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FINALS FEATURE FANTASTIC FINISHES



There was no shortage of excitement as the Men's and Women's Pairs Championships concluded at the 2013 Sport Accord World Mind Games.

In the Men's Pairs the long time leaders Monaco's *Fulvio Fantoni & Claudio Nunes* were overtaken in the third session, but they came back strongly in the final one to secure their second gold medal of the games. The runners up were China's *Haojun Shi & Jianming Dai*, with the bronze medal going to Poland's *Krzysztof Buras & Andrzej Narkiewicz*.

In the Women's Championship a thrilling finish saw China's *Xuefeng Feng & Yu Zhang* secure victory just ahead of England's *Heather Dhondy & Nevena Senior*, while Israel's *Dana & Noga Tal* were third.

All three pairs had topped the table at various points during the final session, but in the end the Chinese pair claimed their second gold of the games.



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RESULTS

MEN SERIES

SESSION 3

1	Haojun Shi - Dai Jianming	66.50
2	Multon Franck - Zimmermann Pierre	56.50
3	Helgemo Geir - Helness Tor	55.00
4	Doub Douglas - Wildavsky Adam	52.50
5	Buras Krzysztof - Narkiewicz Andrzej	51.50
6	Balicki Cezary - Zmudzinski Adam	48.50
7	Cohen Mark - Beatty Steve	47.50
8	Zhang Bangxiang - Wang Weimin	47.00
9	Chuancheng Ju - Zhengjun Shi	46.00
10	Carmichael Tom - Grainger David	45.50
11	Fantoni Fulvio - Nunes Claudio	42.00
12	Jassem Krzysztof - Mazurkiewicz Marcin	41.50

SESSION 4

1	Fantoni Fulvio - Nunes Claudio	63.75
2	Zhang Bangxiang - Wang Weimin	56.25
3	Doub Douglas - Wildavsky Adam	55.42
4	Multon Franck - Zimmermann Pierre	54.17
5	Haojun Shi - Dai Jianming	52.50
-	Helgemo Geir - Helness Tor	52.50
7	Buras Krzysztof - Narkiewicz Andrzej	51.25
8	Cohen Mark - Beatty Steve	47.08
9	Balicki Cezary - Zmudzinski Adam	45.83
10	Jassem Krzysztof - Mazurkiewicz Marcin	43.33
11	Carmichael Tom - Grainger David	41.25
12	Chuancheng Ju - Zhengjun Shi	36.67

FINAL RANKING

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 3

1	Dhondy Heather - Senior Nevena	61.50
2	Nosacki Michal - Saada Nathalie	57.90
3	Tal Dana - Tal Noga	55.40
4	Yan Ru - Liu Yan	54.00
5	Deas Lynn - Eythorsdottir Hjordis	51.00
6	Poplilov Matilda - Levit Porat Ruth	50.50
7	Liping Wang - Wenfei Wang	48.25
8	Feng Xuefeng - Zhang Yu	47.50
9	Bird Sinead - O'Connor Sarah	46.10
10	Balderson Cynthia - Miner Carol	45.60
11	Brown Fiona - Stockdale Susan	45.25
12	Bjerkan Cheri - Pollack Rozanne	37.00

SESSION 4

1	Feng Xuefeng - Zhang Yu	58.75
2	Dhondy Heather - Senior Nevena	55.83
3	Nosacki Michal - Saada Nathalie	55.42
-	Tal Dana - Tal Noga	55.42
5	Poplilov Matilda - Levit Porat Ruth	54.17
6	Deas Lynn - Eythorsdottir Hjordis	52.50
7	Balderson Cynthia - Miner Carol	50.00
8	Bjerkan Cheri - Pollack Rozanne	49.17
9	Liping Wang - Wenfei Wang	47.92
10	Brown Fiona - Stockdale Susan	45.83
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Making it Count

Searching for an introduction I recalled this quotation:

'I figure life's a gift and I don't intend on wasting it. You don't know what hand you're gonna get dealt next. You learn to take life as it comes at you... to make each day count.'

Jack Dawson (Leonardo di Caprio) in Titanic

You either love match pointed events or hate them.

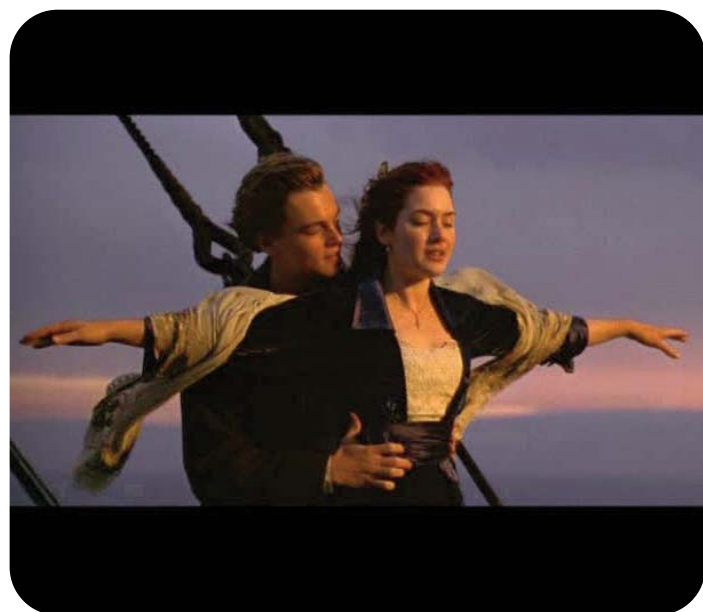
From a journalistic/commentator's point of view they are hard work - even on a dull looking hand every trick is vital and the bidding can develop in some many different ways. Every deal has one common denominator - both declarer and the defenders must attempt to count the missing hands.

