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## THE HARES AND THE TORTOISES



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In Bridge, as in other sports, the race does not always go to the swiftest, as those making a fast start are frequently overhauled. However, after day one of the Men's and Women's Pairs at the 2013 Sport Accord World Mind Games the leaders in both competitions enjoy a significant advantage and will be hard to overtake.

In the Men's Pairs former World Pairs Champions Fulvio Fantoni & Claudio Nunes are averaging 61.59% well clear of Cezary Balicki & Adam Zmudzinski and Krzysztof Buras & Andrzej Narkiewicz who are tied on 55.68%.

In the Women's Pairs Championship Cynthia Balderson & Carole Miner's 59.55% gives them a handy lead over Feng

Xuefeng & Zhang Yu. Their total of 56.95% leaves them ahead of

Dana & Noga Tal who are averaging 53.18%.

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# RESULTS

## MEN SERIES

### SESSION 1

1	Fantoni Fulvio - Nunes Claudio	65.91
2	Haojun Shi - Dai Jianming	56.82
3	Balicki Cezary - Zmudzinski Adam	55.45
4	Helgemo Geir - Helness Tor	55.00
5	Chuancheng Ju - Zhengjun Shi	52.73
6	Carmichael Tom - Grainger David	50.45
7	Buras Krzysztof - Narkiewicz Andrzej	49.09
8	Multon Franck - Zimmermann Pierre	48.18
9	Cohen Mark - Beatty Steve	43.64
10	Doub Douglas - Wildavsky Adam	41.82
11	Jassem Krzysztof - Mazurkiewicz Marcin	40.91
12	Zhang Bangxiang - Wang Weimin	40.00

### SESSION 2

1	Buras Krzysztof - Narkiewicz Andrzej	62.27
2	Fantoni Fulvio - Nunes Claudio	57.27
3	Balicki Cezary - Zmudzinski Adam	55.91
4	Carmichael Tom - Grainger David	54.55
5	Zhang Bangxiang - Wang Weimin	50.91
6	Haojun Shi - Dai Jianming	50.00
-	Cohen Mark - Beatty Steve	50.00
8	Helgemo Geir - Helness Tor	49.55
9	Multon Franck - Zimmermann Pierre	45.91
10	Doub Douglas - Wildavsky Adam	44.09
11	Chuancheng Ju - Zhengjun Shi	41.82
12	Jassem Krzysztof - Mazurkiewicz Marcin	37.73

### AFTER 2 SESSIONS

1	Fantoni Fulvio - Nunes Claudio	61.59
2	Balicki Cezary - Zmudzinski Adam	55.68
3	Buras Krzysztof - Narkiewicz Andrzej	55.68
4	Haojun Shi - Dai Jianming	53.41
5	Carmichael Tom - Grainger David	52.50
6	Helgemo Geir - Helness Tor	52.27
7	Chuancheng Ju - Zhengjun Shi	47.27
8	Multon Franck - Zimmermann Pierre	47.05
9	Cohen Mark - Beatty Steve	46.82
10	Zhang Bangxiang - Wang Weimin	45.45
11	Doub Douglas - Wildavsky Adam	42.95
12	Jassem Krzysztof - Mazurkiewicz Marcin	39.32

## WOMEN SERIES

### SESSION 1

1	Balderson Cynthia - Miner Carol	65.45
2	Tal Dana - Tal Noga	58.18
3	Bird Sinead - O'Connor Sarah	56.36
4	Feng Xuefeng - Zhang Yu	53.18
5	Dhondy Heather - Senior Nevena	50.91
6	Liping Wang - Wenfei Wang	48.64
7	Deas Lynn - Eythorsdottir Hjordis	48.18
8	Brown Fiona - Stockdale Susan	46.82
9	Poplilov Matilda - Levit Porat Ruth	46.36
10	Bjerkan Cheri - Pollack Rozanne	45.00
11	Yan Ru - Liu Yan	43.64
12	Nosacki Michal - Saada Nathalie	37.27

