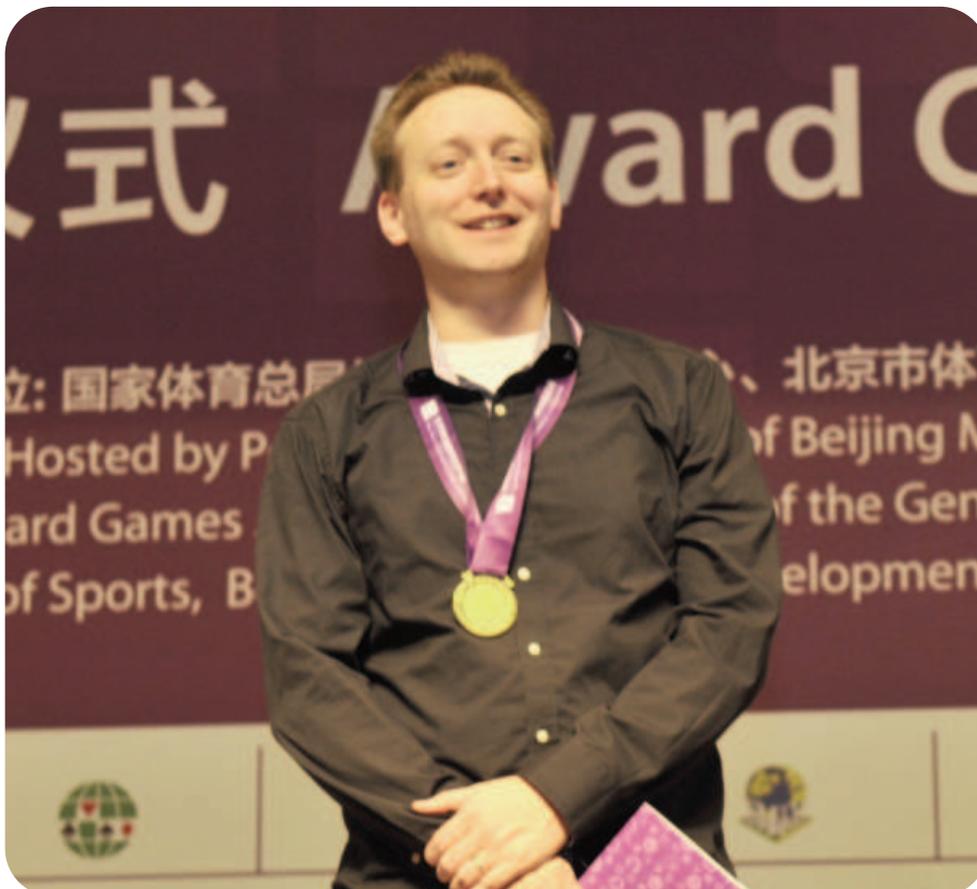
1	SYLVAN Johan	68.33
2	van PROOIJEN Ricco	63.75
-	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	63.75
4	ZHENGJUN Shi	57.50
5	de WIJS Simon	56.25
6	DRIJVER Bas	55.42
7	GRUE Joseph	52.08
8	MULLER Bauke	51.67
9	BRINK Sjoert	50.42
10	NYSTROM Fredrik	50.00
11	CHEEK Curtis	49.58
-	WEINSTEIN Howard	49.58
13	CULLIN Per-Ola	48.75
14	FU Zhong	47.50
-	BERTHEAU Peter	47.50
-	WRANG Frederic	47.50
17	HURD John	46.67
18	CHUANCHENG Ju	45.42
19	VERHEES Louk	45.00
20	UPMARK Johan	43.75
21	HAOJUN Shi	42.92
22	MIAO Shi	40.42
23	KATZ Ralph	40.00
24	RUOYANG Lian	36.25

