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THE CARD OF PEACE



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SCHEDULE

TEAMS

10.30	Final & Playoff
14.00	Final & Playoff
16.50	Final & Playoff
20.00	Prize Giving Teams

Bridge for Peace is the official motto of the WBF and of all the bridge players everywhere in the world, who to defeat hatred, play the Card of Peace.

One of the main purpose of the WBF is to promote, foster, promulgate and develop the sport of Bridge throughout the world and to support and encourage the development of bridge. As you can see from the picture above, the participants of the 2nd IMSA Elite Mind Games embrace the spirit and values embodied in the Card of Peace, represented by the white card held by each player and official.

The Open final will be between France and China. USA needed a miracle in their last round robin match and duly produced a 20-0 VP victory. For a long time it looked as though that would do it, as France looked likely to defeat China and let USA into the final, but a big finish saw China claim second place.

Sweden qualified in comfort for the Women's final while England beat USA in a direct match which decided who they would meet in the final.

The non-qualifiers play a third/fourth play-off in both series, both finals and play-offs being played in 3 x 16-board segments.

VIDEO CORNER



WELCOME TO HUAI'AN



RECAP DAY 1

BIDDING QUIZ!

You are sitting West.
IMPs, E/W Vul.

W	N	E	S
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2NT*	Pass	3♥
?			

*2NT = Good four-card heart raise

Your cards:

♠ A K J

♥ K 9

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q J 10 6 2

What's your bid?! The answers of our champions will be published tomorrow!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM HUAI'AN

If you had not been a Bridge pro, what career might you have chosen instead?



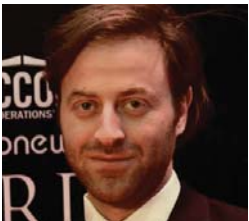
Cédric Lorenzini, France

I have a PhD in Chemistry so I would probably have worked in that field!



Jacek Pszczola, USA

I would have been a basketball player.
I used to play in a semi-pro basketball team in Poland!



Simon Fellus, WBF Secretary

I would have been a football commentator!



Janice Seamon-Molson

I am graduated in law, so I would have been a lawyer.



THE LONGEST DAY

by **Mark Horton**

The Longest Day is a 1962 epic war film based on Cornelius Ryan's book *The Longest Day* (1959), about the D-Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944, during World War II. The film was produced by Darryl F. Zanuck, who paid author Ryan \$175,000 for the film rights.

The Longest Day, which was made in black and white, features a large ensemble cast including John Wayne, Kenneth More, Richard Todd, Robert Mitchum, Richard Burton, Steve Forrest, Sean Connery (James Bond), Henry Fonda, Red Buttons, Peter Lawford, Eddie Albert, Jeffrey Hunter, Stuart Whitman, Tom Tryon, Rod Steiger, Leo Genn, Gert Fröbe (Goldfinger), Irina Demick, Bourvil, Curt Jürgens, George Segal, Robert Wagner, Paul Anka and Arletty. Many of these actors played roles that were essentially cameo appearances. In addition, several cast members – including Fonda, Genn, More, Steiger and Todd – saw action as servicemen during the war, with Todd (who had previously starred as Wing Commander Guy Gibson VC in *The Dam Busters*) actually being among the first British officers to land in Normandy in Operation Overlord and he participated in the assault on Pegasus Bridge.

With play starting at 09.00 (make that 01.00 in Sutton Benger) with four rounds of 16 boards to be completed it was going to be a long day for everyone – there would be no cameo performances.

In Round 3 bottom-placed England faced the leaders, Sweden, while the USA took on the hosts, China.

On Board 2 the EW pairs had to cope with ♠109 ♥A1098 ♦K7 ♣AK964 opposite ♠AKQ42 ♥5 ♦J9 ♣QJ1073. After 1♠-2♣ they all found a route to 6♣ - a nice way to start the day.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 7 5 ♥ 7 5 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ K 9 7 5 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ K Q J 9 8 2 ♥ K J 2 ♦ — ♣ Q J 8 4	♠ 6 ♥ A Q 9 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 7 3 ♣ A 3
N						
W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Wang</i>
—	—	—	1♦(i)
Pass	1NT	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♦	4♠	All Pass

- (i) 11-15 ,1st/2nd pos. ♦3+,
3 rd /4th pos. ♦2+

South led the jack of diamonds and declarer could not avoid the loss of two hearts and two clubs, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shen</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1NT	2♠	2NT*
Pass	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

2NT looks like it was 'good-bad', asking North to bid 3♣ (at a distance of around 5700 miles it's not as easy as usual to check with Janice).

West led the ace of spades (good) East following with the eight. She continued with the four of spades (bad) and declarer ruffed, played a club to the king, a heart to the queen, cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, returned to hand with a club and ruffed her last heart for +550 and 10 IMPs.

I suspect the reader will be ahead of me here when I point out that West must play her other ace at trick two, after which a second diamond leaves declarer a trick short.

The deal was flat at 4♠-1 in England v Sweden.

Just when it looked as if the previous day's Internet issues had been resolved the Open Room in USA v China dropped off the radar. It was quickly followed by the Open Room in other matches, including England v Sweden.

