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THE GOLDEN TOUCH



OPEN PAIRS WINNERS

Włodzimierz Starkowski & Stanisław Golebiowski



WOMEN'S PAIRS WINNERS

Yan Huang & Nan Wang

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SCHEDULE

INDIVIDUAL

10.30-13.50 SESSION 1 (24 BOARDS)

15.30-18.50 SESSION 2 (24 BOARDS)

In the Women's Pairs at the 2016 IMSA Elite Mind Games China almost achieved a remarkable clean sweep of the medals, with the overnight leaders, Yan Huang & Nan Wang taking gold, Wen Fei Wang & Qi Shen silver and Hongli Wang & Yu Zhang sharing the bronze medals with Wen Hu & Europe's sole representative on the podium, England's Nevena Senior.

In the Open Pairs, Poland's Włodzimierz Starkowski & Stanisław Golebiowski scored a convincing victory finishing more than two tops clear of the silver medallists, Sweden's Fredrik Nystrom & Johan Upmark. The bronze medals went to China's Xiaoyi Li & Linlin Hu, completing a great day for our hosts.



OPEN PAIRS 2ND

Fredrik Nystrom & Johan Upmark



WOMEN'S PAIRS 2ND

Qi Shen & Wen Fei Wang



OPEN PAIRS 3RD

Xiaoyi Li & Linlin Hu



WOMEN'S PAIRS 3RD

*Nevena Senior & Wen Hu
Yu Zhang & Hongli Wang*



Open pairs podium



Women's pairs podium



JURASSIC WORLD

by **Huntley Haverstock**

(Disclaimer: I am not convinced that everything that follows is accurate and that includes where players were sitting along with the bidding and play records.)

Jurassic World is the fourth instalment of the Jurassic Park series.

Set twenty-two years after the events of *Jurassic Park*, the film takes place on the same fictional island of Isla Nublar, off the Pacific coast of Central America, where a fully functioning dinosaur theme park has operated for ten years. The park plunges into chaos when a genetically modified dinosaur, *Indominus rex*, breaks loose and goes on a rampage across the island.

Jurassic World was released starting from June 10, 2015 in over 60 countries. The film received positive reviews from film critics, who praised it for its visuals, action scenes and musical score, but drew some criticism for its tone and writing. After a record-breaking opening weekend that had the film grossing more than \$500 million worldwide, *Jurassic World* has generated over \$1.6 billion in box office revenue, standing as the fourth-highest-grossing film of all time without inflation adjustment, as well as the second-highest-grossing film of 2015 and the highest in the franchise. A sequel is scheduled for release on June 22, 2018.

Dinosaurs have been extinct for around 66 Million years, and if you are a student of modern bridge, you might be forgiven for thinking the same had happened to the penalty double.

That is not quite the case, as several pairs found to their cost in session two of the Women's Pairs Championship.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yan	Cronier	Li	Willard
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the jack of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the king, cashed the ace of spades and ran the seven to West's ten. She took the diamond return with dummy's ace and cashed the king of spades, West pitching the four of hearts and declarer matching it with the four of clubs. A heart to the king (the ten is the winning play) saw East win and play a diamond and all declarer could do was cash the queen of hearts and the ♣AK for one down and -100 and 0/10.





Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 6 2 ♥ A J 8 6 4 ♦ K 9 5 3 2 ♣ 9		♠ A J 4 ♥ K Q 10 9 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ K 5 3	♠ K 8 7 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 10 8 7 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Smith</i>
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♦	Dble	All Pass

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ 4 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ J 10 8 2 ♣ A 9 8 7 3		♠ 3 ♥ 10 9 8 7 3 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ Q J 6 4	♠ J 9 8 6 5 ♥ A J 6 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ K 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Huberschwiler</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
1NT	Dble	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
2NT	Dble	3♣	Pass
3♦	Dble	All Pass	

2♦ Transfer

I am sure East was intending to defend 1♥ doubled – but I doubt she would have led a spade, which is the way to get +500, the number that was needed if EW were to get a top score.

East led the jack of diamonds for the queen and ace and West returned the four, declarer winning with dummy's seven and playing a heart to the ace followed by a club, West winning with the jack and exiting with a diamond. Declarer won with the king and played a spade, East taking the ace and playing a club, but declarer had six tricks for -300 but 7/3.

(I'm not sure that something wasn't amiss on this deal, as it seems clear that declarer took six tricks, but the official score says -500 and 0/10.

I was hoping somehow that that 2♠ doubled by South might be the final contract, mainly because with careful play declarer can avoid losing five trump tricks to West (after three rounds of diamonds declarer will be able to ruff a diamond in hand, cash two clubs and play three rounds of hearts). Alas, that was not the case as EW became the latest pair to attempt to disprove Burn's Law.

Against 3♦ doubled South led a trump. Mercifully the play was not recorded, but declarer finished four down, -1100 and as you would expect, 10/0.





Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

	♠ K J 6		
	♥ K 6 4		
	♦ A Q 8 7 2		
	♣ 9 6		
♠ A Q	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 10 9 5 4	
♥ A Q J 10 9		♥ 8 3	
♦ 9 3		♦ K J 10 6 4	
♣ Q J 5 2		♣ A 3	
	♠ 8 7 3 2		
	♥ 7 5 2		
	♦ 5		
	♣ K 10 8 7 4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
1♥	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♠	Dble	All Pass

This deal reminds me of the period before the 1995 World Championships in Beijing. I had prepared some deals for a training weekend involving the German Women's team that went on to win the Venice Cup.

I had noticed that one player had a tendency to make overcalls of this type, so I included a number of deals where doing so would result in a substantial penalty. Having gone for -500, -800 and then -1100, she finally saw the light and vowed never to do it again.

East led the eight of hearts and West won with the ace and continued with two rounds of spades, declarer winning with the king and running the nine

of clubs to West's jack. The queen of hearts lost to declarer's king and East won the club exit with the ace and played a spade to declarer's jack. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played the king of clubs. East ruffed and had to score two diamond tricks for two down, -500 and 2-8, the zero going to the pair who lost 800 in 2♦ doubled.

Board 20. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ Q J 6 5		
	♥ 10 5 3 2		
	♦ 8 7 6		
	♣ 10 5		
♠ A K 10 8 3	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 2	
♥ K Q 9 7		♥ 8 6 4	
♦ A 9		♦ Q J 10 3 2	
♣ 9 2		♣ Q 7 6 4	
	♠ 9 7 4		
	♥ A J		
	♦ K 5 4		
	♣ A K J 8 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>van Delft</i>	<i>Yan</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the two of hearts and South took the ace and returned the jack, declarer winning with the king, cashing the ace of spades, ruffing a spade, playing a diamond to the nine, then the king of spades and a spade. North won and switched to the ten of clubs and a club, but declarer ruffed the next club and, although North could overruff, declarer had the last three tricks for +670 and a predictable 0/10.





West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Huang	van Delft	Wang
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	Rdbl*	1♠	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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



Rdbl Heart support

West cashed her trumps and played the king of spades. Declarer took dummy's ace and tried the king of diamonds, but when that was ducked her goose was cooked. West won the next round and returned the ten of spades. Declarer could score her remaining trumps and the ace of clubs, but that was four down -1100, which did not trouble the scorers.





OPEN PAIRS – SESSION THREE

by **Brian Senior**

Overnight the Chinese pairing of Xiaoyi Li and Linlin Hu led the field with an imposing score of 64.27 %, way ahead of the second-placed pair, Poland's Golebiowski/Starkowski, who were on only 56.55%. On day two, there was a change in format, the pairs playing 11 x four-board rounds. Li/Hu started the second day less while and, after eight boards, still led but not by nearly so much. In Round 3 they met second-placed Meng Kang and Shaolin Sun, also of China.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A K ♥ A K J 6 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 9 6 3 2		♠ 9 6 ♥ Q 10 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ J 8	♠ Q J 8 5 4 3 ♥ 3 ♦ K J 10 ♣ A 10 7 ♠ 10 7 2 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 6 5 4 2 ♣ K Q 5 4
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West	North	East	South
Hu	Sun	Li	Kang
–	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	3♠	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Kang made a simple raise of the five-card major opening and Hu doubled. Sun's reraise to 3♠ was very effective, as it meant that Kang knew about the sixth spade so could save over the cold heart game. Declarer can escape for one down in 4♠ doubled unless the defence finds a diamond ruff, but Li unerringly led ace and another diamond, so Hu could win the first round of spades, cash a heart trick, then lead a diamond. Li's ruff meant down two for –300. Only one E/W pair was allowed to play the heart game but a number of N/S conceded only –100

in 4♠, either because the defence failed to find its ruff or because they did not double. Minus 300 was therefore worth only 3 MPs to Sun/Kang.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K J 10 2 ♥ J 10 4 3 2 ♦ 9 ♣ K 4		♠ 8 6 5 ♥ 7 ♦ J 10 7 2 ♣ A 8 7 6 3	♠ 7 3 ♥ A K 8 6 5 ♦ 5 4 ♣ Q J 9 5 ♠ Q 9 4 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K Q 8 6 3 ♣ 10 2
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West	North	East	South
Hu	Sun	Li	Kang
–	–	Pass	1NT
2♣	Dble	2♠	2NT
3♠	All Pass		

Kang upgraded to open 1NT, based on the long diamond suit, and Hu overcalled 2♣, both majors. Li doubled to show values and Li showed his preference for spades. Though his spade stopper was not assured, Kang had a source of tricks (or so he thought/hoped) and tried 2NT. Looking at extra distribution, Hu went on to 3♠, which ended the auction.

