



# Bridge Bulletin



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## EUROPE'S GOLDEN DOUBLE



MEN Medal Awarding Ceremony

The Netherlands, represented by Bauke Muller, Simon de Wijs, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees, Sjoert Brink & Bas Drijver with non-playing captain Eric Laurant, took the title in the Men's Teams at the 2012 Beijing Sportaccord Mind Games, defeating China in a match which the reigning Bermuda Bowl Champions dominated from start to finish. The USA secured the bronze medals by defeating the current World Champions, Sweden.

The Women's final was a much closer contest and it was only towards the end that it became clear that France, the current Venice Cup holders, Catherine D'Ovidio, Joanna Neve, Danièle Allouche, Vanessa Reess, Bénédicte Cronier

& Sylvie Willard would overcome the team from the USA. The match for the bronze medals was even tougher as China made Great Britain, go all the way before the current World Champions (who won representing England) could claim third place.

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# RESULTS

## MEN SERIES

### FINAL

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
CHINA	12.5	4	17	21	54.5
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>140</b>

### PLAY-OFF

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>88.5</b>
SWEDEN	0	24	13	25	62

## WOMEN SERIES

### FINAL

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>91</b>
UNITED STATES	6	10	23	23	62

### PLAY-OFF

Teams	c/o	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>115</b>
CHINA	0	26	26	39	91



WOMEN Medal Awarding Ceremony

## 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.

## Round Robin Round Up

With two rounds to go it already seemed clear that China would be one of the teams contesting the Men's final, while France enjoyed a similar position in the Women's event.

Who would join them was less clear - USA was in the best position in both series but the Netherlands still had a shot in the Men and Great Britain in the Women.

There were some technical problems during the last two rounds, so this round up is of necessity restricted to what seemed to be the more interesting deals.

Round 5 started with a dramatic deal:

Dealer North, None Vul

<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ A Q J ♦ A K 10 9 3 ♣ A 4 3</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <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	<p>♠ 10 9 3 ♥ K 9 6 5 4 2 ♦ Q 6 ♣ 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A K J 8 6 4 ♥ — ♦ J 8 7 5 ♣ Q 10 8</p>
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W     E						
S						
	<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ 10 8 7 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ K J 9 6 2</p>					

Sweden faced China in a match the Swedes had to win.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ruoyang</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Haojun</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

To some extent West had to be taking a guess at how good the grand slam might be, but just change the colour of East's minor suit queen and it would be against the wall (or should that be the Great Wall?).

North led the seven of clubs, covered by the ten and ace and declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a heart and advanced the eight of diamonds. Declarer had little to go on, and he finessed. North won and played another club, three down, -150.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Zhengjun</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Chuancheng</i>
	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

2♠ 10-13, 6+♠  
2NT Relay  
3NT Extras, short in hearts  
4♣ Relay

I am confident of the meaning of the bids up to 4♣ - after that I imagine East showed his shape and declarer gambled that the diamonds would come in.

Declarer won the trump lead in dummy, drew trumps, played a diamond to the ace, cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart and advanced the jack of diamonds. He...finessed and was one down, 3 IMPs for Sweden.

Meanwhile, if Great Britain could defeat the USA they would considerably improve their chances of reaching the final.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Smith</i>
	2♦*	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

2♦ Multi

South led the seven of hearts and declarer put in the jack and ruffed North's king. Now it was easy to draw trumps, ditch two diamonds on the hearts and then play the top diamonds, +1010.

After the Multi 7♠ is very good on the reasonable assumption that North has the king of hearts, but West's decision to immediately resort to Blackwood may not have been the best way to explore all the possibilities.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson Senior</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	
	2♦*	2♠	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Another Multi saw produced an awkward auction. The problem was that West had no sensible move over 4♠ - it would have been better to start with 3♦ rather than the all purpose cue bid. (I confess that if I was allowed only one more bid after 4♠ it would be 7♠. If North had led a club against 6NT declarer would have needed to sort out the diamond suit (you can just about count out the North hand to be 3-6-2-2) but North led the queen of diamonds. +1020 and no swing.



Dealer East, N/S Vul

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ruoyang	Cullin	Haojun	Bertheau
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
Dbf	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

You must decide for yourselves on the merits of South's 2♠. It looks obvious to raise with North's hand, but is it? Partner couldn't bid over 1♣ and must have length in clubs along with no more than four spades.

West led a trump and Declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the king (putting in the ten saves a trick). East won and switched to the queen of hearts, covered by the king and ace. The nine of hearts was covered by the ten and jack and East played a third heart. Declarer ruffed and played a trump but West won and exited with a trump. Declarer won in dummy and played the jack of clubs. East took the ace and West dropped the queen. Declarer ruffed the hearts exit in dummy and tried a low diamond. West won and exited with a club and that was three down, -800.,

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Zhengjun	Wrang	Chuancheng
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

No double, no trouble. The defence was not quite as accurate and declarer escaped for two down, -200 but 12 IMPs to China.