Luckily, at this stage, with half-time approaching, there had been little action to report. USA led 11-4, while England were ahead 3-1.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 10 9 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ J 9 7	♠ Q 6 ♥ J 6 ♦ K Q 7 6 ♣ A K Q 4 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e91e63; 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	♠ 4 3 2 ♥ A K ♦ J 8 5 4 ♣ 10 8 6 5
N						
W E						
S						
♠ J 8 7 5 ♥ Q 9 8 7 5 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 3						

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Sokolow	Wang	S.-Molson
—	—	1♣(i)	2♥(ii)
Dble*	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT(iii)	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

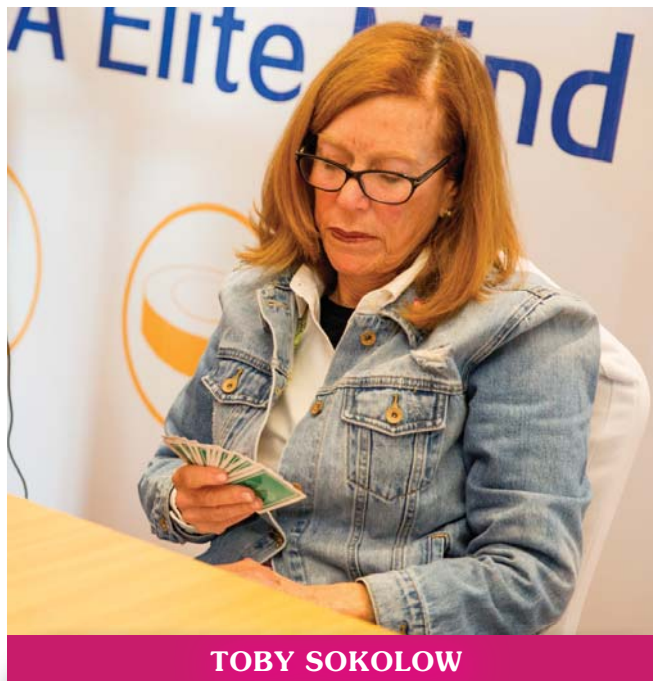
- (i) Precision, 16+
- (ii) Majors
- (iii) Takeout

West's offence/defence ratio does not look high (for more on this important topic go to:

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and 4♠ would almost certainly have failed – the easy way is for East to cash a top club and then switch to diamonds.

South led the five of spades and North took two tricks in the suit and cashed the ace of diamonds, -200.



TOBY SOKOLOW

You will have already realised that there is no data from the other room.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K 5 ♥ A K J 4 ♦ K 3 ♣ A K 5 4 2	♠ Q 9 6 4 3 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ 9 8 6 4 ♣ 10	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e91e63; 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	♠ J 8 ♥ 10 9 8 5 3 ♦ Q J ♣ Q 7 6 3
N						
W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Huang	Eythorsdottir	Wang
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ten of hearts and declarer finished with twelve tricks, +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Sokolow	Wang	S.-Molson
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣ (i)	Pass	2♦ (ii)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠ (iii)
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT (iv)
Pass	5♦ (v)	Pass	5♠ (vi)
Pass	6♣ (vii)	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

- (i) Forcing to 2NT or 3♥/♠
- (ii) Waiting
- (iii) Diamonds
- (iv) RKCB
- (v) 3 key cards
- (vi) ♦Q
- (vii) ♣K (cheapest king)

There is a note on the convention card (by the way, one of the best you will find at this level) that says RKCB: cheapest non-trump suit ask trump Q, bid 1st king held.

By the way, I am not a fan of West's double – despite the application of Burn's Law of Total Trumps 3♠ redoubled can be made, as I am sure you can see.



West led the ten of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the king of diamonds and continued with the three. Alas, the rest of the play was not recorded, declarer managing only eleven tricks, -100, which cost 13 IMPs.


However, I can see a way to arrive at twelve tricks.

Declarer plays four rounds of diamonds, giving West the lead, discarding two clubs from dummy. She wins the spade exit with dummy's king, cashes the king of hearts and the king of clubs and returns to hand with the ace of spades. Now she plays her last trump discarding dummy's club and East, down to ♠1098 ♣Q is squeezed.

There is way to defeat 6♦ – West must lead a heart at trick one. Then, when she gets in with a diamond, she plays her remaining heart, breaking up the squeeze.

As the cards lie 6♣ is relatively easy to make – declarer will cash a top club and, seeing West's ten, continue with a low one, losing only one trump and subsequently establishing the diamonds. Not easy to reach after a 2NT opening.

Board 11. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♦	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass


North led the king of spades and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond for the ten and ace, South returning a spade. Declarer ruffed with dummy's king of diamonds, cashed the nine, played the ace of clubs, ruffed a club high, drew the outstanding trump and claimed, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Draper</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♣	Dble*
Pass	2♠	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

East led the ace of clubs and continued with the five, West ruffing and returning the six of diamonds. It's not entirely clear what happened, but it looks as if declarer was allowed to escape for one down, -50, so 9 IMPs to England.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Draper</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

South's silence was positively deafening and North had little chance of finding the only way to defeat the contract which is to start with two rounds of spades. Her choice of a diamond saw declarer win in dummy, pitch a spade on the king of diamonds and play a heart. She was able to establish dummy's hearts for +400.

In the other room I think the auction went something like 1♦-1♥-(2♠)-Pass-(4♠)-5♣ when East decided to bid one for the road which was doubled by South. That went one down, so Sweden collected 11 IMPs.

China won by an IMP, 35-34 which translates to 10.31-9.69. England beat Sweden 18-17, so I think you know the VP score.