Kang led a top diamond then switched to the ten of clubs. Li won in hand with the ace and led his heart, Kang going in with the queen and returning a club to dummy's king. Li ruffed a heart then led a spade to the jack and tried for a second heart ruff. That was over-ruffed and Kang returned his last trump, the queen. That left dummy to concede two hearts for down one and –100.

Only one other E/W went minus, also in 3♠ down one. N/S failed in 2♥, 2NT and 3♦, and that left Sun/Kang with 9 out of 10 MPs.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hu	Sun	Li	Kang
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	2♣	2♦	2♠
2NT	3♠	4♦	All Pass

When Hu opened a 15-17 no trump Sun overcalled 2♣, majors, and Li introduced his long diamonds. Kang had four cards in each of his partner's suits so was happy to bid a free 2♠ and now Hu bid 2NT, implying a diamond fit. When Sun now competed to 3♠, trusting that his partner would hold four trumps for his 2♠ bid, Li in turn trusted that his partner would have a diamond fit for his 2NT rebid and competed to 4♦, where he played.

Kang led the ten of hearts which ran to declarer's queen. Li crossed to the ace of diamonds to lead a spade towards his jack and Sun played low, the jack losing to the king. Kang returned a heart so Li had to lose one of those plus a club and had ten tricks for +130.



Plus 130 was worth 4 MPs to Li/Hu. Two other pairs also played in 3♦ for +130, but there was also 3♦ doubled plus one and 4♠ down two by N/S for -200, along with E/W playing 3NT-1.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

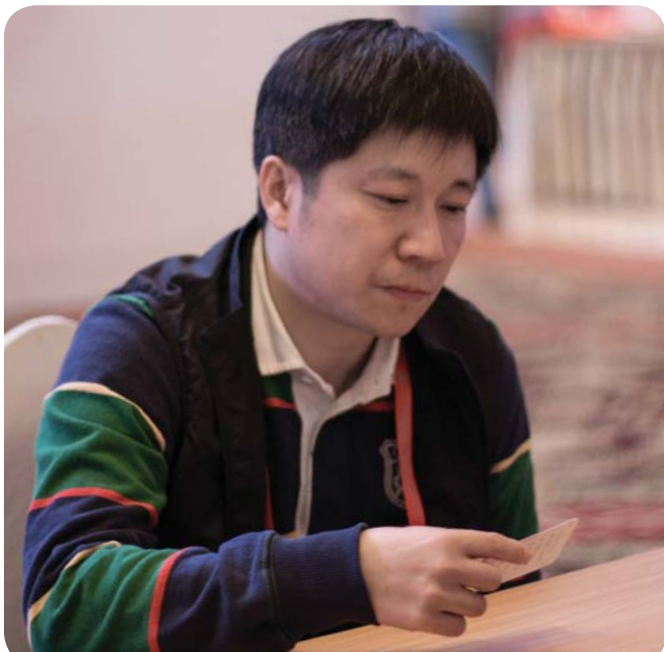
♠ - ♥ K 7 4 ♦ A K J 5 3 2 ♣ J 9 7 3		♠ K Q J 8 7 6 2 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ Q ♣ A 10	
♠ A 5 ♥ A 10 8 5 3 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ K 5 2		♠ 10 9 4 3 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 9 8 6 ♣ Q 8 6 4	

West	North	East	South
Hu	Sun	Li	Kang
1♥	2♦	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

A straightforward auction ended with Li's decision to play game in his partner's suit rather than insist on his own. Sun led the seven of clubs, third and fifth, and Hu won dummy's ace and, judging the king to be offside, perhaps because Sun had not cashed a top diamond as he might have done if holding ace and king, led the nine of hearts to his ace then a second round. Sun won the king and played the king then ace of diamonds, forcing dummy to ruff with its last trump. Hu needed to come to hand to draw the last trump and rather carelessly led a spade to his ace rather than a club to the king. Sun ruffed so there was no overtrick; +420.

Two E/W pairs played in 6♠ going down, so Hu/Li scored 4 MPs for +420, perhaps more than Hu deserved.

The round ended with Sun/Kang having overtaken Li/Hu at the top of the rankings. The overnight leaders were now to face the third-placed pair, Starkowski/Golebiowski, who had been second overnight.



Li Xiaoyi
CHINA

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 10 6		
	♥ J 5		
	♦ 10 8 6 5 4		
	♣ Q J 4 3		
♠ A Q J 4	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center; color: white; font-weight: bold;">N W E S</div>	♠ K 9 8 2	
♥ K 9 6 4 2		♥ 10 8 3	
♦ Q		♦ 9 3 2	
♣ K 7 2		♣ 10 9 5	
	♠ 7 5 3		
	♥ A Q 7		
	♦ A K J 7		
	♣ A 8 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Li</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Pass	Pass	1NT
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Li opened a strong club, 16+, and Starkowski made a natural overcall. When 1♥ came back to Li, he rebid 1NT, doubled by Starkowski to show his extra values. Hu admitted to some heart support and that was that. Perhaps Hu was dissuaded by the vulnerability, but he surely might have considered a bid of 2NT to compete in a minor – 2NT should mean that as a balanced hand worth a natural 2NT bid would presumably double.

