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Welcome Message by Chen Zelan, IMSA President

Distinguished organizers, guests and media friends,
2017 IMSA Elite Mind Games will be held from 9th to 15th December 2017 in Huai'an, China. On behalf of International Mind Sports Association, I would like to extend warm welcome to all guests, athletes, coaches and media friends!

It is a great pleasure for IMSA to cooperate together with Board and Card Games Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China, Huai'an Government and Jiangsu Sports Bureau to organize this spectacular top-level international mind sports event. We have noted that many working staff have endeavored great efforts to guarantee the smooth progress in preparing this event, I would like to give my utmost sincere to them!

Huai'an will once again attract the attention of mind sports fans all over the world. I sincerely wish all players play best and show wonderful skills to all people who love mind games in the world!

I wish all players good luck! Thank you!

**FULL SCHEDULE****SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2017**

09.00	Captains Meeting
09.30	Double Round Robin 1 (16 boards)
12.10	Double Round Robin 2 (16 boards)
16.00	Opening Ceremony

TEAMS**SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2017**

09.00	Double Round Robin 3 (16 boards)
11.40	Double Round Robin 4 (16 boards)
15.00	Double Round Robin 5 (16 boards)
17.40	Double Round Robin 6 (16 boards)

TEAMS**MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 2017**

10.30	Final & Playoff	(16 boards)
14.00	Final & Playoff	(16 boards)
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20.00	Prize Giving Teams	

TEAMS**TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2017**

10.30	Session 1	(22 boards)
16.30	Session 2	(22 boards)

PAIRS**WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2017**

10.30	Session 3	(22 boards)
16.30	Session 4	(22 boards)
20.00	Prize Giving Pairs	

PAIRS**THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2017**

10.30	Session 1	(24 boards)
16.30	Session 2	(24 boards)

INDIVIDUAL**FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 2017**

9.30	Session 3	(21 boards)
	Prize Giving Individual & Closing Ceremony t.b.d.	

INDIVIDUAL

WELCOME MESSAGE

by **Gianarrigo Rona, WBF President**



It's my great pleasure to welcome, both on behalf of the World Bridge Federation and personally, the participants to the 2nd IMSA Elite Games.

For the second time, under the flag of IMSA, we will celebrate in Huai'An a marvellous event which gives the opportunity to the athletes of the Mind Sports, Bridge, Chess, Draughts, Go and Xianqi to enjoy a great event and to deliver, as well as the respective International Federations, their positive image everywhere in the world.

I want to express our gratitude to the General Administration of Sports of China as well as to the City of Huai'An, the LOC and IMSA for this new opportunity. I am confident that the event will be very successful, rewarding the tremendous effort done by them with generosity, dedication and professionalism.

I am sure that once again China and Huai'An will live up to their reputation, tradition, history and culture in offering a great welcome and a warm hospitality to all the participants and I am sure that these Games will again celebrate a great sports event, renewing a great tradition of friendship and solidarity without discrimination and barriers, exalting the true values of Sport.

Enjoy your stay and your play.



**FIRST BOARD**by **Brian Senior**

The 2nd IMSA Elite Mind Games began with a bang in the Open series with a huge swing on the very first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

China v USA

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Chen	Huang	Zhao
–	2♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Yang	Lall	Dai	Moss
–	1♥	Pass	2♣
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

For China, Gang Chen could open the North hand with 2♥ to show a weak hand with five hearts plus a four-card or longer minor. Jack Zhao did not raise on the South cards and when 2♥ came round to Kevin Dwyer he jumped to 4♦, Leaping Michaels and showing at least five-five in diamonds and spades.

Shan Huang showed spade preference and Zhao doubled, ending the auction.

Zhao led a heart. Huang won dummy's ace and attempted to cash the ace and king of diamonds. Zhao ruffed the ♦K and cashed the rest of his spades before playing a second heart to the jack, queen and king. With only two trumps as entries to dummy and two defensive diamond winners to knock out, Huang could make only the two trumps so was down five for –1100.

For USA, Justin Lall opened the North hand at the one level. The 2♣ response was game-forcing and when Lixin Yang now made a simple overcall that meant that Lall's double was for penalty.