OPEN TEAMS, ROUND 3 - CHINA VS FRANCE

by **Brian Senior**

Overnight leaders China met France in Sunday morning's match and soon had a big swing in their favour.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Li	Bessis	Zhang
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♣	Dble	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dai	Rombaut	Yang	Reess
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

For China. Jianwei Li doubled the 2♣ response to show the red suits and Thomas Bessis simply raised his partner's response to 3♣, Cedric Lorenzini ending the auction with 3NT. Li led a low heart to the queen and ace and, with the diamond situation looking very dangerous, Lorenzini just cashed out, first the clubs, then the spades, and had nine tricks for +400.

For France, Jerome Rombaut did not double the 2♣ response. Lixin Yang jumped to 3♥, splinter, showing club support with short hearts, and that suited Jianming Dai perfectly. He asked for key cards then bid the small slam on finding his partner with one. Dai won the trump lead, drew the missing trump then played on spades and soon had two discards for his diamonds so made all 13 tricks for +940 and 11 IMPs to China.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Li	Bessis	Zhang
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1NT	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♣	Dble	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dai	Rombaut	Yang	Reess
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1NT	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♦	4♠	All Pass

Both Souths opened 1♦ and both Norths responded 1NT. Yang now overcalled a simple 2♠ and, when Dai raised to 3♠ in competition, went on to game rather than defend 4♦. Vanessa Reese led the jack of diamonds. Yang won dummy's ace, pitching a heart from hand, and led the six of clubs to the queen and ace. Reess continued with a second diamond, Yang ruffing and cashing the king of spades before playing a club to the ten and king. He put in the jack on the heart return but it didn't matter what he played. Either way, Reess had two heart tricks so the contract was down one for -100.


Bessis overcalled 3♠ and that added momentum to the auction. Lorenzini raised to 4♠ and, when that came around, Bangxiang Zhang doubled for take-out. Li responded 5♣, promptly doubled by Bessis, so Zhang converted to 5♦, doubled by Lorenzini.

Lorenzini led ace and another spade. Zhang ruffed and played three rounds of clubs, ruffing with the jack. He played a diamond next, Lorenzini winning the ace



and returning a spade. Zhang ruffed and was now in the wrong hand to play hearts to good effect. He played ace and another heart, Bessis winning the jack, and there was still the ace of trumps to be lost; down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to France. It looks as though declarer could have succeeded had he taken the heart finesse early in the play.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Li	Bessis	Zhang
-	3♣	3♥	Dble
All Pass			


West	North	East	South
Dai	Rombaut	Yang	Reess
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Li opened the North hand with 3♣, not worrying about having such a weak four-card major on the side, and Bessis made a light overcall of 3♥. Zhang was happy to double that and led his club to the jack and ace. Bessis played his diamond to Li's bare king and Li cashed the ♣Q then continued with the ♣K. Zhang ruffed with the jack, cashed the ace and king of hearts, and exited with his last heart. Bessis cashed a couple of extra trumps then led a spade to the ace and ran the jack, losing to the queen. That meant down two for -300.

Rombaut did not open the North hand but then bid and rebid his long clubs and Reess tried 3NT. Dai led the ten of hearts round to declarer's jack. Reess led a club to the jack, ducked, and continued with the ♣K, pitching a diamond from hand. Yang won the ace and led a diamond to dummy's bare king. Reess cashed three club winners, pitching a heart and two more diamonds. Next she led a spade to the queen and ace. Dai returned the queen of diamonds. Reess won the

ace and had two hearts to cash to bring her total to nine; +600 and 7 IMPs to France.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Li	Bessis	Zhang
Pass	1♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Dai	Rombaut	Yang	Reess
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
1♠	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

What would you do with the East hand when RHO opens 1♥ in front of you? Bessis passed and defended 1♥, while Yang preferred to double then double again when Rombaut introduced his diamonds. Yang therefore became dummy in 2♠.

Bessis led a top spade against 1♥, switching to the ♣K followed by a low trump at the sight of dummy. That worked out well when Lorenzini turned up with the queen to force declarer's ace. Li played a spade so Bessis won and thought for some time before returning the ten of hearts to pin dummy's eight. Li won the ♥J and played ace, king and queen of diamonds. Bessis ruffed and cashed the third spade then played the ace of clubs. Li ruffed and played a heart and had to come to the last two tricks so had seven in all for +80. It looks as though Bessis would have done better to return a low heart rather than the ten at trick five - now a diamond ruff would have still come his way but he would also have made both the king and ten of trumps.

Rombaut led three top diamonds against 2♠, promoting a trump trick for himself when Dai ruffed the third round with dummy's queen. Dai led a heart to the queen and ace and back came a fourth diamond. This time he ruffed in hand, cashed the top spades and played king of hearts and ruffed a heart. A club to the ace put him back on table for a second heart ruff but

now Rombaut had the last two tricks with the major-suit jacks; eight tricks for +110 and 5 IMPs to China. Had Dai taken the heart ruffs without first cashing the ♥K, he could have led a second club towards the king and would have made an extra trick as Rombaut would not have had a winner to cash when he won the ♠J.

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Reess</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
5♣	All Pass		

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

I generally believe in pre-empting to the maximum but it doesn't always work out well. Here, Li made a weak jump overcall of 2♠ and when that came back round to Lorenzini he contented himself with a competitive 3♥ because to bid 3♣ would look stronger than his hand justified. He might have come again when Zhang competed with 3♠, but his suits were both rather empty and he had already bid twice with just 7 HCP, so Lorenzini chose to defend, content to have at least pushed his opponents up a level. Bessis led the king of diamonds then switched to a trump. Li won in hand and led a diamond, putting in the eight when Bessis played low. When that held the trick Li conceded a club, Bessis winning the ace and returning a spade. Li won that in dummy and led the queen of diamonds, discarding a club from hand. Bessis could win the ♦A but that was all for the defence, declarer's heart loser going away on the diamonds. Li had 10 tricks for +170.