Hu led the ten of spades. Starkowski won dummy's king while unblocking the jack from his hand, and led a heart. When Li played low, Starkowski put up the king then played a second round. Li won the queen, cashed the ace of hearts and played two top diamonds. Starkowski ruffed and cashed the spades,



Stanislaw Golebiowski

POLAND

ending in dummy to lead a club to his king. He had eight tricks now for +110. Had N/S competed, they would have made 3♦ equally easily.

Two N/Ss played 1NT+1 and a third pushed their opponents to 3♠-1, so +110 was worth 8 MPs to the Poles.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K 7 6 5		
	♥ 9 8		
	♦ J 9 2		
	♣ K Q 9 4		
♠ Q 10 3	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center; color: white; font-weight: bold;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 9 8 4 2	
♥ J 7 6 4		♥ 10 3	
♦ 8 4 3		♦ K 5	
♣ 8 7 2		♣ A 10 5 3	
	♠ J		
	♥ A K Q 5 2		
	♦ A Q 10 7 6		
	♣ J 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Li</i>
–	–	1♠	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It seemed that the momentum was very much against them up to now, but Li/Hu did well on this board to revive their fortunes. Li started with a take-out double with the North cards where many would have made a two-suited overcall of some kind. Starkowski's spade raise shut out Hu at this stage but, when Li followed up by showing his hearts, Hu could bid 3NT, ending the auction.

Golebiowski led the four of spades to the jack, queen and king. Hu played the jack of diamonds to the king and ace then cashed out the diamonds. Starkowski made it as easy as he could for his partner, discarding the discouraging eight then seven of clubs on the diamonds. When Hu next cashed the top hearts, Golebiowski knew to keep his spades. Hu led a club to the king and ace and Golebiowski led the eight of spades to his partner's ten. Starkowski cashed his heart winner and played a spade back to the ace; nine tricks for +400.

It is tough to get to 3NT after starting with a two-suited overcall, while 4♥ can be beaten if played by the strong hand if West can find the queen of spades lead to start a force on declarer.

One other pair got to 3NT while one made 4♥ on a trump lead. Three pairs missed game, caused by problems of range after making a two-suited overcall, so +400 was worth 7 MPs to Hu/Li.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K Q 9 7 ♣ A Q 10		♠ 6 ♥ A 10 9 5 3 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ 6 5 4 3	♠ J 8 7 4 ♥ K J 7 6 ♦ A 10 4 2 ♣ K
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West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Li</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♣	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 6 4 ♥ 10 8 7 4 ♦ K 9 ♣ 10 9 3		♠ A J 10 7 2 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ A J 3 ♣ K 8	♠ 9 5 3 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ A Q J 6 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Li</i>
2♥	Pass	2NT	3♣
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Li opened a Precision 1♦ then made a four-card spade raise. Expecting from his opponents' bidding that Li would be short in clubs, Hu took the simple approach of asking for key cards, signing off in 5♠ on discovering that two were missing. Golebiowski led ace and another heart and Hu made 11 tricks for +650.

The board was flat, with all five N/S pairs stopping safely in game for 5 MPs to everyone.

Starkowski could open 2♥, weak with at least five-five in hearts and a minor, and Golebiowski made a 2NT inquiry. Li took this opportunity to introduce his long club suit and Starkowski passed. Some might play that as showing a minimum hand, bidding 3♦ with a maximum with diamonds, but Starkowski wanted to leave open the option for his partner to make a penalty double. No, Golebiowski jumped to 4♥ and when that came round to Hu he took the save in 5♣, promptly doubled by Golebiowski.

Starkowski led the eight of spades to the king and ace. Trusting that his partner would only lead a spade if it was a singleton, Golebiowski returned the suit-preference two of spades for him to ruff. Back came the requested low diamond and Li played the king. Golebiowski won the ace, cashed the jack and dealt his partner a second spade ruff. Li ruffed the diamond return in the dummy and took the club finesse so was down three for -500, a good save against the cold heart game.

Four pairs were allowed to play in 4♥ for +650, while one other pair saved in 5♣ doubled but got the trumps wrong so went for -800. That all meant that Hu/Li had a complete top and 10 MPs for their -500. The round ended with them back on top of the rankings, but only just. After 24 boards, when the players broke for lunch, however, the Poles had taken the lead with Hu/Li in second and Sun/Kang down to fourth. Poland's Jassem/Mazurkiewicz had moved into third place. There were 20 boards to play in the afternoon to complete the competition.



Hu Linlin
CHINA





FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

by **Huntley Haverstock**

Foreign Correspondent is a 1940 American spy thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock. It tells the story of an American reporter, Johnny Jones, who is appointed as a foreign correspondent under the pen name Huntley Haverstock by the editor of the *New York Globe* to get answers about whether or not war will ensue.