SESSION 2

1	DRIJVER Bas	67.08
2	de WIJS Simon	64.58
3	BERTHEAU Peter	58.75
4	WEINSTEIN Howard	58.33
5	UPMARK Johan	55.42
6	SYLVAN Johan	53.75
-	MIAO Shi	53.75
8	VERHEES Louk	52.92
9	HURD John	51.67
10	CHEEK Curtis	50.42
-	KATZ Ralph	50.42
12	FU Zhong	49.17
-	ZHENGJUN Shi	49.17
14	BRINK Sjoert	47.92
15	GRUE Joseph	47.08
16	RUOYANG Lian	45.83
-	WRANG Frederic	45.83
18	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	45.42
19	NYSTROM Fredrik	44.58
20	CULLIN Per-Ola	43.75
21	HAOJUN Shi	43.33
22	MULLER Bauke	41.25
-	van PROOIJEN Ricco	41.25
24	CHUANCHENG Ju	38.33

SESSION 3

1	BRINK Sjoert	61.90
2	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	61.43
3	van PROOIJEN Ricco	60.95
4	CHUANCHENG Ju	57.62
5	HURD John	56.67
6	FU Zhong	55.24
7	MIAO Shi	54.76
8	ZHENGJUN Shi	52.86
9	KATZ Ralph	51.43
10	MULLER Bauke	50.95
11	WRANG Frederic	50.48
-	GRUE Joseph	50.48
13	DRIJVER Bas	50.00
14	CHEEK Curtis	49.05
15	WEINSTEIN Howard	46.67
16	SYLVAN Johan	46.19
-	CULLIN Per-Ola	46.19
18	BERTHEAU Peter	45.71
19	NYSTROM Fredrik	45.24
-	VERHEES Louk	45.24
21	HAOJUN Shi	42.86
22	RUOYANG Lian	41.90
23	de WIJS Simon	39.52
24	UPMARK Johan	36.67

**AFTER SESSION 3**

1	DRIJVER Bas	57.83
2	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	56.67
3	SYLVAN Johan	56.52
4	van PROOIJEN Ricco	55.07
5	de WIJS Simon	54.06
6	ZHENGJUN Shi	53.19
7	BRINK Sjoert	53.04
8	WEINSTEIN Howard	51.74
9	HURD John	51.45
10	BERTHEAU Peter	50.87
11	FU Zhong	50.43
12	GRUE Joseph	49.86
13	CHEEK Curtis	49.71
14	MIAO Shi	49.42
15	MULLER Bauke	47.83
16	WRANG Frederic	47.83
17	VERHEES Louk	47.83
18	KATZ Ralph	47.10
19	NYSTROM Fredrik	46.67
20	CHUANCHENG Ju	46.67
21	CULLIN Per-Ola	46.23
22	UPMARK Johan	45.65
23	HAOJUN Shi	43.04
24	RUOYANG Lian	41.30

WOMEN SERIES

SESSION 1

1	WENFEI Wang	59.17
2	HONGLI Wang	56.67
3	SENIOR Nevena	55.83
4	DHONDY Heather	55.42
-	EYTHORSDDOTTIR Disa	55.42
6	REESS Vanessa	55.00
7	S-MOLSON Janice	54.17
8	LEVITINA Irina	52.92
9	SUN Ming	52.50
10	SANBORN Sharon	51.67
-	SOKOLOW Tobi	51.67
12	LIPING Wang	51.25
13	SMITH Nicola	50.42
14	STOCKDALE Susan	48.33
-	LING Gu	48.33
16	WILLARD Sylvie	47.50
17	D'OVIDIO Catherine	46.67
-	BROWN Fiona	46.67
19	ALLOUCHE Daniele	45.83
20	DEAS Lynn	45.42
21	NEVE Joanna	45.00
22	CRONIER Benedicte	44.58
23	BROCK Sally	42.50
24	YAN Lu	37.08