Lall led the four of hearts round to declarer's jack. Yang cashed the ace of diamonds then played a spade. Brad Moss won the ♠Q and returned a heart to the ace and Yang played a second spade. The defence could only come to two diamonds and three spades so Yang was home with eight tricks for +180 and a huge 15 IMPs to China.

Bulgaria v France

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Bessis	Damianova	Lorenzini
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♥
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
3♦	3♥	3♠	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Rombaut	Karakolev	Reess	Mihov
–	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



For France, Thomas Bessis did not open the North hand. Cedric Lorenzini opened 1♣ in third seat and Victor Aronov started with a simple overcall on the West cards then jumped in spades at his next turn. When Bessis's second take-out double saw the French pair compete to the three level, Aronov had one more go with the West cards and that proved to be sufficient to convince Diana Damianova to compete with 3♠ over 3♥. Lorenzini now doubled for penalty and that was that.

Bessis was looking at a useful diamond holding over declarer's side-suit so led his trump to cut down on ruffs in the dummy. Lorenzini won the queen and, not being concerned about such ruffs, switched to a club to shorten declarer's trumps. Aronov duly ruffed and cashed a top diamond then led the jack of hearts to the king to lead the second diamond from dummy. Lorenzini discarded a heart on this trick so Aronov won the king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond with the ♠J. Lorenzini did not over-ruff, instead discarding his remaining heart. Aronov ruffed a club then took a second diamond ruff with the ♠8. This time Lorenzini did over-ruff and returned a club. Aronov discarded so Bessis won the ace and gave his partner a heart ruff for down one; -100.

At the other table, Georgi Karakolev, for Bulgaria, opened the North hand with 1♥ and Vladimir Mihov responded 1♠. With one of his suits bid by an

opponent, Jerome Rombaut simply overcalled 2♦. When that came back to Mihov he jumped to 3♥ and Karakolev went on to game. Presumably, given Karakolev's misfitting minimum, he read 3♥ as forcing (as it was surely intended), expecting Mihov to have made an immediate heart raise with an invitational hand rather than introduce the spades.

Vanessa Reess led the eight of diamonds to Rombaut's king and he continued with the ♦A. Karakolev ruffed and led a heart, Rombaut rising with the ace to lead a third diamond. Karakolev put in the ten and now Reess needed to ruff and give her partner a club ruff to beat the contract. However, she did not see the possibility and discarded so Karakolev crossed to the ace of spades to lead a second heart and when the jack appeared had only to lose to the ♥K then claim the rest for +420 and 8 IMPs to Bulgaria.

And if Rombaut had switched to ace then jack of hearts at tricks two and three? Reess could have won the ♥K and played a third round, preventing any ruffs in the dummy. Superficially, that leaves declarer with only nine winners, but see what happens if he cashes the three club winners followed by the two remaining hearts. Rombaut needs to keep four spades plus the ace of diamonds in his last four cards and that is, of course, impossible. The squeeze provides the tenth trick and the contract is once again successful.





DAWN PATROL

by **Mark Horton**

The Dawn Patrol is an American war film, based on the short story, 'The Flight Commander' by John Monk Saunders. The film, stars Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone and David Niven as Royal Flying Corps fighter pilots in World War I. Of the several films that Flynn and Rathbone appeared in together, it is the only one in which their characters are on the same side. Although sparring as in their other roles, their characters are fast friends and comrades in danger.

The Dawn Patrol's story romanticizes many aspects of the World War I aviation experience that have since become clichés: white scarves, hard-drinking fatalism by doomed pilots, chivalry in the air between combatants, the short life expectancy of new pilots, and the legend of the 'Red Baron'. However, *The Dawn Patrol* also has a deeper and more timeless theme in the severe emotional scarring on a military commander who must constantly order men to their deaths. This theme underlies every scene in *The Dawn Patrol*.

Why, you might ask, have I chosen this as my introduction?


It might be because the players have to get under way at 09.30, but there is a more subtle reason. I am working from the (relative) comfort of my office in Sutton Benger, but the time is a tad earlier – just 01.30. Like the players, I’m hoping the early deals won’t be too testing. Right, here we go!