The film was Hitchcock's second Hollywood production after leaving the United Kingdom in 1939 (the first was *Rebecca*). It was one of two Hitchcock films nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1941, the other being *Rebecca*, which went on to win the award. *Foreign Correspondent* was nominated for six Academy Awards but did not win any.

Bridge writers travel the world (already this year I have reported on events in Rome, Monaco and Moscow) in search of a newsworthy deal – would the third session provide any suitable material?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 6										
	♥ 10 8 3										
	♦ Q 8 7 6										
	♣ Q 8 7 4 3										
♠ A 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A K 9 5 4 ♣ K J 9 6 5	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 7 5 3 ♥ A Q J 5 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ A 2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K Q J 10 9 4										
	♥ K 9 6 4 2										
	♦ 3										
	♣ 2										

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Frey	Huberschwiller	D'Ovidio
—	Pass	1♦	2♦*
4♥*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

2♦ Majors

What a cracking deal to start the session.

South led the king of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the ace, covered by the king and ruffed, played a club to the ace and pitched a spade on the jack of hearts. When she then played two rounds of diamonds she condemned

herself to defeat, as North had to score two trumps and a club, -50, which gave NS 8/2.

The NS top went to Pasman/Simons who collected +100 from the 4NT attempted by Dekkers/van Delft.

The real interest lies with the two pairs who played in 6♦, Wang/Shen and Yan/Li - they both made the contract, and the play must have gone in one of two ways.

South leads the king of spades and you win with dummy's ace and play a heart to the ace, followed by the queen. When South covers you ruff, play a club to the ace and a diamond to the king. You cash the king of clubs South pitching a spade, and take the ruffing club finesse. North covers so you ruff and, resisting any temptation to pitch the losing spade, you ruff a heart. After cashing the nine of clubs you ruff a club and then play any of your three remaining cards, finally getting rid of the two of spades. North is forced to ruff and must lead into dummy's ♦K9.

If South withholds the king of hearts you can pitch a spade, take one top diamond then play three rounds of clubs, taking the ruffing finesse against North's queen. After ruffing out North's queen declarer can come to hand with a heart ruff, cash a club, ruff the last club and then ruff one of his last three cards, North over-ruffing and being endplayed as before.

I hope to get the details later, but for the moment BBO is closed for maintenance.



Jennifer Mourgues

FRANCE

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The popular contract was 6♠, but it failed at one table.

Declarer won the diamond lead, drew trumps ending in hand and played a heart to the king followed by a heart, ducked to West. She ruffed the diamond return, unblocked the ace of clubs, ruffed a heart and played the queen of clubs, but when she ruffed it she had to go one down; 0/10 instead of 9/1.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ Q J 8 5 4 3 ♥ 3 ♦ K J 10 ♣ A 10 7		♠ 9 6 ♥ Q 10 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ J 8	♠ 10 7 2 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 6 5 4 2 ♣ K Q 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>van Delft</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Dble	2♠	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ace of diamonds and continued with the three, declarer taking West's queen with the king and playing a spade to the ten and king. West cashed the ace of hearts and when East followed with the seven she switched to her remaining diamond, East's ruff ensuring two down. It was an excellent save against 4♥, but four pairs had gone on to 5♥ going one down, so -300 was worth only 1/9.



Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>van Delft</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
2♣*	Dble	2♠	3♦
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

2♣ Majors

South led ace of diamonds and switched to the queen of hearts and a heart, dummy's jack being covered by the ace and ruffed by declarer, who played a club to the king and ruffed a heart. South over-ruffed and returned a spade and declarer had only eight tricks, for -200 and 9/1.

Once South has switched to a heart (rather than playing a second diamond or switching to a club) there is a way to make 3♠, but it is difficult. After ruffing the second round declarer must take a spade finesse, draw trumps and play a fourth spade. If North discards a heart at any point declarer gives up a heart and has two entries to dummy to give up one more heart. That means North will have to discard a club and a diamond. Now declarer cashes the last spade forcing North to pitch a heart, after which three rounds of clubs force North to surrender the last trick to dummy's ♥10.



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Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K 7 6 5		
	♥ 9 8		
	♦ J 9 2		
	♣ K Q 9 4		
♠ Q 10 3	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 9 8 4 2	
♥ J 7 6 4		♥ 10 3	
♦ 8 4 3		♦ K 5	
♣ 8 7 2		♣ A 10 5 3	
	♠ J		
	♥ A K Q 5 2		
	♦ A Q 10 7 6		
	♣ J 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Hu</i>
—	—	1♠	2♠*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

- 2♠ Hearts and a minor
- 3♣ Pass or correct

West found the brilliant lead of the queen of spades and when it held she continued with the ten, declarer ruffing and playing a club to the king and ace. At this point East must force declarer again with the ace of spades, after which declarer should only take ten tricks. However, reluctant to establish the king of spades, East returned a club and declarer overtook her jack with dummy's queen, ran the nine of diamonds and then played the jack for the king and ace. Playing two rounds of hearts and then ruffing a heart delivers eleven tricks, but declarer fell from grace by drawing the outstanding trump so +130 and only 2/8.