SESSION 2

1	SENIOR Nevena	57.08
2	SANBORN Sharon	56.25
3	LEVITINA Irina	55.42
-	LIPING Wang	55.42
-	SOKOLOW Tobi	55.42
6	NEVE Joanna	53.33
-	SMITH Nicola	53.33
8	LING Gu	52.50
9	CRONIER Benedicte	51.67
-	DEAS Lynn	51.67
11	D'OVIDIO Catherine	50.83
12	SUN Ming	50.42
-	DHONDY Heather	50.42
14	EYTHORSDDOTTIR Disa	50.00
15	HONGLI Wang	49.58
16	WENFEI Wang	48.33
17	REESS Vanessa	47.50
18	S-MOLSON Janice	46.25
19	BROCK Sally	45.83
-	ALLOUCHE Daniele	45.83
21	BROWN Fiona	45.00
-	YAN Lu	45.00
23	WILLARD Sylvie	41.67
24	STOCKDALE Susan	41.25

SESSION 3

1	BROCK Sally	63.81
2	STOCKDALE Susan	57.14
-	DEAS Lynn	57.14
4	WENFEI Wang	56.67
5	LIPING Wang	55.71
6	REESS Vanessa	55.24
7	S-MOLSON Janice	54.29
-	CRONIER Benedicte	54.29
9	BROWN Fiona	53.81
10	YAN Lu	52.86
11	NEVE Joanna	52.38
-	ALLOUCHE Daniele	52.38
13	D'OVIDIO Catherine	50.00
14	SMITH Nicola	48.57
15	SUN Ming	47.14
-	SENIOR Nevena	47.14
17	LEVITINA Irina	45.24
18	EYTHORSDDOTTIR Disa	44.76
-	SOKOLOW Tobi	44.76
-	WILLARD Sylvie	44.76
21	SANBORN Sharon	42.38
22	HONGLI Wang	41.43
23	LING Gu	39.05
-	DHONDY Heather	39.05



AFTER SESSION 3

1	WENFEI Wang	54.64
2	LIPING Wang	54.06
3	SENIOR Nevena	53.62
4	REESS Vanessa	52.46
5	LEVITINA Irina	51.45
6	S-MOLSON Janice	51.45
7	DEAS Lynn	51.16
8	SMITH Nicola	50.87
9	SOKOLOW Tobi	50.87
10	SANBORN Sharon	50.43
11	EYTHORSDDOTTIR Disa	50.29
12	NEVE Joanna	50.14
13	BROCK Sally	50.14
14	SUN Ming	50.14
15	CRONIER Benedicte	50.00
16	HONGLI Wang	49.57
17	D'OVIDIO Catherine	49.13
18	DHONDY Heather	48.70
19	STOCKDALE Susan	48.55
20	BROWN Fiona	48.26
21	ALLOUCHE Daniele	47.83
22	LING Gu	46.96
23	YAN Lu	44.64
24	WILLARD Sylvie	44.64

Tarzan Triumphs

Tarzan Triumphs is a 1943 adventure film in which Tarzan fights the Nazis. Johnny Weissmuller had portrayed the popular Edgar Rice Burroughs character in six films with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, but this was his first with the producer Sol Lesser at RKO Pictures. Weissmuller was an American swimmer and actor best known for playing Tarzan in films of the 1930s and 1940s and for having one of the best competitive swimming records of the 20th century. Weissmuller was one of the world's fastest swimmers in the 1920s, winning five Olympic gold medals for swimming and one bronze medal for water polo. He won fifty-two US National Championships, set sixty-seven world records and was purportedly undefeated in official competition for the entirety of his competitive career. After his swimming career, he became the sixth actor to portray Edgar Rice Burroughs's ape man, Tarzan, a role he played in twelve motion pictures. Dozens of other actors have also played Tarzan, but Weissmuller is by far the best known. His character's distinctive, Tarzan yell, is still often used in films.

As most of you will know the Precision system employed by the Netherlands Simon de Wijs and Bauke 'the Professor' Muller is derived from linking their surnames, Weijs-Muller which naturally translates to Tarzan.

At the start of the third session the Dutchmen were fourth, over 6% behind the leaders, Berheau & Cullin.

Now West played the three of diamonds for the four, jack and seven. When East returned the two of diamonds declarer was one down, -50 and 2/10 for NS.