I'm concentrating on the women and the first round saw England face China, while the USA was opposed by Sweden. Any hopes of a quiet start were immediately dispelled.



At this point I will add a spoiler alert: there were massive Internet problems at the start of the event and some of the BBO tables kept vanishing. So, this report is somewhat disjointed and mildly unusual for a team match in so far as you may not always get a comparison of the scores.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Lu</i>	<i>Godfrey</i>	<i>Liu</i>
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the eight of diamonds and West won with the king and exited with the six of spades, declarer winning with the ace and playing a heart. West went up with the ace and could now have ensured the defeat of the contract by playing the jack of hearts, when East can overtake and play a third round when declarer must lose a fourth trick.

When she exited with the ten of spades declarer won with the king and cashed the queen of spades, pitching a diamond. She attempted to get to dummy with a club, but West ruffed and East's king of hearts was the setting trick.

Have you spotted the winning line?

After winning the second round of spades declarer must ruff a spade. She then ruffs a diamond and plays a heart for the jack, queen and king. East, down to just one heart and five clubs, has no good move.

Alas, for the moment I have no idea what happened at the other table.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the eight of diamonds and West won with the king and switched to the seven of spades. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart, West taking the ace and exiting with the jack. East allowed declarer's queen to win, won the next heart and exited with a spade. Declarer was up to nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weingold</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Cappelletti</i>	<i>Gronqvist</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble (i)	Pass	2♥
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

(i) Hearts

West cashed the king of diamonds and continued with the three, declarer winning with dummy's queen (she pitched a club) playing a spade to the ace and cashing the king of spades. At this point the BBO record stops, reporting that declarer took 12 tricks! I think not. Say declarer pitches dummy's last diamond on the queen of spades and plays a heart. West wins and plays a spade, East ruffing with the king of hearts and returning a club for West to ruff for one down.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
—	—	2♥	All Pass

Keep in mind that I can't guarantee that the auctions will be accurate. Here I'm guessing that 2♥ was 10-13 (Kathrine Bertheau played that with Pia Andersson in Lyon).

South led the eight of spades and declarer won with the ten and played a heart to the nine and a heart, not being hard pressed to collect ten tricks, +170.

I have no idea what happened in the other room, but imagine you were in 4♥, North having mentioned her clubs. I spotted a neat possibility. South leads a diamond and declarer wins and plays a heart. South wins and plays a second diamond and now the threat of a diamond ruff is clear. To avoid it declarer must play a spade to the ace and then take the spade finesse. Two more rounds of spades pitching a club execute a neat example of the scissors coup, declarer losing only two hearts and a spade.

While I was typing this, the Closed Room in China v England put in an appearance. To compensate its counterpart in the other match vanished, but was almost instantly restored.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Lu</i>	<i>Godfrey</i>	<i>Liu</i>
—	—	—	1NT (i)
2♥	3NT	All Pass	

(i) 13-16 balanced, 5♥/♠ or 6♣/♦ OK

West led the four of hearts and declarer took East's jack with the ace and played on clubs, West winning the third round and returning the queen of spades. East took the ace and played the jack, but declarer could win and play a heart to the ten for ten tricks, +630.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shen</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

1♦ promised at least four and so I think 3♣ implied at least some diamond support.

South led the nine of clubs and the defenders took a club, two hearts, a spade and a diamond for one down, -50 but that represented a loss of 11 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Lu</i>	<i>Godfrey</i>	<i>Liu</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the two of spades and North won with the king and returned the four, declarer taking South's king with dummy's ace and playing a low heart. North won with the ten and South's discard of the three of spades must have been a nasty surprise. Declarer won the spade return and played the king of diamonds, North winning, cashing a spade and exiting with the ten of clubs. Declarer won and cashed three hearts coming down to ♦Q10 ♣K. When the diamond

finesse lost she was one down, -50.