### SESSION 2

1	Feng Xuefeng - Zhang Yu	60.00
2	Brown Fiona - Stockdale Susan	56.82
-	Bjerkan Cheri - Pollack Rozanne	56.82
4	Balderson Cynthia - Miner Carol	53.64
5	Nosacki Michal - Saada Nathalie	52.27
6	Liping Wang - Wenfei Wang	51.36
7	Dhondy Heather - Senior Nevena	50.45
8	Tal Dana - Tal Noga	48.18
9	Poplilov Matilda - Levit Porat Ruth	47.73
10	Bird Sinead - O'Connor Sarah	44.09
11	Deas Lynn - Eythorsdottir Hjordis	43.64
12	Yan Ru - Liu Yan	35.00

### AFTER 2 SESSIONS

1	Balderson Cynthia - Miner Carol	59.55
2	Feng Xuefeng - Zhang Yu	56.59
3	Tal Dana - Tal Noga	53.18
4	Brown Fiona - Stockdale Susan	51.82
5	Bjerkan Cheri - Pollack Rozanne	50.91
6	Dhondy Heather - Senior Nevena	50.68
7	Bird Sinead - O'Connor Sarah	50.23
8	Liping Wang - Wenfei Wang	50.00
9	Poplilov Matilda - Levit Porat Ruth	47.05
10	Deas Lynn - Eythorsdottir Hjordis	45.91
11	Nosacki Michal - Saada Nathalie	44.77
12	Yan Ru - Liu Yan	39.32

# OPEN SERIES

# Final - Segment 3



**Monaco**

v

**Poland**



It did not take Monaco long to extend their lead; on the second deal of the set Poland attempted a slam with a trump suit of ♣J1087654 opposite ♣A and when the 6.8% chance of losing only one trick did not materialise they were one down, losing 11 IMPs to the +460 recorded at the other table.

Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

  

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

  

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What can you say?

Clearly West's 3♥ exposed a chink in NS's armour with his 3♥ overcall.

With nothing at stake declarer won the heart lead and played a diamond, +150 and 13 IMPs to Monaco.

Dealer East. Both Vul

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

  

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

  

	N	
W	E	
	S	

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Helness	Narkiewicz	Helgemo
		Pass	1♦
2♥	DbI	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

When West led the king of hearts declarer appeared to be in trouble, but he quickly demonstrated how to overcome the problem of avoiding a heart loser.

He won with the ace and played three rounds of clubs. When West ruffed he overruffed, ruffed a spade and played a fourth club. When West discarded the losing heart went from dummy and declarer claimed, +920.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Balicki	Fantoni	Zmudzinski
		Pass	1♦
3♥	DbI*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	All Pass	



Claudio Nunes, Monaco

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Helness	Narkiewicz	Helgemo
		Pass	Pass
1♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

North cashed two spades and switched to the eight of diamonds, so declarer was three down, -800.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Balicki	Fantoni	Zmudzinski
		Pass	Pass
2♥*	3♥*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

2♥ 10-13 (good 9) 5+♥ unbalanced hand; in 3rd seat could be weaker and max 12 (13)

Assuming 3♥ promised spades and a minor (Michaels a level higher than usual) there appeared to be a good chance that NS might find 6♣, when a diamond lead would be needed to defeat the slam.

As it went there was some confusion - perhaps North intended 5♦ to be a fake cue bid?

Whatever, the contract was hopeless, finishing two down to give Monaco another 15 IMPs.

If NS had been playing Leaping Michaels a jump to 4♣



Cezary Balicki, Poland

over West's 2♥ would have shown a strong hand with spades and clubs. If South had then jumped to 6♣ would East have found the diamond lead? My guess is yes.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Helness	Narkiewicz	Helgemo
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dbl	1♠	INT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

West led the jack of spades and continued with the ten. Declarer ruffed, played a club to the ace and a diamond to the queen and king. He ruffed the spade return, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a club to the king. He ruffed the queen of spades with the ace of diamonds and played the queen of clubs. West ruffed, but had to lead away for the ace of hearts, +90.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Balicki	Fantoni	Zmudzinski
	Pass	Pass	1♦*
Dbl	Rdbl	1♠	Pass
Pass	INT	Dbl	All Pass

East led the ace of spades and switched to the ten of hearts. That gave the defenders the first eight tricks and declarer finished three down, -800 for a 13 IMP loss.