Clearly declarer played East to have started with a 2-5-3-3 that included the $\diamond KJ2$. Whether that was consistent with West's 2NT I cannot say.

Dealer North, E/W Vul

<p>♠ — ♥ J 10 2 ♦ A J 10 9 5 4 3 ♣ A Q J</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 7 5 ♥ A 8 5 4 3 ♦ K ♣ K 10 7 4</p>
<p>♠ A J 10 8 6 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ 8 6</p>		

West	North	East	South
<i>Cheek</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Shi</i>
3♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
4♠*	3♠	Dbl*	Pass
5♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
6♥	All Pass	5NT*	Pass

Dealer East, E/W Vul

<p>♠ K 10 6 4 ♥ 8 6 ♦ Q 9 5 4 ♣ A 8 7</p>	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J 8 ♥ A Q J 7 5 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ K J 10</p>
<p>♠ A 9 7 5 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ 9 6 4 3</p>		

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Cheek</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Grue</i>
2NT*	3♥*	1♥	1♠
All Pass		Pass	3♠
2NT	Heart support		
3♥	Spade support		

West led the ten of hearts and East won with the ace and returned the two, West following with the nine as declarer ruffed. Declarer played a club to the five, seven and jack, won the trump switch with dummy's king, played a spade to the ace, a club to the ace and a club, West winning with the queen, East having played the jack, king and ten.



Tarzan Triumphs

I'm not entirely sure what was going on here, but it looks as if 5NT was 'pick a slam' and at matchpoints West went for the higher scoring option.

Declarer ruffed the spade lead, crossed to the king of diamonds, came to hand with a club cashed the ace of diamonds pitching a spade and continued with the jack, pitching another spade. He had to lose a trump for one down, -100 and 10/0 for NS. 6♦ would have made and reversed the matchpoint award.

Dealer North, None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Woodridge</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♥
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

The Dutchmen relayed to a contract with good chances. South led the jack of hearts and declarer won with the king, played a club to the king and a diamond to the....queen. When that lost to the king he was two down, -100 and 10-0 to NS.

Making it would have been a shared top with two other pairs.

Session 4

Dealer North, None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Woodridge</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dbl*	Pass
2♣	Dbl*	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Dbl Major and a minor or a long minor
Dbl Takeout

The defenders started with two rounds of clubs and declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the ten. When that held he played a heart to the jack and ace and when North returned the five of spades he put in the jack and claimed when South had to win with the ace. +470 was not quite a top as one pair made an overtrick in the same contract but it was only 2/10 for NS.

Dealer East, N/S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Woodridge</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	2♦	Dbl	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

How easy it is to have an accident. Obviously West



Curtis CHEEK

thought 3♠ was forcing, a view not shared by his partner. Everyone else bid game so it was 10/10 for NS.

1/10 for NS - yes the lead was made at one other table.

Dealer West, N/S Vul

♠ J 4 3 2
♥ 7
♦ 9 8 7 6 5 3
♣ 10 6

♠ A K 8 7
♥ Q 5 2
♦ A J 10 2
♣ K 5

♠ 10 6 5
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ Q 4
♣ 7 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9
♥ A K 8 4
♦ K
♣ A Q J 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	van Prooijen	Katz	Verhees
Pass	Pass	INT	DbI
2♥	Pass	3♠	DbI
All Pass			

Well, there was some confusion here, with East thinking it was 'system on' after South's double. Declarer was forced into dropping the singleton king of diamonds but that only held the loss to -500 and 9/10 for NS.

When the last round of four boards started the Swedes had a decent lead, but they were facing one of their nearest pursuers, de Wijs and Muller.