Rombaut made the more aggressive pre-emptive overcall of 3♠ and Reess raised him to game. Once Dai had decided that he should bid again with the West cards it was clear to introduce his second suit as now

Cédric Lorenzini & Zhang Bangxiang



the strength shown was not the same issue as at the other table. Five Clubs ended the auction. Rombaut led ace then jack of spades so Dai ruffed, crossed to the ace of diamonds and led dummy's heart up. Reess grabbed her ace and returned the queen of diamonds. Dai won dummy's king and cashed the ace of clubs. Seeing the fall of the queen, he continued by ruffing a spade and playing king and another heart. What was Rombaut to do? If he ruffed to force dummy's ♣10, Dai would over-ruff, lead a trump to hand, drawing the last trump, and ruff out the hearts. So Rombaut did not ruff, but now Dai could take a cheap ruff, ruff a diamond with the jack and lead another heart. Again, Romabut had the choice of allowing dummy to ruff cheaply, after which there would be a high crossruff for the last two tricks, or of ruffing, in which case he would be over-ruffed and a trump back the king would see declarer cash a winning heart at trick 13. Dai had 11 tricks for +400 and China had gained 11 IMPs from his brave 5♣ bid.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 5 2 ♥ 2 ♦ A K 7 6 4 ♣ A J 9 2	♠ 10 8 6 ♥ A Q 8 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 ♣ 7 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K J 4 3 ♥ K J 4 ♦ Q 2 ♣ K Q 6
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W E						
S						
	♠ Q 7 ♥ 10 9 7 6 5 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 10 8 5 3					

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Li</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Zhang</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Reess</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Lorenzini bid his hand naturally – French players do not raise on three low trumps – then confirmed the third spade over Bessis's artificial 2NT asking bid. When Bessis now showed slam interest via a heart cuebid, Lorenzini liked his controls so took control with RKCB. The 5♥ response showed two key cards but no trump queen so, knowing that card plus a key card were missing, Lrenzini signed off in 5♠. Bessis thought about that for a bit and decided that his minor-suit cards meant that there was a possibility to make 11 tricks in no trump when there were three losers in 5♠ (♠Q10xx offside), so converted to 5NT. Zhang led the ten of hearts, Li winning the ace and continuing with a low heart. Bessis put in the jack, cashed the king of hearts and ace of spades, then the minor-suit winners. At the end he had a show-up squeeze against North so knew to play the ♠K to drop the queen and had 12 tricks for +490.

Chinese players are quiet happy to raise with three cards to limit their hands and Dai duly did so. Yang too had a 2NT inquiry at his disposal and used it. Three Spades showed the minimum and now Yang started a slam hunt. Liking his controls, Dai jumped to 6♣ to offer a choice of slams in case Yang had the suit, and Yang corrected to 6♠. Requiring spades to be three-two with the queen onside, 6♠ is well below the odds required to make it a good contract. However, we have all seen such slams succeed, and indeed this one would have done so had declarer had second sight. As it was, Reess led a heart to her partner's ace and Rombaut switched to the jack of diamonds. Yang won the ♦Q, cashed a top spade, then led a club to the jack followed by a spade to the jack. When that lost to the queen he was down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to France.

The match ended in a narrow win for France, by 38-34 IMPs, converting to 11.20-8.80 VPs.





IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT

by **Mark Horton**

In the Heat of the Night is a 1967 American mystery drama film starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, based on John Ball's 1965 novel of the same name and tells the story of Virgil Tibbs, a black police detective from Philadelphia, who becomes involved in a murder investigation in a small town in Mississippi. The film won five Academy Awards, including the 1967 awards for Best Picture and Rod Steiger for Best Actor in his role as Police Chief Bill Gillespie.

Although the film was set in the fictional Mississippi town of Sparta (with supposedly no connection to the real Sparta, Mississippi), most of the movie was filmed in Sparta, Illinois, where many of the film's landmarks can still be seen. The quote "They call me Mister Tibbs!" was listed as number 16 on the American Film Institute's 100 Years...100 Movie Quotes, a list of top film quotes. In 2002, the film was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".

The last line of the film, as the detective boards a train are spoken by Rod Steiger's character : "Virgil, . . you take care, . . you hear."

This match started at 03.40 Sutton Benger time – although I can assure you there was no Mississippi style summer heat. However, Chief Gillespie's advice to Virgil is the sort that every bridge player should take to heart.



LIU YAN

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ K Q 9 5 ♥ 10 8 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; 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	♠ A J 10 7 6 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ 3 ♣ K 9 6 4	♠ 8 4 ♥ 6 ♦ A K 8 7 5 4 2 ♣ Q 10 7
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W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Wang</i>
—	—	—	1♦*
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

North led the jack of diamonds and South won with the king (declarer dropping the queen) and switched to the six of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's king, played a club to the ace and a club to the king. She cashed her winning hearts and then claimed on a cross-ruff, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>S. Molson</i>
—	—	—	3♦
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♦	Dble	All Pass

Is there any likelihood that declarer would have got the trumps right in 6♣? We will never find out, but I know where my money would be. After a spade lead to the king and ace East returned the two and West's ruff meant the contract was three down, -500 and 3 IMPs for the USA.



Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 ♥ A J 9 7 6 4 ♦ A K ♣ Q 9 6</p> <p>♠ A K 10 3 2 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ 10 2 ♣ 10 8 4</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ 5 3 2 ♦ J 9 5 4 ♣ A K J 3 2</p>	<table style="border: 2px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ Q 9 8 7 6 ♥ Q ♦ Q 8 7 6 3 ♣ 7 5</p>	
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W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Wang</i>
—	1♥	2♥ (i)	2♠
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

(i) Spades and a minor

North cashed the king of diamonds followed by the ace and then switched to the six of clubs. South won and tried the nine of diamonds, but declarer ruffed high, took two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and pitched two clubs on the top diamonds to go only one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>S.-Molson</i>
—	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the six of spades and West won with the king and returned the ten of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a spade and played a heart to the ace followed by a club to the ace and a heart, +650 and 11 IMPs for the USA.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gronqvist</i>
—	1♥	2♥*	2♠
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

I think Erle Stanley Gardner might write up this auction under the title, 'The Case of the Dubious Double.' That was +850.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Godfrey</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	1♥	1♠	2♠*
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

Plus 650, but a loss of 5 IMPs.

On Board 23, the trick was to reach 6NT or 6♠ from West, with ♠AKQJ2 ♥AQ84 ♦Q3 ♣A4 opposite ♠97 ♥KJ5 ♦KJ974 ♣Q107. North held the ♣KJ953, so declarer had time to knock out the ♦A for +1440.

I would love to give you the Sanborn /Eythorsdottir auction – but by the time I reached the deal yet another Internet break had obliterated it. It gave the USA another 13 IMPs and after seven deals they led 42-0.

Rimstedt and Clementsson reached the top spot via: 2NT-3♣*-3♠-4♦-4NT-6NT, but Brock & Brown were not too shabby, bidding: 2♣*-2♦*-2♠-3♦-3♥-3♠-4♠-4NT*-5♣*-6♥-6♠ for an honourable push.

By the way, its unclear who was sitting where in this match – at this point the BBO operator reversed the players positions in the Closed Room. I'll try to make sure they are the right way round by the time this appears on the Internet.

Board 24. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ — ♥ 7 4 3 2 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ A K 10 8 5 2</p> <p>♠ 9 6 4 ♥ A J 9 8 ♦ A 7 ♣ J 9 7 6</p>	<table style="border: 2px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A Q J 10 7 5 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 4 ♣ Q 3</p> <p>♠ K 8 ♥ K Q 10 6 ♦ Q J 6 5 3 2 ♣ 4</p>	
N						
W E						
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gronqvist</i>
1♣ (i)	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

(i) 2+♣, unbalanced with clubs or 11-14/18-19 balanced without a 5-card major

South led the four of spades and declarer ruffed and played a heart, South taking the queen with the ace and returning the eight. North ruffed and exited with the ten of diamonds, South taking the ace as declarer

unblocked dummy's king, and returning a diamond. Declarer won and played her remaining trumps, squeezing South in hearts and clubs for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Godfrey	Clementsson	Smith
1♣	4♠	Dble	All Pass

To defeat 4♠ East has to find a diamond lead. Naturally she preferred her singleton club and West won with the king and returned the two, East ruffing and switching to the six of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace and claimed, +590 and 10 IMPs for England.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Huang	Eythorsdottir	Wang
3NT*	4♣	5♣*	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

It looks as if 3NT promised a pre-empt in a minor. After that unraveling the precise meaning of each bid might tax even Sherlock Holmes. Was 4♣ non-leaping Michaels? Did 5♣ seek to take up space as a fake cue bid? Could 5NT have been pick a slam? It seems clear that South was expecting a much better hand from her partner.

West led the ace of diamonds, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lu	Sokolow	Liu	S.-Molson
4♦	Pass	5♦	Dble
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

The E/W barrage saw N/S miss the slam – but they collected 13 IMPs.

As the USA -China match drew to a close the score was a remarkable 73-9 in favour of the USA.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Rimstedt	Brown	Gronqvist
4♦	4♥	5♦	5♥
All Pass			

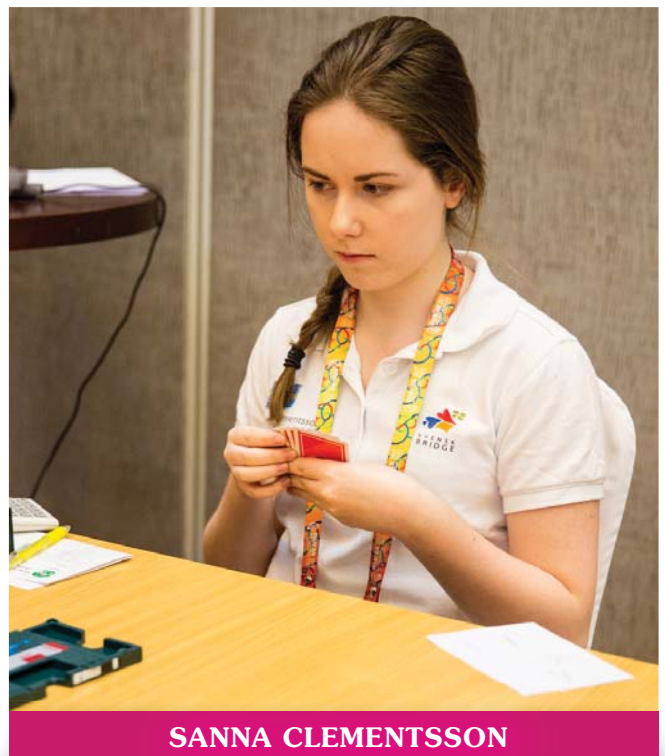
North's overcall left South with a problem – how many diamonds did her partner have. From the comfort of my office I would say not many, but she was unwilling to take the risk, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Godfrey	Clementsson	Smith
5♦	Dble	6♦	Dble