Another 11 IMPs vanished when Poland played in 6♦ with ♠KQ76 ♥AKJ ♦Q104 ♣AQ7 facing ♠1083 ♥Q9 ♦AKJ97 ♣532. The king of clubs was onside, but the ace of spades was not, so the contract went one down. They scored +460 in the other room.

The final score was 128-54.

# WOMEN SERIES

## Final - Segment 3



England

v

China



### Down to the Wire

If the Men's final eventually proved to be somewhat one sided, that could not be said of the match between England and China. At the start of the last session England led 60.5-60 and the lead kept changing hands.

On Board 2 China picked up 8 IMPs by reaching a normal 3NT with a combined 26 count (♠K3 ♥2 ♦AQ5 ♣J1087654 ♠A1092 ♥AKJ63 ♦1073 ♣A) while England languished in 2♥.

England came back, scoring 16 IMPs over three boards to regain the lead and then came:

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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



Wang Wenfei, China

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Liping	Brown	Wenfei
			1♦*
1♥	Dbl*	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Dbl	All Pass

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Feng	Senior	Zhang	Dhondy
			1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

Declarer won the lead of the jack of spades, played a club to the king and when it held established the diamonds with a ruff and played the queen of clubs. She had to lose three trump tricks, but that was +130.



West led the queen of hearts and declarer won in hand and played a heart back to the ace. East ruffed and returned the six of spades to the ace. A diamond to the ace was followed by a diamond to the king and a critical point had been reached.

If declarer plays a club to the ten, queen and ace she can ruff the spade return, ruff a diamond and must then guess how to play the trumps - a finesse will see the contract come home.

When declarer ruffed a diamond and played the queen of clubs East could win, exit with a spade and wait to score the jack of clubs, one down -200, 8 IMPs to England instead of 12 to China.

From a technical point of view declarer could also consider playing a trump at trick four, which would cater for West holding a singleton ace, although this is somewhat unlikely given the bidding.

England now led 84.5-69.

Dealer West. None Vul.

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

It looks natural to ruff a diamond at trick two and play a club but then there is more than one way to beat the contract, the simplest being for North to go in with the ace and return a spade.

The winning line after ruffing a diamond is to play on hearts - if North ruffs the second round declarer overruffs, ruffs a diamond and plays another top heart - easy when you can see all four hands.

China took the lead by gaining 7 IMPs on the next deal partly because their 13-15 INT worked better than England's 15-17. The aggressive 3NT had to fail - the club 'stopper' of ♣QJ opposite ♣84 not quite proving up to the task.

Neither team could score on the next four deals.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Feng	Senior	Zhang	Dhondy
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3♠ Good stopper for NT

South led the three of spades and declarer won with the queen, cashed three of dummy's heart winners, North pitching two diamonds, and played a club. North took the ace and returned the four of spades. Declarer won with the ace and played the ace of diamonds. South unblocked the king of diamonds but declarer exited with a diamond to North's jack. When North exited with a club declarer put in the jack and played another diamond. North won and played a spade but South had to surrender the last two tricks to dummy's ♠J ♥J, +400.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Liping	Brown	Wenfei
1♥	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

2♦ Game forcing

With EW having made no attempt to play in notrumps South led a potentially disastrous six of spades. Declarer won with the queen and elected to lead a low club from her hand. South won with the nine and played a second spade and declarer won, played a heart to the ace and a club. North took the ace and played a spade forcing declarer to ruff and setting up a third trump trick, one down, -100 and 10 IMPs to China.

Dealer East. None Vul.

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



Susan Stockdale, England

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Feng	Senior	Zhang	Dhondy
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Declarer lost a spade and a club, +460.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Stockdale	Liping	Brown	Wenfei
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦*
Pass	6NT	All Pass	INT

Once South hand opened the bidding North was never going to stop short of 6NT. Although you can make 6NT at double dummy it had no real chance in practice, -50 and 11 IMPs that put England back in front, 95.5-86.