Declarer was unlucky to find the hearts 5-0; if she had played a diamond at trick three she would have won with the king and played a heart and South's discard would have made it relatively straightforward for declarer to come to ten tricks by eventually endplaying South to lead into the ♣AKJ.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shen</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	4NT	Dble
All Pass			

South led the four of clubs for the nine, ten and jack and declarer made the natural looking play of a heart, winning with dummy's ace when South pitched a club. A diamond saw North take the ace and return a club, but declarer won with the ace, played a heart to the king and a spade. North went in with the king and switched to a diamond, but declarer won, cashed the king of clubs and played a spade. South had been in trouble and had pitched a spade, so when the queen appeared declarer was up to ten tricks, +610 and 12 IMPs.

There is a winning defence, but it is hard to see. After taking the ace of diamonds North must return a diamond. Declarer can win, cross to dummy and play a spade, but North can duck and the defenders are in control. North can also duck the first diamond and then switch to a club when she gets in with the ace – there are still only nine tricks.

However, that is not quite the end of the story. Suppose declarer, knowing that the hearts are not going to behave, makes the strange looking play of cashing a second club pitching a spade from dummy and then ducks a heart to North's ten. On a spade return South's queen is taken by dummy's ace and a diamond played to the king. If declarer now guesses to play a low diamond North's ace beats thin air and she has ten tricks.





Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣ (i)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(i) Cue bid

North led the ace of diamonds and switched to the four of spades for the eight, queen and ace. When South discarded the two of clubs on the ace of hearts declarer tried a club to the jack, so she was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Weingold</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Cappelletti</i>	<i>Gronqvist</i>
—	—	—	3♣
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the two of spades and North won with the king and switched to the ten of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the ace. I don't know what happened next (declarer surely played a diamond) but declarer did make at least nine tricks.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Lu</i>	<i>Godfrey</i>	<i>Liu</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♥ (i)
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

(i) Weak with both majors, 5-4+

As you can see, there was no way to prevent eleven tricks, +850.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shen</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	5NT (i)	Pass
6♣	Dble	All Pass	

(i) Red suits and club tolerance

North led the jack of hearts and declarer won with the ace, cashed the ace of clubs and played the ten of hearts. North ruffed, played the king of spades and exited with the six. Declarer ruffed high, crossed to the ten of clubs, pitched a diamond on the ♥K and played a diamond, going two down, -300.

The clock has advanced to 04.30 and play will be under way in Round 2.

I'm about to log in to see what is happening – wish me luck.





ROUND 2 - OPEN TEAMS

by **Brian Senior**

France had begun their campaign with a solid win over Bulgaria, while USA had suffered a defeat against China. However, it was USA who struck first in this Round Two match.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Pszczola	Bompis	Sakr
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	4♣	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Bessis	Huang	Lorenzini
–	Pass	2♥	All Pass

For USA, Shan Huang opened with a weak 2♥ and was left to play there. Cedric Lorenzini cashed the ace of diamonds but, on seeing a discouraging card from partner, Thomas Bessis, switched to a club. Bessis won and played two more rounds of clubs for Lorenzini to ruff. He tried the king of diamonds now but Huang ruffed, took the heart finesse and had nine tricks for +140.

For France, Marc Bompis did not open the East hand so May Sakr was able to open 1♦ as South. When Herve Vinciguerra overcalled 1♠, Jacek Pszczola made a fit jump of 4♣, showing clubs but also diamond support and an offensive raise to the four level. That was not sufficient to shut out Bompis, whose 4♥ also indicated both the bid suit and support for partner's spades. Having put their opponents under pressure and having no side-suit fit, the American pair were happy to defend 4♠. Pszczola led three rounds of clubs, Sakr ruffing and cashing a diamond for a quick

down one; –50 and 5 IMPs to USA.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Pszczola	Bompis	Sakr
3♦	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Bessis	Huang	Lorenzini
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Vinciguerra opened with a transfer pre-empt and Pszczola overcalled 3NT. With such a good spade suit, Sakr converted that to 4♠ and played there. Taking no chances, she won the diamond lead and played safely for 11 tricks, drawing trumps, pitching diamonds on the top hearts and leading towards the ♣Q; +650.