Four hearts is a decent contract, but played by South Li's devastating lead would deal it a mortal blow.

Do you think North might have bid 4♥ or 5♦ over 4♦?

Very tough with only a doubleton and all your high cards outside partner's suits, but with North as the declarer you can't defeat either 4♥ or 5♦.



Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A 10 5 3		
	♥ 8		
	♦ A 4 3		
	♣ A Q 9 3 2		
♠ Q 9 8	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ J 4	
♥ K J 9 3		♥ 10 7 6 5	
♦ 9 6 2		♦ Q J 10 5	
♣ J 8 6		♣ K 10 4	
	♠ K 7 6 2		
	♥ A Q 4 2		
	♦ K 8 7		
	♣ 7 5		

West	North	East	South
<i>van Zwol</i>	<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>van Delft</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

- 1♥ Spades
- 1♠ Four-card support

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ Q 10 2		
	♥ A 10 7 5		
	♦ 7 6		
	♣ J 8 4 2		
♠ K 7	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 8 6 5 4 3	
♥ 8 4 2		♥ —	
♦ A 9 8 4 3		♦ Q J	
♣ 10 9 5		♣ A K Q 7 6 3	
	♠ A J 9		
	♥ K Q J 9 6 3		
	♦ K 10 5 2		
	♣ —		

West	North	East	South
<i>van Zwol</i>	<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>van Delft</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♥
1♠*	2♥	3♣	3♦*
Dble	4♥	4♠	Dble
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

East led the queen of diamonds and declarer won in hand and played a heart to the queen and king. West returned a heart and declarer pitched a diamond on dummy's ace and played a club to the queen and king. With everything breaking she was +420, worth only 3/7.

Three declarers took eleven tricks for 8/10.

They won the diamond lead in dummy and took an immediate club finesse. Now the breaks ensured eleven tricks, and if the ♣K had been inside it would

lead to twelve.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

	♠ J 8		
	♥ A K 10 6 5		
	♦ Q 9 6 5 4		
	♣ 10		
♠ K Q 10 7 3 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 6 5	
♥ J		♥ 4 3 2	
♦ K		♦ 7 3	
♣ K J 9 5 4		♣ A 8 7 3 2	
	♠ 9 4		
	♥ Q 9 8 7		
	♦ A J 10 8 2		
	♣ Q 6		

West	North	East	South
Wang	Yan	Huang	Li
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble*	2♠	Pass
3♣	3♦	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♦	Dble	All Pass

1♦ Precision

West led the king of spades and continued the suit, East taking the ace, cashing the ace of clubs and switching to the three of diamonds. This revealing defence left declarer in no doubt – up she went with

the ace of diamonds and when his majesty appeared she claimed +510 and a complete top.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ J 9 6		
	♥ 8 2		
	♦ J 6 5 4		
	♣ A 9 8 6		
♠ Q 10 8 7 4 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 5	
♥ 9		♥ K Q J 10 5 4 3	
♦ K		♦ 10 9 3 2	
♣ Q J 10 7 4		♣ K	
	♠ A K 3		
	♥ A 7 6		
	♦ A Q 8 7		
	♣ 5 3 2		

West	North	East	South
Wang	Yan	Huang	Li
—	—	—	1♦
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ace of spades, cashed the ace of hearts and followed it with the ace, queen and eight of diamonds, the ace of clubs completing the rout and adding up to +800 and 9/1.



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OPEN PAIRS SESSION 3B

by **Brian Senior**

At the lunch break in the final session Starkowski/Golebiowski of Poland had taken the lead in the Open Pairs. However, the afternoon did not start well for the leaders.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A 10 6 2		
	♥ 10 6 4		
	♦ J 9 8		
	♣ 10 6 2		
♠ K Q J 9 8	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 7 5 4 3	
♥ A 9 7 5		♥ Q 8	
♦ 6 2		♦ 7 4	
♣ 8 7		♣ A Q J 4 3	
	♠ -		
	♥ K J 3 2		
	♦ A K Q 10 5 3		
	♣ K 9 5		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Hou</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♥
2♠	3♦	3♠	Dble
All Pass			

Though playing strong club, Hou chose to open 1♦ on the South cards – presumably there is something about this distribution that does not fit well with their methods after a strong club opening. Starkowski overcalled and Golebiowski's 2♣ response was like Drury, showing spade support and nothing to do with clubs. Hou took the opportunity to introduce his second suit, showing genuine diamonds in the process, of course, and that was enough encouragement for Liu to compete to 3♦ over 2♠. When Golebiowski in turn competed to 3♠, Hou doubled. That simply showed a good hand for his bidding to date and was more flexible than simply competing with 4♦ – partner could bid 3NT or pass for penalties, for example. Liu was delighted to pass with his actual hand.