The penultimate deal was flat - a normal game that failed when a finesse for a king through the opening bidder proved to be offside.

Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Feng	Senior	Zhang	Dhondy
1♦*	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

West led the two of hearts and declarer took East's jack with the king and cashed five rounds of spades before playing a diamond. East had thrown two diamonds, so the jack

was covered by the queen and ace. The defenders could score three hearts and a club but declarer took the last two tricks, +120.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Stockdale	Liping	Brown	Wenfei
INT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North led the ten of spades and south won with the ace and switched to the queen of diamonds. The die was cast, declarer having no way to avoid four down for -1100. That gave China 15 IMPs and the title.

Was this a bad advertisement for the weak INT?

Perhaps, but on balance it probably gains more points than it loses. (Now you have something to debate over breakfast!)

It is easy to say that if West had opened 1♣ (or even passed) this disaster would have been avoided, but don't forget that if China had then gone on to bid 3NT (quite likely as the last set had gone) West would have had to find a heart lead to defeat it. A 10 IMP swing would have left China ahead by 0.5.



Fiona Brown, England

## SWITCH

Switch is an 2013 Chinese-Hong Kong action film directed by Jay Sun and starring Andy Lau, Tong Dawei, Zhang Jingchu and Lin Chi-ling.

A famous Chinese Yuan Dynasty painting known as Dwelling in the Fuchun Mountains is stolen and sold on the black market led by a mysterious business magnate (Tong Dawei) and it is up to special agent Jinhan (Andy Lau) to recover it. Jinhan and his wife (Zhang Jingchu) have drifted apart due to the secret nature of his work and Jinhan is unaware that his wife is also a special agent who was tasked with protecting the painting.

In China, the film grossed RMB 49 million (US\$8 million) in its opening day.

On this deal from the second session of the teams final West had to find a killing switch.

Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ K J 9 8 5 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 3 2 ♥ K J 5 4 ♦ K Q J ♣ 9 6 4</p> <table style="margin: 0 auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; 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>♠ 7 6 4 ♥ Q 10 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ K J 10 8 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ 9 8 5 4 3 ♣ Q 7 5</p>
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### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Helness	Buras	Helgemo
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

East led the six of spades and when declarer played low from dummy West won with the king. It would have been all too easy to return a spade, but West was wide awake and found the killing switch to the ace of clubs and a club.

That set up six tricks for the defenders, +50.

Note that East's clubs did not have to be so strong - just ♣Kxxxx and a diamond entry would be good enough.

I should also point out that declarer missed an opportunity - if he goes up with dummy's ace of spades at trick one and plays on diamonds he cannot be defeated as long as he gets the hearts right.

In the other room West was able to open 2♥ to show a weak hand with both majors and East played in 2♠ which made on the nose to give Monaco 2 IMPs.



## THEY KNOW THEIR PLACE

Midway through the last session of the Men's Team final Monaco's Pierre Zimmermann stopped by to watch a few boards in the VuGraph theatre. He mentioned that he had seen several members of the Polish team at breakfast and reminded them that in recent events they had consistently finished just behind team Monaco.

For example, in Bali, where Monaco finished as runners up in this year's Bermuda Bowl it was Poland who took the bronze, while just before the 2013 Sport Accord World Mind Games in Phoenix Monaco won the Reisinger Trophy, with guess who in second place?

So, Pierre jokingly reminded them of their 'obligation' to finish second yet again!

## RECORD BREAKER

While England's Nevena Senior is trying to win medals here in Beijing, her husband Brian was playing in the final of the United Kingdom's most prestigious trophy, the Gold Cup. Like Nevena he had to be content with second place, losing the exciting 64 board match by just 12 IMPs.

The opposing team included Tony Forrester who was winning his twelfth Gold Cup, thereby surpassing the previous record of 11 victories held by the late Boris Schapiro.