Kevin Dwyer opened with a natural pre-empt so, with hopes of a reopening double from partner, Bessis passed the North hand. Lorenzini did not have a double but he did have an overcall and over 3♠ Bessis bid 4♥ to show a hand too good for a simple spade raise. Lorenzini, of course, had only a bare minimum overcall so signed off in 4♠ and Bessis let him play there. Here the lead was the ten of clubs. Lorenzini won the ace, drew trumps and cashed the hearts before leading a club towards the queen and he too had 11 painless tricks for a flat board at +650.



Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Pszczola	Bompis	Sakr
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	3♣	4♠
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Bessis	Huang	Lorenzini
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♣	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The North hand looks like a book example of a vulnerable pre-emptive raise to 3♠ after West's overcall, and 3♠ was indeed the bid chosen by Bessis. That silenced Bompis and now Lorenzini cuebid twice before accepting Bessis's sign-off in game. He won the diamond lead in hand, drew trumps and led the three of hearts to the eight and queen. Back came the queen of diamonds. Lorenzini won the ace and led the nine of hearts to the ten and jack and when that scored he had a pitch for dummy's diamond loser so 12 tricks in all for +680.

Pszczola bid only 2♠ and that left room for Huang to support his partner's clubs. When Sakr now jumped to 4♠, Dwyer took the save in 5♣. With extra spade length, Pszczola took the push to 5♠ and that ended the auction. The lead was a club. Sakr won the ace, played

ace of spades and a spade to the nine, ruffed a club and cashed the king of spades before ducking a heart. She made 11 tricks for +650 but 1 IMP to France.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Pszczola	Bompis	Sakr
Dwyer	Bessis	Huang	Lorenzini
–	–	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North/South are cold for 4♥ or, rather obscurely, 5♣, but the weak two bid and game raise shut them out completely and both Easts declared 4♠ on the lead of the ten of hearts. Both won the ace and drew trumps. Bompis won the third spade in dummy and led a low diamond towards his hand. Pszczola took the ace and cashed the king of clubs before playing the ♥J. Sakr understood what her partner intended and overtook with the king to lead the ten of clubs through so Pszczola took two more of those for down two and –200.

Huang won the third spade in hand then led the ten of diamonds. Bessis too won the ace, cashed the ♣K and switched to the jack of hearts. Lorenzini overtook and led a club through for the same down two and a push board.

Hd either declarer ducked at trick one, South would have had to find the club switch immediately or the contract would have been down only one.



Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 3
♦ A 9 7 6 2
♣ 4

♠ 6 3
♥ Q 10
♦ 10 8
♣ J 2

♠ A J 7
♥ K J 9
♦ Q J
♣ A Q 8 5 3

♠ Q 10
♥ A 5
♦ K 5 4 3
♣ K 10 9 7 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Sakr</i>
–	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♦	Dble	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
–	Pass	1♣	1NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Pszczola opened a slightly off-centre pre-empt with the North hand, judging that the six-five shape would compensate for the poor spades. Bompis overcalled 3NT and Vinciguerra transferred to hearts, Pszczola taking the opportunity to double the transfer to show his second suit. When Bompis completed the transfer, Sakr took the save in 4♠ on the strength of her diamond fit. Bompis doubled and led the king of hearts. Pszczola won the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart to get to hand to lead a spade to the ten. When that scored he continued with the queen of spades to Bompis's ace. Pszczola ruffed the heart return, drew the outstanding trump and played on diamonds. The even diamond split meant he had an overtrick for +690.

Huang opened with a strong club and Lorenzini

overcalled to show the minors. After a pass from Dwyer, Bessis leaped to 5♦ and was left to play there. He won the diamond lead, cashed the other top diamond and played on spades and soon had 11 tricks for +400 but 7 IMPs to USA.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 8 4
♥ 10 6 5
♦ K 10 9 5 4 3
♣ 8 4

♠ A Q 10 9
♥ A Q 8 3
♦ A 8
♣ A J 9

♠ K 6 5 2
♥ K
♦ Q 7
♣ K Q 10 7 6 2

♠ J 7 3
♥ J 9 7 4 2
♦ J 6 2
♣ 5 3

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Pszczola	Bompis	Sakr
—	—	—	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	2♦	3♣	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

What the French auction meant I don't know. Two Hearts obviously included a strong balanced hand in its options and 2♠ was presumably a relay with 2NT showing the balanced hand. From there all we can say is that the auction didn't get the job done. There are 13 tricks in any one of three denominations. Vinciguerra duly made 13 tricks but his +940 looked inadequate and proved to be so.