North cashed the king of clubs and continued with the queen, declarer ruffing and exiting with the jack of hearts. South won with the queen and made the strange play of exiting with the seven of diamonds. However, declarer did not finesse, so she finished five down, -1100 and 9 IMPs for England, who held a commanding lead, 50-17.

With the lunch break coming up (or in my case breakfast) it was time to relax.



SANNA CLEMENTSSON



TWO DEALS

by **Brian Senior**

The Open matches in Round 4 featured a number of potential swing deals, including these two, on which there were indeed swings of varying sizes in both matches.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

France v USA

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
–	1♥	1♠	2♠
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Huang</i>
–	1♣	1♦	2♣
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

For France, Thomas Bessis opened 1♥ and Justin Lall made a light overcall on his distributional hand. Cedric Lorenzini cuebid to show a constructive heart raise, and Brad Moss pre-empted to 4♥. When Bessis now went on to 5♥ everyone had said their piece so he was allowed to play there. Lall led the six of spades, Moss winning the ace and switching to the two of diamonds. Bessis won the ace, laid down the ace of hearts and ruffed his spade loser. A heart towards the jack held Moss to one trump trick so Bessis just made his contract for +650.

For USA, Kevin Dwyer opened a strong club and Marc Bompis overcalled 1♦, showing spades. Two Clubs was a natural positive. Herve Vinciguerra jumped to 4♠ and Dwyer doubled. Given that pass would be forcing, that was presumably a suggestion to defend, based on Dwyer being completely minimum for his

1♣ opening and having the worst possible number of spades. Shan Huang duly passed it and Dwyer led the ace then king of diamonds then switched to the six of clubs. Huang won the ♣K and returned the nine of diamonds but that defence was not good enough to extract the maximum penalty. Vinciguerra could ruff high, draw trumps and take two club pitches on the queen and eight of diamonds so had only to lose a heart trick; down one for –100 but 11 IMPs to France.

Bulgaria v China

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Damianova</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
–	1♥	2♥	2♠
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Nanev</i>
–	1♣	1♠	2♣
4♠	Dble	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

For China, Gang Chen opened 1♥ and Diana Damianova made a wafer-thin Michaels Cuebid to show her two-suiter. Zhao Jie cuebid to show a constructive heart raise and Victor Aronov jumped to 4♠. Chen bid 5♥ now and played there. He, however, had rather different information from the auction than had Bessis, so the play went rather differently. Again the lead was a spade with West switching to a diamond. Chen won the diamond and ruffed his spade loser to lead a heart to the nine and queen. Back came a diamond so he won, crossed to dummy with a club, and led a heart to the ten and jack. That again meant 11 tricks for +650.

For Bulgaria, Julian Stefanov opened a strong club – note that Chen also had this option so two out of three strong-clubbers chose to upgrade the 15-count to a 1♣ opening, while one was content to open 1♥. Not that anyone cares, but I don't see any good reason to upgrade this hand so I would have opened 1♥ if playing Precision. Lixin Yang overcalled 1♠ and Ivan Nanev bid a natural and game-forcing 2♣, over which Jianming Dai made the usual jump to 4♠ and Stefanov doubled. I'm not sure what the double meant, as it appears that Nanev then used RKCB and got a two key-card plus ♣Q response.

Or perhaps Nanev meant 4NT as two places to play and Stefanov misunderstood. That actually looks the more likely explanation, as Nanev has a minimum for his initial 2♣ response so would be unlikely to be looking for a slam. Anyway, the 5♠ response got the Bulgarians to 6♣ and there was no way to avoid two losers there. Yang led the queen of hearts, having no way to know that this was declarer's side-suit. Stefanov won the ace, drew trumps and led towards the ♥J. Dai won the ♥K and ♠A and that was down one for -100 and 13 IMPs to China.

5♦. Huang was willing to commit to slam but wanted his partner to pick a trump suit so bid 5NT and Dwyer had an obvious choice of 6♣, where he played. Again, there was nothing to the play; +1370 but 2 IMPs to France.

Bulgaria v China

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Damianova</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Yang</i>	<i>Nanev</i>
3♦	3♥	4♦	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
7♦	Dble	All Pass	

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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

♠ A K 7		
♥ A Q 10 9		
♦ K 7		
♣ 8 7 4 3		

France v USA

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♦	2NT	Pass	3♦
4♦	Pass	4♠	6♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Huang</i>
4♦	Dble	5♦	5NT
Dble	6♣	All Pass	

What would you open with the West cards? Moss opened at the one level, which is a bit rich for me on an eight-point hand. Bessis overcalled 2NT, hearts and clubs, and Lorenzini cuebid 3♦ in response. Now Moss took a level of bidding away from his opponents by rebidding 4♦ and Bessis, with nothing special to show left it around to his partner. Lall introduced his spades in case there might be a save in that suit, and Lorenzini leaped to 6♥. There was nothing to the play and Lorenzini soon chalked up 12 tricks and +1430.