Here are a few of the deals that I thought were interesting, although the reality is that you might easily be able to say that about every board in the first two sessions.

A top was 10, so 5/5 was average on a board.

Dealer East. NS Vul.

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



a scene from Titanic

West	North	East	South
O'Conner	Dhondy	Bird	Senior
All Pass		Pass	1♥

As on so many deals it was the bidding that determined the destination of the match points. With ten tricks available in spades responding to the opening bid gets you to game and +620 scored 8/2, whereas +170 was worth only 3/7.

Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ A 9	♠ J 8 3	♠ K Q 7 4
♥ Q 5 3	♥ A 9 6	♥ 8
♦ 10 5 4 2	♦ Q 9 6 3	♦ A J 8 7
♣ Q J 4 2	♣ 8 7 3	♣ A K 10 5
	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ 10 6 5 2	
	♥ K J 10 7 4 2	
	♦ K	
	♣ 9 6	

West	North	East	South
Liping	Yan	Wenfei	Liu
	Pass	1♣	2♥
Dbl*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥*	Dbl	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

1♣ Precision

South led the jack of hearts and continued with the seven. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of clubs, played the ten of clubs to the queen, ruffed a heart, cashed the king of spades (five from South, three from North, the defenders playing high low to show an even number) played a spade to the ace, drew the outstanding trump and ran the ten of diamonds to South's king. She ruffed the heart return discarding a spade from hand and played a diamond to the....ace.

One down, -50 and 0/10. +400 would have been 6/10.

Should declarer have assumed the defenders were being honest? Would 2♥ have been more attractive if South had held ♠1052 ♥KJ10742 ♦KQ ♣96?

Dealer West. None Vul.

	<div>♠ Q 8 6 5 3</div> <div>♥ 6 5 3</div> <div>♦ K 10</div> <div>♣ Q 9 8</div>		
<div>♠ K J 10 9 7 4 2</div> <div>♥ K 8 4 2</div> <div>♦ 7 5</div> <div>♣ —</div>	<div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div>	<div>♠ A</div> <div>♥ Q J 10</div> <div>♦ A 8 6 4 2</div> <div>♣ J 6 5 4</div>	
	<div>♠ —</div> <div>♥ A 9 7</div> <div>♦ Q J 9 3</div> <div>♣ A K 10 7 3 2</div>		
West	North	East	South
Miner	Tal	Balderson	Tal
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North led the five of hearts and South took the ace and tried the king of clubs, declarer ruffing as North followed with the nine. Declarer ruffed and played a spade to the ace, South pitching the two of clubs, ruffed a club, cashed the king of spades and played the jack of spades. North took the queen and played the queen of clubs but declarer simply discarded the five of diamonds. She won the diamond switch with dummy's ace and played the queen of hearts, followed by the jack. When South discarded the hearts were known to be 3-3, so overtaking would have delivered the overtrick, but declarer left the lead in dummy, so North got a trump. +530 was worth 7/10 but +630



Dana Tal, Israel

would have been a full house.
Every trick counts.

In the first session of the Men's Pairs the leaders, Fantoni & Nunes had collected no less than seven complete 'tops' on their way to amassing 65.91%.
Early in the second session they appeared on VuGraph.

Dealer East. EW Vul

	<div>♠ 6</div> <div>♥ A K Q 3</div> <div>♦ J 10 9 5</div> <div>♣ Q 9 6 5</div>		
<div>♠ K 10 8 4</div> <div>♥ J 9 8 6 4</div> <div>♦ K</div> <div>♣ 10 8 7</div>	<div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div>	<div>♠ A Q 9 7 3</div> <div>♥ 7 5 2</div> <div>♦ A Q 4</div> <div>♣ 4 3</div>	
	<div>♠ J 5 2</div> <div>♥ 10</div> <div>♦ 8 7 6 3 2</div> <div>♣ A K J 2</div>		
West	North	East	South
Fantoni	Buras	Nunes	Narkiewicz
2♦*	Pass	INT	Pass
		2♥	All Pass

South led the ace of clubs and when North played the five he cashed the king and played a third round. Declarer ruffed and played a heart. When the ten came up the hand was over, +110.
After cashing two clubs all South has to do is switch to any suit. If declarer tries to ruff a club South can overruff, but playing a trump will allow North to cash the top trumps and the score a club trick.
-110 gave NS only 2/8 - +100 would have reversed the result, 8/2.