Great Britain did well on this deal:

Dealer South, E/W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Deas	Brock	Eythorsdottir	Smith
			1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

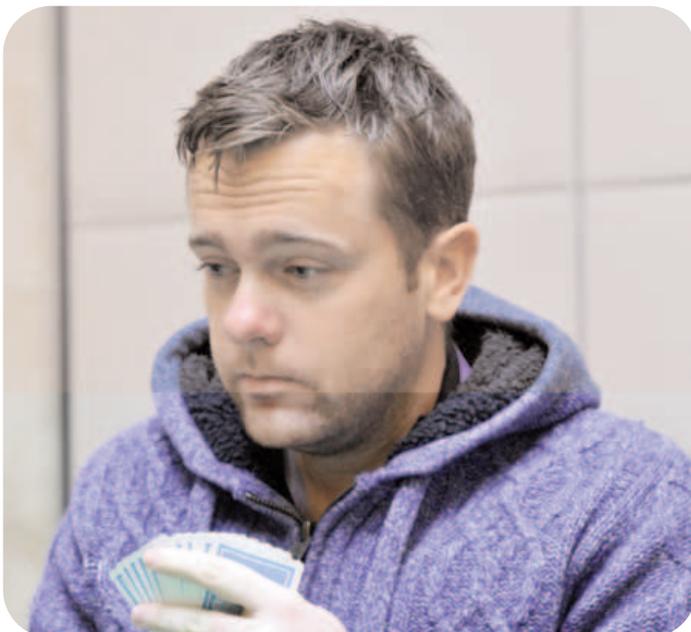
The key bid here was North's 4♣ (faced with the same decision Cullin bid 3NT, ending the auction). It may or may not be better than 4♦ (the bid chosen by Zhengjun which quickly led to 6♦ when South bid 4♥ - 10 IMPs for China). Once South admitted to a heart control North's 5NT said pick a slam.

West led the three of hearts and declarer won in hand, unblocked dummy's spades, came to hand with a trump and ruffed a spade. This works just as well if spades are 4-2 and the defender with a doubleton is ruffing from a three card trump holding. +920.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Seamon-Molson Senior		Sokolow
			1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

That duplicated the Swedish auction, +660 so 10 IMPs to



Per-Ola CULLIN

Great Britain.

Dealer West, E/W Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ruoyang	Cullin	Haojun	Bertheau
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This Meckwellian style sequence to a low point count 3NT is typical of the aggressive style of the Chinese team. Declarer won the heart lead with dummy's ten and played a club to the king. When that held a club went to the ten, jack and queen. The defenders were helpless, unable to prevent declarer from setting up the clubs for an easy nine tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Zhengjun	Wrang	Chuancheng
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

1♥ 4+♠, 0+

1♠ 2-3 ♠ BAL 11-13(12-14) or 2-3 ♠ with 5+♣

2♦ was very comfortable - declarer had no trouble recording an overtrick, +110, but that was another 10 IMPs to China who scored a devastating victory over the current world champions, 18.97-1.03.

Great Britain defeated the USA 13.04-6.96, enough to keep their hopes alive, although the USA was in the box seat.

With one round to go the situation was clear. In the Men's event China was safe and Sweden was doomed. Having watched Sweden implode against China it was long odds on a big win for the Netherlands, so USA would have to do well against China.

France was safe at the top of the Women's table and China was without hope. USA only had to do reasonably well against France to make sure of facing them in the final.

The USA made a dream start, leading 33-9 after 7 deals.

Dealer East, E/W Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allouche	Levitina	Reess	Sanborn
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	2♥
		All Pass	

In the other room France had come to rest in the hopeless 4♠ (after 1♠-INT-3♠-4♠), so if Kerri Sanborn could find a route to ten tricks it would be a significant gain for the USA. West led the five of diamonds and declarer won performe with dummy's king. She cashed dummy's top spades discarding a club and played a third spade, ruffing as East discarded a diamond. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and ran the nine of clubs to East's jack. East returned a club, so declare ruffed and ruffed a diamond with the eight of hearts. East overruffed with the nine and played another club (a trump does not help). Declarer ruffed, ruffed a diamond with the king of hearts and played a spade. East was helpless - checkmate. 11 IMPs to the USA.

Dealer South, Both Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Allouche	Levitina	Reess	Sanborn
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West's decision to pass on the first round is very much in accordance with the general French style. +660.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Deas	Cronier	Eythorsdottir	Willard
1♣	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♣	All Pass
2♣	Inverted		
4♦	Key card ask		
5♣	2 +♣Q		

I confess I am guessing as to the exact meaning of the bidding but a quick chat with Janice Seamon-Molson suggest that I might be right. (An alternative approach is to use 4♣ as the Key card ask in this type of auction). Whatever it meant it was a well deserved 12 IMPs.

Meanwhile Great Britain was doing well against China and at one point they got close, but they could not do better than 14.6-5.4 and the USA's 14.8-5.82 win saw them into the final with plenty to spare.

In the Men's the USA started well against China, leading 18-0 after six deals, but then they missed the above mentioned slam while China made no mistake. That gave them 12 IMPs and they had the best of the remaining deals to win 10.61-9.39.

Meanwhile Netherlands thumped the hapless Swedes 17.85-2.15 to secure their spot in the final.



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**WOMEN SERIES**

**Final I**



France

v

United States



**Bullet to Beijing.** Bullet to Beijing is a 1995 made-for-television film that continues the adventures of the fictional spy Harry Palmer, who appeared in the 1960s films The Ipcress File, Funeral in Berlin, and Billion Dollar Brain, which were all based on books by author Len Deighton. Though an alternate title is Len Deighton's Bullet to Beijing, Deighton was not associated with the film at all. The sequel Midnight in Saint Petersburg was filmed back-to-back with this film.

In the Women's final the carry over meant USA led 6-0 before a board was played. However, the French women proved to be firing on all cylinders.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Reess	Seamon-Molson	Allouche
2♦*	1♦	1♠	Db1*
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
		3♠	All Pass

Dealer North, None Vul

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



Bullet to Beijing