Liu led the eight of diamonds. Hou won the queen, thought for a while, and returned the ten, a clear suit-preference signal for hearts. Liu duly overtook with the jack and switched to a low heart for the eight, jack and ace. Starkowski led the queen of spades from hand and Liu won his ace and returned a heart to his partner's king. A safe heart back meant that the defence still had to come to the ten of spades and club king for two

down and an excellent +300.

Three pairs bid on to 4♦, making ten or 11 tricks, while one other pair were doubled in 3♠ for -300 and one in 4♠ for -500. Starkowski/Golebiowski therefore scored 3 MPs out of 10.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ K 6		
	♥ 8 6 5 4 3		
	♦ K 6		
	♣ A Q 10 2		
♠ A 7	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ Q J 10 8	
♥ Q 7		♥ A J 9	
♦ A 10 7 4		♦ J 9 5 3	
♣ K J 7 5 3		♣ 9 4	
	♠ 9 5 4 3 2		
	♥ K 10 2		
	♦ Q 8 2		
	♣ 8 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Hou</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass


Starkowski upgraded the West hand to open a 15-17 no trump and Golebiowski used Stayman then raised him to game. The cards did not lie well in the thin game.

Liu led a heart to the nine, ten and queen. Starkowski played ace and another spade and Liu won the king, perforce, and led a second heart to the jack and king. Hou cleared the hearts, Starkowski pitching a club from hand, and Starkowski cashed the queen of spades, throwing a second club. When Liu also threw a club Starkowski tried a diamond to his ten, losing to the king. Liu cashed his heart winners, Starkowski coming down to two cards in each minor. Exiting with ace and queen of clubs now endplayed declarer, who had to concede a diamond at the end for down three and -150.

Two E/W pairs did even worse, going down four in 3NT for -200, while a fourth declarer got out for down two. There was also 1NT down one plus the one E/W plus score, when North came into the auction and was doubled in 2♣ for -500. Starkowski/Golebiowski scored 4 MPs for their -150.



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 10 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ A Q 10 7 ♠ J 6 5 ♥ 7 ♦ J 10 6 4 ♣ 9 8 6 5 2		♠ K 8 7 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ Q 9 5 3 2 ♣ J 4 ♠ 9 4 3 2 ♥ A K J 8 4 3 ♦ K ♣ K 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Hou</i>
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6NT
All Pass			


Two Clubs was natural and game-forcing and 2♥ showed four spades. Two No Trump marked time and Hou showed the sixth heart. Three Spades was a cuebid for hearts, as Liu could have agreed spades at his previous turn and, after a return cuebid from Hou, Liu asked for key cards then for kings, 6♣ showing the club king. Six Diamonds was a grand slam try and 6NT showed something extra but not the ability to bid Seven. Logically, it should also have denied the king of spades, with which Hou could have bid 6♠ on the way to 6NT.

The lead was a diamond. Liu won the bare king and rattled off the hearts. Starkowski threw all his spades to keep the minor-suit guards, then the jack of diamonds to clarify the position in that suit for his partner. Seeing that Starkowski was hanging on grimly to his club holding, Liu threw the ten and queen of spades and then played king of clubs followed by a club to the ten. That lost to the doubleton jack so there was no overtrick; +990.

Technically, the correct way to play the hand is to cash the top clubs to see if the jack falls then fall back on the spade finesse if it does not. However, that is without taking West's discards into account, and on the actual deal Liu's play looks correct – he was simply unlucky.


One N/S bid and made 7NT while three made the overtrick in 6NT. At the last table the contract was 6♥ and declarer made only 12 tricks. Starkowski/Golebiowski therefore scored 8 MPs for conceding –990.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 8 7 6 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ 4 ♣ A J 9 6 4 ♠ A 5 ♥ Q 10 3 2 ♦ Q 10 6 3 2 ♣ K 7		♠ K 10 9 ♥ J 8 6 4 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ Q 3 2 ♠ Q 4 2 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ A J 7 5 ♣ 10 8 5	
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The deal was passed out here, but not at most other tables. There was one other pass-out, with the other four N/S pairs making various spade contracts ranging from +140 to +620. Passing the board out therefore earned the Poles 9 MPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 8 7 6 5 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 9 8 5 3 ♣ 3 2 ♠ A 9 ♥ A K J 10 9 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K Q J		♠ J 4 3 2 ♥ Q 7 6 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A 9 6 ♠ Q 10 ♥ 4 ♦ A K J 7 6 ♣ 10 8 7 5 4	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	2♦	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Golebiowski's 1♦ opening promised at least four cards in the suit so Starkowski could raise over Sylvan's double. However, when Wrang could make a responsive double to show his bits and pieces, Sylvan had an easy jump to 4♥. After the defence took two diamond tricks and switched to a trump, there was an unavoidable spade loser; ten tricks for +420.