Dwyer opened a strong club and Huang showed a natural positive with 3♣ over the weak jump overcall. When Lorenzini supported diamonds, largely to take away a 3♦ asking bid from his opponents, Dwyer passed to see what his partner could do. Three Spades sounded good to Dwyer, who bid 4♦ to show a good spade raise. When Huang could use RKCB, Dwyer bid the final contract – how could four aces and the trump queen not be good enough? With spades three-two there was nothing to the play; +1510 and 11 IMPs to USA.



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Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Pszczola	Bompis	Sakr
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Bessis	Huang	Lorenzini
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

Pszczola was down one in 1NT after a heart lead to the queen and king; -100. Dwyer opened the West hand with 2♠, weak with spades and a minor, and Bessis doubled for take-out and left in by Lorenzini. Bessis led the eight of diamonds to the jack and ace and Dwyer led his club up. Bessis grabbed the ace and led a heart. Lorenzini won the ace and continued with a second heart, Bessis winning the king and cashing the ♦Q before switching to the jack of spades. That ran to Dwyer's queen but Lorenzini had three trump tricks to come so the contract was down two for -300 and 9 IMPs to France.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Pszczola	Bompis	Sakr
-	-	-	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	Bessis	Huang	Lorenzini
-	-	-	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Vinciguerra had a toy for the West hand, 2NT being weak with both minors. Again, we don't have the details of the French system, but Vinciguerra became declarer in a perfectly playable club game. Pszczola cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a club for the king and ace. Sakr could not give her partner a diamond ruff because, of course, dummy was over-ruffing, so she returned the nine of clubs. Declarer won the jack, crossed to the king of hearts and tried to ruff a diamond. When Pszczola ruffed in with the ♣10 the contract was down one for -50.

Vinciguerra could have succeeded by winning the club return with the queen, cashing the ♥K and ♠J, then crossing to the jack of clubs to cash the four major-suit winners to get rid of all his small diamonds. Presumably he simply miscounted his tricks.

Dwyer did not have the two-suited opening at his disposal but opened with a natural pre-empt instead. He couldn't show his second suit over the 3♥ response as 4♣ would have been a good heart raise, so had to rebid 3NT instead, and Huang left him to play there, happy to hold so many high-card values in the unbid suits. Bessis led a spade, Dwyer winning the bare jack and playing a diamond. Bessis won the ace and led a second spade, so Dwyer won the ace and played the king of clubs. Lorenzini ducked so Dwyer cashed one more spade for a diamond pitch then led the jack of clubs. Lorenzini won and returned a diamond and Dwyer won and cashed his winners, overtaking the ♥K to get at the last spade. He had an overtrick for +430 and 10 IMPs to USA.

That helped USA to a 34-11 IMP, 15.56-4.44 VP, win. The short first day ended with USA in second, narrowly ahead of France in third. China led by around 6 VPs.



THE DAY WILL DAWN

by **Mark Horton**

The Day Will Dawn, released in the US as The Avengers, is a war film set in Norway during World War II. It stars Ralph Richardson, Deborah Kerr, Hugh Williams and Griffith Jones. The music was composed by Richard Addinsell (who wrote the Warsaw Concerto for the film Dangerous Moonlight).

By my estimation this report on Round 2 will be completed just as dawn breaks in England.

It is unlikely to include much about the match between USA and England, as the Closed Room appeared to vanish into the ether at an early stage of the match, making only spasmodic appearances thereafter.

It was one of those matches that offered up a number of deals where you might be tempted to bid a slam.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

		♠ J 2		
		♥ A K 8 3 2		
		♦ A J 3		
		♣ A 9 4		
♠ 4		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #e06666; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 9 7 3	
♥ Q J 10 9 7 6 5			♥ 4	
♦ Q 10 7			♦ K 9 4 2	
♣ 10 5			♣ K J 8 7	
		♠ A K Q 8 6 5		
		♥ —		
		♦ 8 6 5		
		♣ Q 6 3 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Rimstedt	Wang	Gronkvist
2♥	2NT	Pass	3♥ (i)
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥ (ii)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- (i) Transfer
(ii) Cue bid

Although she had very good controls, North's spade support was modest and she might have had a little more for her overcall.