Dealer South. None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Haojun	Buras	Dai	Narkiewicz
Pass	INT*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

INT 4-6 with support or 9-11 without
2♣ Diamonds

West led the eight of clubs and declarer won and cashed the ace of spades followed by a second club. The king of spades and a spade ruff was followed by a club ruff and the ten of spades, ruffed low and overruffed. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and played a club. He had amassed eight tricks and the ♥AJ10 ensured two more, +420.

It was worth only 4/6, as three EW pairs conceded 800 - I wonder how they got into the bidding - if they doubled 1♠ it serves them right.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Buras	Helness	Narkiewicz
3NT	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
	All Pass		

2♦ Multi
2♠ Pass or correct

North led the five of diamonds and declarer put up dummy's king. South took the ace and returned a diamond and declarer won the third round and went after the clubs. North won the second round (South had played the four followed by the three) and switched to the five of hearts. That allowed declarer to make an overtrick, as he could repeat the finesse after cashing dummy's clubs.

+630 was worth 7/3 for EW, whereas +600 collected 8/2 for NS.

Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Buras	Wang	Narkiewicz
1♣	Dbl	Pass	Pass
INT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
All Pass			2♠

West led the five of hearts and East won with the king and switched to the jack of clubs (the sure way to defeat the contract is to return a heart). When that held he played a second club and declarer won with dummy's ace and came to hand with a heart (no, I wouldn't find the play of the queen of spades either) to play a spade to the queen and king.

West ruffed the heart return and played a club for East to ruff. West ruffed the next heart with the jack of spades and the defenders still had a diamond to come, two down, -200.

That was worth only 2/8, but if South had passed out INT doubled then one down (which is fairly certain after a heart lead) would have been a complete top.

Dealer North. NS Vul

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



West	North	East	South
Carmichael	Buras	Grainger	Narkiewicz
	Pass	1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♠
3NT	DbI	4♥	Pass
5♣	DbI	All Pass	

1♣ Strong

South led the king of diamonds and continued the suit, North winning with the ace and returning the four of spades. Declarer ruffed, played three rounds of hearts ruff-

ing with dummy's jack and played a club to the ten. He had to lose a trump, one down, -100, 6/4.

Suppose West had elected to pass 4♥? (Which North might or might not double.)

After two diamonds and spade switch declarer ruffs and cashes the ace of clubs. Is it possible to find the way home from here?

Declarer must play a low club!!

Whatever the defenders do declarer will be able to get to dummy by ruffing a club, setting up the suit and a trump finesse will pick up the suit.

The Magician from Riga

Mikhail Tal was the eighth World Chess Champion.

Widely regarded as a creative genius and the best attacking player of all time, he played in a daring, combinational style. His play was known above all for improvisation and unpredictability. *The Mammoth Book of the World's Greatest Chess Games* and *Modern Chess Brilliances* include more games by Tal than any other player. Tal was a highly regarded chess writer, his *The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal* being considered one of the greatest autobiographies. He also holds the record for both the longest unbeaten streak in competitive chess history, between October 23, 1973, when he lost a game in a Soviet championship, and October 16, 1974, when he lost to Kirov at the Novi Sad tournament, Tal had a string of 95 tournament games without a loss (46 wins and 49 draws).

On May 28, 1992, dying from kidney failure, he left hospital to play at the Moscow blitz tournament, where he defeated the legendary Garry Kasparov. He died one month later. The Mikhail Tal Memorial is held in Moscow each year since 2006 to honour his memory.

If you are wondering about the relevance of my introduction then firstly I refer you to the words improvisation and unpredictability. Secondly, look at the names of the players occupying the East-West positions.

Dealer South. NS Vul.

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



Mikhail Tal

West	North	East	South
Tal N	Bird	Tal D	O'Connor
Pass	INT*	3♠	1♥
Pass	4♦	All Pass	DbI

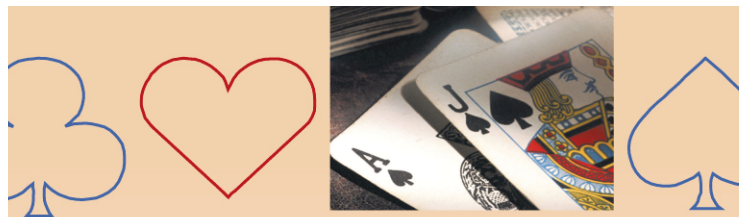
East applied the maximum amount of pressure with her jump to 3♠ - one might easily use describe it as improvisational and unpredictable.

I imagine South's double was designed to show a strong balanced hand, but when North bid 4♦ East's intervention had pushed NS overboard.

East led the king of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ace of hearts followed by the queen. West won and returned a spade and East won and played the jack of spades, ruffed with dummy's five and overruffed. West played the king of clubs and declarer won and played the queen of diamonds to West's ace. After cashing the queen of clubs West exited with a heart and had to score two trump tricks, +300.

That gave EW 10/0.

With 3♠ doubled virtually certain to go one down a pass by North would have reversed the destination of all the matchpoints.



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