Vinciguerra opened at the four level, which looks right to me, and Dwyer had an awkward choice as double was unattractive with only a doubleton spade while the hearts were not exactly robust for a 4♥ overcall. He chose the double and Bompis raised to

Aronov opened at the three level and Chen overcalled 3♥. Zhao gave his partner some leeway, responding 4♦ to show a good heart raise but then passing the 4♥ sign-off. Chen had 12 tricks for +680.

Dai too opened at the three level and Stefanov overcalled 3♥. Yang took the 4♦ cuebid away from Nanev by bidding 4♦ himself, so Nanev showed his slam try with a jump to 5♥ and Stefanov bid the small slam. When that came round to Dai he saved in 7♦ and Stefanov promptly doubled. Stefanov cashed the ace of clubs then switched to his trump to the queen, king and ace. There were four more side-suit losers so the contract was down five for -1100. That was a good save against 6♥ but, as team-mates had not bid slam at the other table, it only held the Chinese loss on the board to 9 IMPs.

If the defence cashes its winners then plays a sixth side-suit card, declarer cannot take the diamond finesse so is down six for -1400.



YANG LIXIN



TOUGH DEFENCE

by **Brian Senior**

The England Women had a big win over Sweden in Round 4, this deal contributing 11 IMPs to their cause.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



The Swedish E/W pair played in 4♠ and made 11 tricks for +450. For England, Sally Brock and Fiona Brown bid to 6♠ after South had bid hearts. Brock was at the helm as West on the lead of North's singleton heart.

Brock rose with the ace of hearts and cashed the ace and king of clubs for a heart discard. Next she ruffed a club before leading a heart towards her queen. This was the key moment. South won the king and now there was no winning defence. Either the queen of hearts would be a winner, or declarer could crossruff and make all her trumps separately if South returned a heart and North ruffed it. The winning defence was for South to play low on the heart. North can ruff the queen and return a trump and now declarer is a trick short.



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OPEN TEAMS, ROUND 5 - CHINA VS USA

by **Brian Senior**

With two rounds to play in the round robin qualifying stage, France had a good lead while Bulgaria were some way adrift. The match between China and USA looked as though it would have a major effect regarding which of these teams would make it to the final and which would have to be content with a place in the third-place play-off.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ 4 ♦ A 9 7 4 2 ♣ 10 7 6 5 2</p> <p>♠ K J 10 7 ♥ – ♦ K J 8 6 5 3 ♣ A 9 4</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 9 2 ♥ Q 10 7 5 3 2 ♦ Q 10 ♣ J 8 3</p> <p>♠ A Q 8 6 4 ♥ A K J 9 8 6 ♦ – ♣ K Q</p>	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Moss</i>
–	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Dble	4♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

For USA, Brad Moss opened a strong and artificial 2♣. Jianwei Li's overcall relieved Justin Lall of the need to overcall and, when 2♦ came back to Moss, he showed his hearts then the spades at his next turn. When Lall bid no trump for a second time Moss gave up and left him to play the hopeless no trump game. Bangxiang Zhang led the queen of diamonds. Lall ducked but won the diamond continuation and took the heart finesse. The six-one split was a bit of a blow. Lall played the queen of clubs next, Li winning the ace and returning the ♣9 to dummy's king. Lall ducked

a spade now, Li winning the ten and cashing the winning diamonds then leading a club to his partner's jack. Zhang put a spade through so the ♠K was a seventh trick for the defence and Lall was down three for –150. Oh well, there are worse contracts than 3NT on this layout, as we saw in the other room.

Zhao Jie opened at the one level then, rather than bid his spades, with or without a jump, cuebid 3♦ at his next turn. Chen responded 3NT to that, and Shan Huang started doubling. Zhao cuebid for a second time to get his partner to pick a major, but Dwyer's double meant that Chen could leave it back to his partner to get himself out of the hole. Zhao corrected to 4♥ and Huang had no great difficulty in finding one more penalty double to complete the auction. Dwyer led a diamond, Zhao winning dummy's ace and discarding a spade from hand. He led a spade to the queen, losing to the king, ruffed the diamond return and played ace then ruffed a spade. Huang over-ruffed and returned a club to the king and ace. Dwyer played another diamond so Huang discarded a club as Zhao ruffed. Zhao cashed the queen of clubs and ace of hearts then exited with his last spade. Huang ruffed and returned a heart to declarer's nine but still had a trump trick to come for down two and v300; 4 IMPs to USA.



Kevin Dwyer



Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Moss</i>
–	–	1♦	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♥	2NT
Dble	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
–	–	1♦	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Both Souths could make a natural diamond overcall of the Precision 1♦ opening on their right, and both Wests doubled to show values.

Huang responded 2♠ to the double, and now had a convenient 3♥ bid over Dwyer's cuebid. When Dwyer now showed three-card spade support, Huang went back to hearts and, slightly unluckily, had picked very much the worse trump suit as the cards lay. Zhao led the king of diamonds, which Huang ducked. He won the continuation of the ♦Q and led the queen of hearts, running it to Chen's king. Chen returned a spade, Zhao winning the ace and playing a diamond. Huang ruffed with the ten as Chen pitched a club and cashed the ace of hearts, getting the bad news. He continued by cashing all the spades then leading a club to the ace followed by the ♣K. Chen ruffed that but now had to lead into the ♥J7 to give declarer the last two tricks. The contract was down one for –100.