Declarer won the heart lead and drew trumps. She played a club to the nine and took eleven tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Lu	Clementsson	Liu
3♥	3NT	Pass	4♥ (i)
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- (i) Transfer

The higher level pre-empt gave NS less room to manoeuvre and as a result they pushed to the slam.

East led the three of spades and declarer won with the jack, drew trumps, played a club to the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, pitched two diamonds on the top hearts and played a club to the queen. When West discarded on the next club declarer was one down, -100 and 13 IMPs for Sweden.

Board 21. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

		♠ Q 10 9 5 4		
		♥ 9 3		
		♦ A 9 5		
		♣ 10 8 3		
♠ —		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #e06666; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 2	
♥ Q 7 2			♥ K 10 6 5	
♦ Q J 6 4			♦ 10 8 3	
♣ K J 9 5 4 2			♣ Q 7 6	
		♠ A K J 6 3		
		♥ A J 8 4		
		♦ K 7 2		
		♣ A		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weingold	Senior	Cappelletti	Draper
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

What do you make of North's 4♠? She might have bid 4♦, when I suspect South would have driven to 6♠, which happens to make.

West led the queen of diamonds and declarer won in hand, took two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and ran the nine of hearts. West won with the queen and played the four of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the queen of spades



and played a heart to the eight, +480.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Rimstedt	Wang	Gronkvist
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Here West led the two of hearts for the king and ace and declarer drew trumps ending in dummy and ran the nine of hearts, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Lu	Clementsson	Liu
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer won the club lead with dummy's ace, drew trumps and ran the nine of hearts. She then played to try and ruff out the king of hearts so +650.

It was the sort of slam you don't mind missing – until you see that it can be made.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Rimstedt	Wang	Gronkvist
—	—	2♠	Pass
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Declarer ruffed the spade lead and knocked out the ace of hearts. She ducked a diamond and eventually took the club finesse for +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Lu	Clementsson	Liu
—	—	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the five of diamonds and North put in the nine, declarer winning with the queen and promptly returning the ten. North won, cashed the king of clubs and switched to a heart, but declarer could win, draw trumps and pitch two clubs on dummy's diamonds, +620 and 14 IMPs for Sweden.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Rimstedt	Wang	Gronkvist
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1NT (i)	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(i) Game forcing relay, usually balanced or 5+♣

East led the jack of clubs and declarer won with the queen and played the two of hearts, East winning with the ace and continuing with the four of clubs for the king and ace. Declarer played a diamond to the ace, cashed the king, returned to hand with the queen and played the king of hearts. East could win and cash two clubs, but declarer had the rest, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Lu	Clementsson	Liu
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Here too East led the jack of clubs and declarer won with the queen, crossed to the ace of diamonds and ran the jack of hearts. She ducked the club return



to West's king, won the spade switch with dummy's queen and played a heart to the king and ace, for +180 but another 9 IMPs to Sweden, who were already way ahead, 40-2.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huang	Rimstedt	Wang	Gronkvist
—	—	—	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	7♣	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

That looks like a Puppet auction plus a few cue bids and a dash of RKCB. Of course you would prefer

to be in 7NT (or 7♣) just in case the spades were unfriendly, +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Lu	Clementsson	Liu
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Plus 1440 meant China had doubled their score to 4 IMPs.