Our leaders scored 4 MPs as one E/W pair missed the game.



Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Starkowski	Wrang	Golebiowski
–	–	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Starkowski	Wrang	Golebiowski
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Dble	4♠	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

Sylvan had a normal 1♠ response to the 1♥ opener but Starkowski was not to be dissuaded from bidding his strong six-card suit and overcalled 2♠. He won the diamond lead in the dummy and ran the jack of spades then repeated the finesse. With both club honours outside there was no guess and he soon had ten tricks for +170.

Five pairs played in 2♠ for +170. The sixth result was 1NT+1 by E/W, so Starkowski/Golebiowski scored 6 MPs for +170.

When Starkowski doubled the 1♠ opening, it wasn't too taxing for Wrang to find the raise to 4♠ to force his opponents to guess. Equally, with a six-card suit and spade void, it was not a tough decision for Golebiowski to bid 5♦. Sylvan looked at his three aces and doubled, knowing that 5♠ was a long way off.

Sylvan led the ace of spades and Golebiowski ruffed and drew trumps ending in the dummy. A heart to the queen and ace saw Sylvan underlead his club holding in an attempt to give declarer a guess. On this auction, Golebiowski had no problem in calling for the king from dummy. Now all he needed was a three-two heart break. However, a heart to the jack showed that there was to be no good fortune there. Golebiowski cashed a diamond then ruffed out the heart and led a low club in hope of a defensive mix-up but no, Sylvan went up with the ace and returned a club to his partner's queen. The contract was down one for –200 but, with the opposing 4♠ cold, that was the best N/S could do on the board.

Minus 200 proved to be an average, so 5 MPs. There was one +200 defending against 5♠ doubled, and one –800 playing in 5♥ doubled by N/S.



Włodzimierz Starkowski
POLAND

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Starkowski	Wrang	Golebiowski
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Wrang led the queen of diamonds. Starkowski won the ace and returned a low diamond to Sylvan's eight. Sylvan returned a heart to dummy's nine and Starkowski ruffed a diamond with the king, led a heart to the queen and ruffed another diamond with his jack, establishing the suit. He crossed to the ace of spades and cashed the heart ace then played a diamond. Wrang could ruff and lead a club to his partner's ace but that was all for the defence and Starkowski was home with ten tricks for +420.

That proved to be worth 8 MPs as there were two +400s in 3NT and a +300 on defence to 2♣ doubled.

After these two rounds the Poles still held the lead and they were to increase their lead and eventually have a relatively comfortable win. Second were Sweden's Upmark/Nystrom, and third the long-time leaders, Hu and Li of China.

One Club was Polish, three-way, and 1♥ natural 8+. One Spade could have been either a weak no trump type with four spades or natural with 18+. One No Trump was to play facing a weak no trump and 2♦ natural and game-forcing. The remainder of the auction was natural and the Poles alighted in the four-three heart fit.



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1	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	GOLEBIOWSKI Stanislaw	POL - POL	54.48
2	NYSTROM Fredrik	UPMARK Johan	SWE - SWE	51.98
3	HU Linlin	LI Xiaoyi	CHN - CHN	51.64
4	STEFANOV Julian	MIHOV Vladimir	BUL - BUL	51.43
5	MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin	JASSEM Krzysztof	POL - POL	51.30
6	KANG Meng	SUN Shaolin	CHN - CHN	50.45
7	NANEV Ivan	ISPORSKI Vladislav Nikolov	BUL - BUL	49.50
8	SYLVAN Johan	WRANG Frederic	SWE - SWE	49.11
9	GAWRYS Piotr	KLUKOWSKI Michal	POL - POL	48.82
10	STAMATOV Jerry	DANAIOV Diyan	BUL - BUL	48.50
11	LIU Jing	HOU Xu	CHN - CHN	48.25
12	BERGDAHL Tommy	WARNE Niklas	SWE - SWE	44.55

WOMEN PAIRS**AFTER SESSION 4/4**

1	HUANG Yan	WANG Nan	CHN - CHN	53.64
2	WANG Wen Fei	SHEN Qi	CHN - CHN	53.41
3	SENIOR Nevena	HU Wen	ENG - CHN	52.73
4	ZHANG Yu	WANG Hongli	CHN - CHN	52.73
5	ARNOLDS Carla	VAN ZWOL Wietske	NED - NED	50.45
6	HUBERSCHWILLER Anne-Laure	MOURGUES Jennifer	FRA - FRA	49.77
7	CRONIER Benedicte	WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA	49.43
8	BROCK Sally	SMITH Nicola	ENG - ENG	48.98
9	YAN Ru	LI Yiting	CHN - CHN	47.95
10	DEKKERS Laura	VAN DELFT Doris	NED - NED	47.16
11	PASMAN Jet	SIMONS Anneke	NED - NED	46.93
12	FREY Nathalie	D'OVIDIO Catherine	FRA - FRA	46.82