Zhang responded 2♥ to the negative double and Moss rebid 2NT on the South cards to show six-four or better in the minors. When Li doubled for a second time, Lall competed with 3♦ so Zhang could pass but showed his spades in response to Li's third double. With no eight-card fit and a partner who was bidding as weakly as possible at every opportunity,

Li gave up on game and passed out 3♠. Zhang too ducked the diamond lead and won the continuation. He played a low spade and Moss took the ace to play a third diamond. Zhang could win that, draw trumps and take the heart finesse, just losing to the king of hearts and coming to 10 tricks for +170 and 7 IMPs to China.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Moss</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Li opened a Precision 1♦ and Lall overcalled 1♠. Now Zhang's 2♥ showed clubs so when Moss competed in spades Li in turn competed with 3♣. Not seeing an likely game, Zhang passed and 3♣ ended the auction. Lall cashed the queen then ace of spades and switched to the jack of hearts. Li won the ace, drew trumps and cashed his winners, so made exactly for +110.

Dwyer too opened a Precision 1♦ but here there was no overcall. The 2♥ rebid was two-way, with 2♠ asking and 2NT showing the weak no trump type. Chen led the ace then queen of spades and continued with a low spade to the nine. Zhao switched to a diamond so Dwyer won the ace and cashed the clubs, after which he played on hearts and discovered that he had four tricks there and 10 in all for +630 and 11 IMPs to USA.



Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
–	–	–	1♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	



Dwyer overcalled 4♠ and was doubled by Chen, who led the jack of hearts to the king and ace. Zhao switched to the king of clubs but the defence later went wrong and dropped a trick so Dwyer was down only two for –300.

Li overcalled at the one level then rebid his spades and finally competed with 3♠ over 3♥, no doubt much to his partner's disappointment. The good news was that there was no double. Again the lead was the jack of hearts to the king and ace followed by a club switch and once again the defence lost its way and took only five tricks, attempting to give a heart ruff so that declarer's diamond loser went away; –50 but 6 IMPs to China.

USA won the match by 23-18 IMPs, 11.48-8.52 VPs. However, they were still quite a distance behind China and France and would need a big win in the final round to have any chance of being in the main final the next day.





RESULTS OPEN TEAMS

OPEN, ROUND ROBIN 3



CHINA

8.80 - 11.20
(34 - 38 IMP)

FRANCE



BULGARIA

12.55 - 7.45
(30 - 21 IMP)

USA



OPEN, ROUND ROBIN 4



CHINA

13.75 - 6.25
(48 - 34 IMP)

BULGARIA



FRANCE

16.26 - 3.74
(49 - 22 IMP)

USA



OPEN, ROUND ROBIN 5



USA

11.48 - 8.52
(23 - 18 IMP)

CHINA



BULGARIA

6.48 - 13.52
(26 - 39 IMP)

FRANCE



OPEN, ROUND ROBIN 6



CHINA

14.60 - 5.40
(46 - 28 IMP)

FRANCE



USA

20.00 - 0.00
(82 - 19 IMP)

BULGARIA



RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1. CHINA 72.30Chen Yunlong
Dai Jianming
Li Jianwei
Yang Lixin
Zhang Bangxiang
Zhao Jie
Wang Jianxin (npc)
Chen Gang (coach)**2. FRANCE 66.74**Thomas Bessis
Marc Bompis
Cedric Lorenzini
Vanessa Réess
Jérôme Rombaut
Hervé Vinciguerra**3. USA 63.63**Kevin Dwyer
Shan Huang
Justin Lall
Brad Moss
Jacek Pszczola
May Sakr**4. BULGARIA 37.33**Victor Aronov
Dania Damianova
Georgi Karakolev
Vladimir Mihov
Ivan Nanev
Julian Stefanov
Marta Nikolova (coach)

FINAL



CHINA

FRANCE



PLAYOFF



USA

BULGARIA



RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS**WOMEN, ROUND ROBIN 3**

	CHINA	10.31 - 9.69 (35 - 34 IMP)	USA
	SWEDEN	9.69 - 10.31 (17 - 18 IMP)	ENGLAND

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6**1. SWEDEN 74.12**

Kathrine Bertheau
Sanna Clementsson
Ida Gronkvist
Jessica Larsson
Cecilia Rimstedt
Sandra Rimstedt

WOMEN, ROUND ROBIN 4

	SWEDEN	0.23 - 19.77 (17 - 74 IMP)	ENGLAND
	CHINA	0.84 - 19.16 (23 - 73 IMP)	USA

2. ENGLAND 61.46

Sally Brock
Fiona Brown
Catherina Draper
Lizzie Godfrey
Nevena Senior
Nicola Smith

WOMEN, ROUND ROBIN 5

	USA	3.74 - 16.26 (12 - 39 IMP)	SWEDEN
	ENGLAND	4.62 - 15.38 (10 - 32 IMP)	CHINA

3. USA 54.92

Shannon Cappelletti
Disa Eythorsdottir
Kerri Sanborn
Janice S.-Molson
Tobi Sokolow
Joanne Weingold

WOMEN, ROUND ROBIN 6

	SWEDEN	20.00 - 0.00 (73 - 4 IMP)	CHINA
	USA	5.00 - 15.00 (24 - 44 IMP)	ENGLAND

4. CHINA 49.50

Huang Yan
Liu Yan
Lu Yan
Shen Qi
Wang Nan
Wang Wenfei
Wang Jianxin (npc)
Wang Xiaojing (coach)

FINAL**PLAYOFF**