Dealer North, N/S Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ K 9 6 3
♦ A Q 10 6 3
♣ 7

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K J 8 4
♣ J 6 3

♠ K 8
♥ Q 10 8 5 4
♦ 9 7 5
♣ Q 10 8

N
W E
S

♠ A J 5 4 2
♥ J
♦ 2
♣ A K 9 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Weinstein	Cullin	Katz
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♣	DbI	2♠	3♦
4♣	All Pass		

- 1♦ Hearts, forcing for one round, possibly very weak
- 1♠ Usually balanced with 2/3 card major

Only one other pair stopped short of game so NS collected 9/10 for -150.

Dealer North, E/W Vul

♠ 8 4 3
♥ K Q 8 5 3 2
♦ J
♣ K Q 5

♠ Q J 9 7
♥ A 9
♦ K 9 8 2
♣ A J 2

♠ K 6
♥ J 10 7
♦ 10 6 4 3
♣ 10 9 6 4

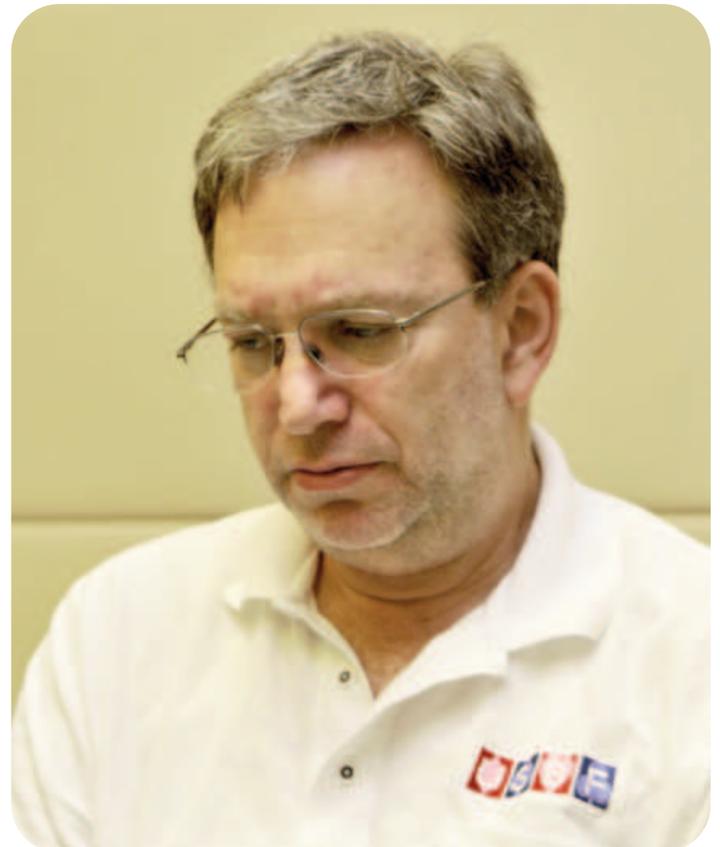
N
W E
S

♠ A 10 5 2
♥ 6 4
♦ A Q 7 5
♣ 8 7 3

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	van Prooijen	Katz	Verhees
	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- 2♣ Game forcing relay
- 2♠ 6+ hearts
- 2NT Relay
- 3♠ 3-6-1-3

East found the devastating lead of the five of spades and in the twinkle of an eye the game was defeated, -50 and



Ralph KATZ

Dealer North, N/S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Ju	Upmark	Shi
	2♥	3♦	3♥
Dbl	All Pass		

Declarer won the trump lead and played a club to the jack and West's ace. A spade was covered by the queen, king and ace and declarer ran the queen of clubs, pitching a spade. East won but there were only two more defensive tricks, +730 and 10/10 for NS.



Simon de Wijs

At the table where it really mattered the Dutchmen scored +170 in 3♥ for 8/10.

Dealer East, E/W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	de Wijs	Cullin	Muller
		Pass	INT
Dbl	2♦*	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Rdbl	2NT
Dbl	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Its almost 23.30, so if you think I am going to spend a long time dwelling on the auction you would be mistaken. It looks as if 2♦ was a transfer. Anyone for 3♠ over that? If 3♥ was a game try should East accept?