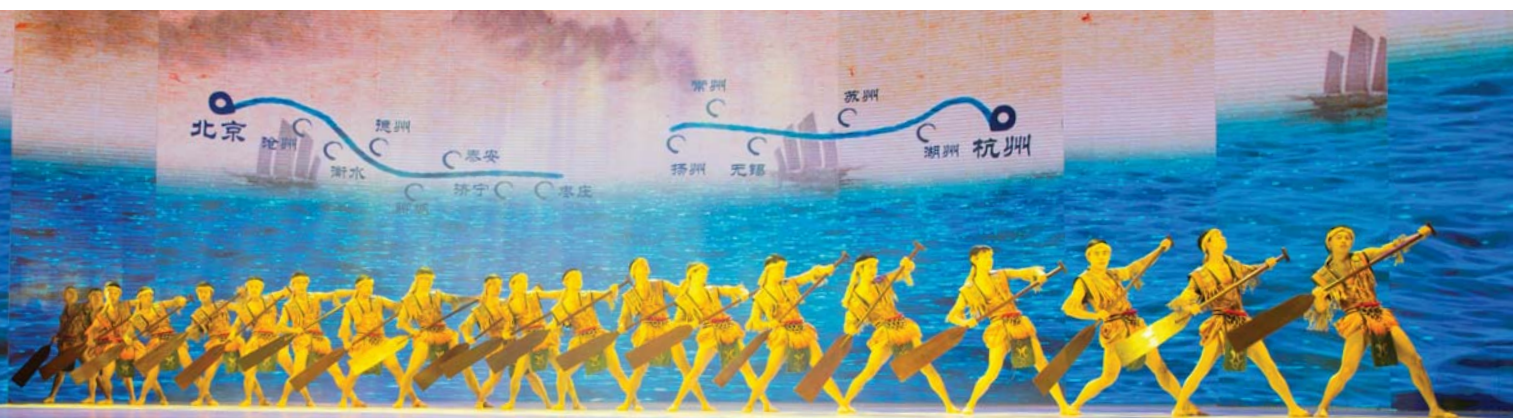
In the other match the target was missed in the Open Room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weingold	Senior	Cappelletti	Draper
—	—	—	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	6NT	All Pass

That was an undistinguished +1020.

Play finished at 06.25 Greenwich mean time – let's hope that by tomorrow the Internet problems have been solved.





RESULTS OPEN TEAMS

OPEN, ROUND ROBIN 1



CHINA

14.60 - 5.40
(43 - 25 IMP)

USA



FRANCE

15.92 - 4.08
(48 - 23 IMP)

BULGARIA



OPEN, ROUND ROBIN 2



BULGARIA

7.97 - 12.03
(33 - 40 IMP)

CHINA



USA

15.56 - 4.44
(34 - 11 IMP)

FRANCE



RANKING AFTER ROUND 2

1. CHINA 26.63Chen Yunlong
Li Jianwei
Zhang Bangxiang
Wang Jianxin (npc)Dai Jianming
Yang Lixin
Zhao Jie
Chen Gang (coach)**2. USA 20.96**Kevin Dwyer
Justin Lall
Jacek PszczolaShan Huang
Brad Moss
May Sakr**3. FRANCE 20.36**Thomas Bessis
Cedric Lorenzini
Jérôme RombautMarc Bompis
Vanessa Réess
Hervé Vinciguerra**4. BULGARIA 12.05**Victor Aronov
Georgi Karakolev
Ivan Nanev
Marta Nikolova (coach)Dania Damianova
Vladimir Mihov
Julian Stefanov

RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS

WOMEN, ROUND ROBIN 1



CHINA

20.00 - 0.00
(74 - 13 IMP)

ENGLAND



USA

9.09 - 10.91
(30 - 33 IMP)

SWEDEN



WOMEN, ROUND ROBIN 2



SWEDEN

17.03 - 2.97
(45 - 13 IMP)

CHINA



ENGLAND

11.76 - 8.24
(30 - 24 IMP)

USA



RANKING AFTER ROUND 2

1. SWEDEN 27.94Kathrine Bertheau
Ida Gronkvist
Cecilia RimstedtSanna Clementsson
Jessica Larsson
Sandra Rimstedt**2. CHINA 22.97**Huang Yan
Lu Yan
Wang Nan
Wang Jianxin (npc)Liu Yan
Shen Qi
Wang Wenfei
Wang Xiaojing (coach)**3. USA 17.33**Shannon Cappelletti
Kerri Sanborn
Tobi SokolowDisa Eythorsdottir
Janice S.-Molson
Joanne Weingold**4. ENGLAND 11.76**Sally Brock
Catherina Draper
Nevena SeniorFiona Brown
Lizzie Godfrey
Nicola Smith