Whatever, +200 for 3♠+2 did not, as the cricket aficionados among you will understand, trouble the scorers, NS 0/10.

On the next deal West opened a regulation 3♣ on ♠964 ♥ - ♦J72 ♣KQJ7542. There were four defensive tricks and taking them was enough to give the Dutchmen 9/10. They had taken the lead at just the right moment.

The last deal was a routine 3NT for E/W, +430 and 6/10 for NS sealed their victory.

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.

INDIVIDUALS

Since its publication in 1959, *Individuals* has become a modern philosophical classic. Bold in scope and ambition, it continues to influence debates in metaphysics, philosophy of logic and language, and epistemology. Peter Strawson's most famous work, it sets out to describe nothing less than the basic subject matter of our thought. It contains Strawson's now famous argument for descriptive metaphysics and his repudiation of revisionary metaphysics, in which reality is something beyond the world of appearances.

Throughout, *Individuals* advances some highly influential and controversial ideas, such as 'non-solipsistic consciousness' and the concept of a person as 'primitive concept'.

If that contrived introduction hasn't caused you put down the *Bulletin* and switch on the TV nothing will.

For the readers who are still with me, individual tournaments can be a lot of fun. Or not, as the case may be. Terence Reese was playing in the Individual (an event in which he generally achieved disappointing results) at Juan les Pins and with only two boards to play he found himself in an unaccustomed place at the top of the leader board. On the first of the two deals his partner managed to take only ten of the twelve tricks that were available in 4♥. On the second she went one down in 4♠ when it was perhaps easier to take eleven tricks. As a disconsolate Reese got up from the table his partner enquired, 'Mr. Reese, could I have done better on the last hand?' 'Madam', he replied, 'At double-dummy you could have gone two down'.

Here in Beijing all the players are of the highest calibre, but we might still see a few 'accidents' especially as they all have to play the same system, even when they get the chance to play with their regular partner. They will all rely

on a natural approach with 5 car majors and longer minor, a 15-17 INT and weak twos in three suits.

First up we take a look at how the Women cope with that.

Dealer North, None Vul

♠ J 8 2 ♥ A K 9 4 2 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ K 6	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: none;">N</td><td style="border: none;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">W</td><td style="border: none;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A 7 ♥ J 10 8 6 5 3 ♦ J 5 ♣ A 3 2	♠ K Q 10 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A K 10 7 6 ♣ 9 7
N	E						
W	S						
	♠ 9 6 3 ♥ Q ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ Q J 10 8 5 4						

West	North	East	South
<i>Allouche</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Hongli</i>
3♥	Pass	1♠	3♣
4♠	4♣	4♦	Pass
	All Pass		

South led the queen of clubs and the defenders had three tricks. Not special you might think, but only matched by one other pair, 9/10 for NS.

Dealer North, All Vul

♠ A K Q 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A K 6 4 ♣ K Q 3	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: none;">N</td><td style="border: none;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">W</td><td style="border: none;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ J 6 ♥ A K Q J 5 4 ♦ — ♣ 10 9 8 7 6	♠ 9 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q 10 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ 5 4
N	E						
W	S						
		♠ 10 8 7 4 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ J 3 ♣ A J 2					

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
<i>Dbl</i>	4♥	Pass	Pass
<i>Dbl</i>	Pass	5♦	5♥
	All Pass		

Declarer could not avoid the loss of two spades and two clubs, -500. Two pairs were allowed to play 5♦ (one of them doubled) so this was worth 7/10 for NS.



Tobi SOKOLOW

Dealer East, None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
		1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

To defeat 3NT South has to lead a heart, 'a la Marston' - but of course she led a spade, the jack - and declarer won with dummy's queen and played the queen of clubs for the king and ace. She now played on diamonds for ten tricks, +430 and perhaps a little surprisingly 0/10 to NS.

At table 4 South did lead a heart to defeat 3NT while all the other NS pairs played in hearts with varying degrees of success.

Dealer South, E/W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Brock</i>
			4♦
Pass	Pass	Dbf	Pass
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

North led the ace of diamonds and switched to the three of spades for the queen and ace. When declarer inexplicably played a heart to the king she could not recover, one

Dealer South, N/S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Dbf	1♠
4♥	All Pass		

North led the king of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace, pitching a spade, cashed the ace of hearts and then played the king of diamonds and a diamond to the ace. When that passed off peacefully declarer could draw trumps and claim eleven tricks, +450. That gave NS 4/10. Had North risked a spade lead it would have been worth 8/10 (one NS pair defended 5♥ doubled and North led the ace of spades - well done).



SUN Ming

down, -100 and 10/10 for NS.

Dealer North, N/S Vul

♠ 10 9 5 3
♥ 3
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ J 10 8 5

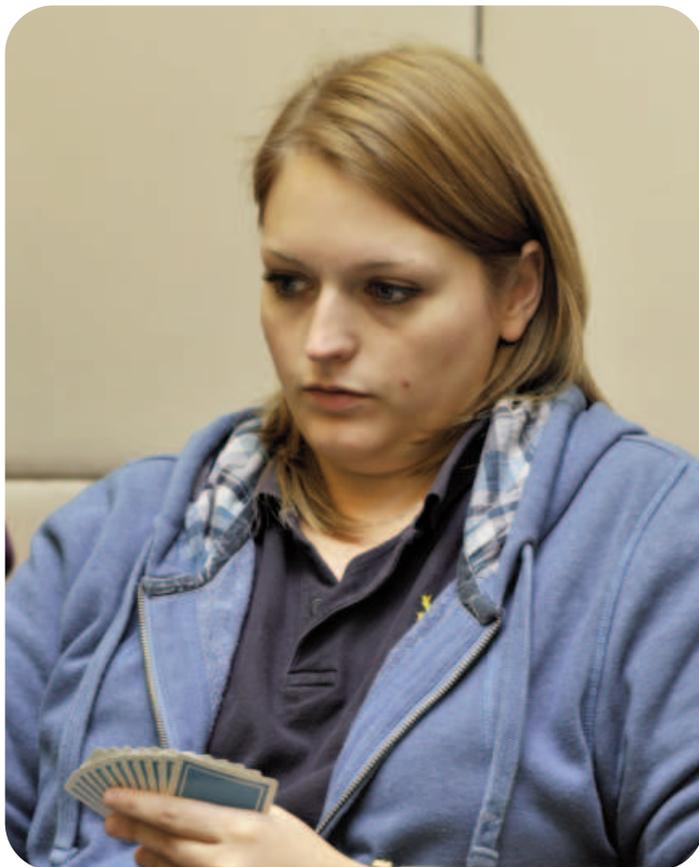
♠ Q 4
♥ K Q 10 9 6 2
♦ A K 7 2
♣ 6

♠ 8 6 2
♥ J 8 7 5 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ K 4

♠ A K J 7
♥ A
♦ J 3
♣ A Q 9 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Dhondy	Sun	Brock
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Do you think South should have bid more than 4♥? North might have bid the same way with a weaker hand, say: ♠Q4 ♥QJ10962 ♦AK72 ♣6 when 6♥ is still a good spot (as is 6NT by South). Only two pairs bid the slam, but +680 was worth only 2/10.



Susan STOCKDALE

Dealer West, None Vul

♠ A K Q 7 3
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ Q 8
♣ J 8

♠ —
♥ Q J 8 4
♦ J 10 9 7 5
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ J 10 6 5 4 2
♥ 2
♦ A K 3 2
♣ 6 3

♠ 9 8
♥ A 7 6 5
♦ 6 4
♣ K 10 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
Brown	Wang	Brock	S-Molson
1♦	1♠	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	4♦	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

West's was clearly influenced by her partner's bid of 4♦, but even so it looks dubious to go on to the five level with such much defence against a heart contract.

North led the ace of spades and declarer ruffed and played the queen of hearts.

Declare ruffed, played a club to the queen, ruffed a heart, played a club to the ace and ruffed her last heart. She ruffed a spade and ruffed a club but had to lose a trump and a club, one down, -100 and 10/10 for NS. Simply passing out 4♥ would have given EW 8/10.

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers

Henry V Act IV Scene III

by Mark Horton

I hope you have enjoyed these online Bulletins. If they are pleasing to the eye that is due to the skill of Duccio Geronimi, the layout Editor. That they are (hopefully) error free is thanks to the efforts of the proof readers, Maurizio Di Sacco & Manolo Eminenti. Results came with lightning speed from Fotis Skoularikis.

Thanks guys, it was a pleasure.

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The Man from Beijing

This gripping novel is written by Swedish novelist Henning Mankell, author of the Wallander mysteries that have become immensely popular following their dramatisation by the BBC starring Kenneth Branagh has the eponymous police inspector. The series (three seasons so far) has won a Broadcasting Press Guild Award (Best Actor for Branagh) and six British Academy Television Awards, including Best Drama Series.

In the Man from Beijing, the local police in a sleepy hamlet in north Sweden make a chilling discovery; nineteen people have been brutally slaughtered. It is a crime unprecedented in Sweden's history and the police are under incredible pressure to solve the killings.

When Judge Birgitta Roslin reads about the massacre, she realises that she has a family connection to one of the couples involved and decides to investigate. When the police make a hasty arrest, it is left to her to investigate the source of a nineteenth century diary and red silk ribbon found near the crime scene. What she will uncover leads her into an international web of corruption and a story of vengeance that stretches back over a hundred years. The narrative also chronicles the lives of several characters living during the mid -19th century in China and the United States, whose experiences are somehow also connected to the mass killings. As the plot unfolds, extending across four continents, Roslin unintentionally becomes embroiled in a web of international corruption and political intrigue.

I can't promise you anything as dramatic as that, but at the end of the Men's Individual the winner might well be described as The Man from Beijing.

seven of clubs declarer went up with the king - and down went the contract. South won the next diamond and cashed his clubs, +50 and 10/10 for NS.

Had West put in the ten of clubs he would have scored an overtrick - and 10/10.

Dealer South, None Vul

♠ K 10 2 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ K ♣ K 10 9 7 4 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 7 4 ♥ K Q 8 5 3 ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ 8 3
N					
W E					
S					
♠ A Q 8 5 ♥ 10 7 ♦ A 10 7 6 ♣ Q 6 5		♠ J 6 3 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ Q J 8 4 3 ♣ A J			

West	North	East	South
<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Shi</i>
1♠	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
All Pass			3NT

East led the five of hearts and declarer won with the jack and played the king of diamonds. When it held he played a club to the ace and ran the jack of clubs. Now a spade to the ten gave him eleven tricks, +460 and 10/10, no other pair getting anywhere near a game.

Dealer North, N/S Vul

♠ 7 2 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ A K Q 7 6 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A J 9 ♥ Q 6 5 4 ♦ A K J 9 3 ♣ 10
N					
W E					
S					
♠ K Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♥ A ♦ Q 7 ♣ 8 5 4					

On this board Shi (partnering Wrang against Cheek and Cullin) reached 5♦. On the king of spades lead declarer was more or less forced to cash the top diamonds. When the queen fell he crossed to dummy with a club, ruffed a club, went to dummy with a trump and cashed the clubs, +400 and 0/10 for NS - it was the only game made on the EW cards.

Dealer East, N/S Vul

♠ A 5 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ A K 10 6 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 9 4 3 ♥ J 8 7 6 2 ♦ K ♣ 9 8 5	♠ K 10 7 6 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ Q J 7 6 2 ♣ 2
N						
W E						
S						
♠ J 8 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ A 10 9 5 ♣ Q J 7 3						

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Cheek</i>
2♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass

North led the two of hearts and declarer won with the king and played a diamond, North winning and returning a heart to dummy's queen. Declarer played a club to the ace and a diamond and, when North discarded a heart, he ducked the trick to North's nine. When South returned the