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Results:

1	Nickell	322	51	65	51	43	30	42	40		
16	Baseggio	193.25	58	21	31	22	12	34	16	w/d	-0.75
2	Fleisher	308	68	25	75	14	39	41	31	15	
15	Parrish	284	32	27	35	48	13	54	42	33	
3	Rosenthal	333	52	41	33	54	31	34	43	45	
14	Han	246	40	29	49	3	38	40	24	23	
4	Wolfson	314	11	32	71	35	33	45	40	47	
13	McNay	256	86	37	2	32	34	15	33	17	
5	Goodman	244	41	12	38	69	24	13	31	16	
12	Bramley	203	33	49	22	0	48	22	13	16	
6	Shourie	295	69	33	45	36	27	51	34		
11	Jacobs	187.2	48	26	30	25	34.2	11	13	w/d	
7	Bailey	312	68	33	28	58	30	36	39	20	
10	Kovachev	220	41	42	38	13	15	24	2	45	
8	Kaplan	280	55	23	52	13	44	30	32	31	
9	Wildavsky	258.25	40	51	28	63	27	8	33	9	-0.75

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a particularly interesting hand, please send me the board # & match # with any essential details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to stan-subeck@prodigy.net. Thank you!



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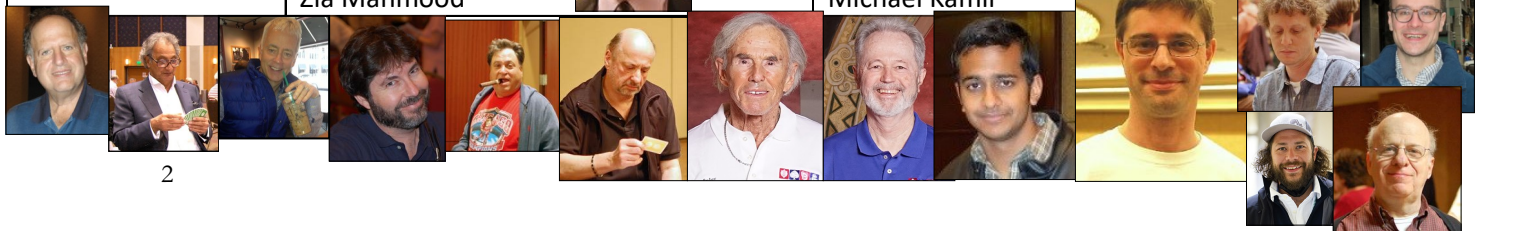
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Open Teams Entered

Bailey	Bill Bailey, Capt Daniel Korbel Kevin Rosenberg		Josh Donn Roger Lee Brian Platnick
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Jiang Gu		Andy Stark Walter Lee Joshua Sher
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Fred Stewart John McAllister		Kit Woolsey James Holzhauer Will Watson
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Kevin Bathurst Joe Grue		Chip Martel John Hurd Brad Moss
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Eric Rodwell David Grainger		Mike Passell Doug Simson Joel Wooldridge
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Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Gary Cohler Alan Sontag		Claude Vogel Billy Cohen Peter Weichsel
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Eddie Wold		Finn Kolesnik Adam Grossack
Kovachev	Val Kovachev, Capt Jacob Morgan		Charlie Wilkins Venkatrao Koneru
McNay	Ewan McNay, Capt Max Schireson Olivia Schireson		Harrison Luba Debbie Rosenberg
Nickell	Nick Nickell Eric Greco Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC		Ralph Katz Geoff Hampson Steve Weinstein
Parrish	Adam Parrish, Capt Phil Clayton		Anant Rathi Danny Sprung
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg		Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Zach Grossack
Shourie	Rajath Shourie, Capt John Kranyak Shan Huang		Gavin Wolpert Vince Demuy Kevin Dwyer
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Chris Compton		Steve Robinson Ron Smith
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Zia Mahmood		Steve Garner Jeff Meckstroth Michael Kamil



Mixed Teams Entered

Abernethy	Shawn Abernethy, Capt Mike Christensen	Brian Zaugg Becky Stevens
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Kit Woolsey Cheri Bjerkan	Kitty Cooper JoAnna Stansby Larry Robbins
Caprera	Dave Caprera, Capt Sheila Gabay Carrie Liu	Anne Brenner Maxim Silin Alex Kolesnik
Chow	Helen Chow, Capt Ron Smith	Nicole Qian Philip Wang
Ding	Hong Ding, Capt Lin-huan Chen	Chris Compton Ding-hwa Hsieh
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Adam Grossack Radu Nistor	Yoko Sobel Emma Kolesnik Raluca Dobrescu
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Ming Sheng Michael Rosenberg	Irina Levitina Amber Lin Debbie Rosenberg
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Douglas Doub John Miller	Xiaowen Li Yiji Brennan Lynn Shannon
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Bronia Jenkins Kristen Onsgard	Uday Ivatury Steve Garner Adam Wildavsky
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Jenni Carmichael Disa Eythorsdottir	Linda Lewis Tom Carmichael Mark Itabashi
Li	Music Li, Capt Ann Romeo	Qinqin Zhang Ray Miller
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Sandra Rimstedt	Joan Millens Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Dana Berkowitz	Migry Campanile Olivia Schireson Eldad Ginossar
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Zach Grossack Vince Demuy	Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta Jenny Wolpert



No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Senior Teams Entered

Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Fred Stewart Jeff Aker	Kit Woolsey Larry Robbins Steve Beatty
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Mark Aquino	Bob Bitterman Geof Brod
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Alan Sontag	Richard Leonardon Billy Miller Peter Weichsel
Falk	Allan Falk, Capt Barry Rigal Marc Zwerling	John Lusky Doug Simson Ron Rubin
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Billy Cohen	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Gary Cohler
Hamman	Mitch Dunitz, Capt Bob Hamman Mark Itabashi	Ifti Baqai Neil Chambers Neil Silverman
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Zia Mahmood Eddie Wold	Reese Milner Bobby Levin Eric Rodwell
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Fred Schenker
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Ron Gerard	Douglas Doub Mark Lair
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz	Steve Garner Larry Cohen



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sandra Rimstedt Debbie Rosenberg	Olivia Schireson Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt Amber Lin
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Disa Eythorsdottir	Jenni Carmichael Arti Bhargava
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Janice Molson Kerri Sanborn	Sylvia Shi Jenny Wolpert Jill Meyers



Open Team Tournament Schedule

Date	Time (CDT)	Boards
4/24	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
4/25	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Lunch Break
4/26	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
4/27	10:00 - 12:00	75 minute Lunch Break
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
4/28	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	12:15 - 2:15	75 minute Break
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
4/29	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
4/30	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Break
5/1	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
5/2	10:00 - 12:00	75 minute Break
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
5/3	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	12:15 - 2:15	75 minute Break
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
5/4	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
5/5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Break
5/5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 16-30

Women's Team Schedule

Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
3 Team Round Robin			
Saturday	May 3	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-7 & 8-14 Segment 2 Boards 15-21 & 22-28 75 minute break Segment 3 Boards 29-35 & 36-42 Segment 4 Boards 43-49 & 50-56
Sunday	May 4	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-7 & 8-14 Segment 6 Boards 15-21 & 22-28 75 minute break Segment 7 Boards 29-35 & 36-42 Segment 8 Boards 43-49 & 50-56
Monday	May 5	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 9 Boards 1-7 & 8-14 Segment 10 Bds 15-21 & 22-28 75 minute break Segment 11 Bds 29-35 & 36-42 Segment 12 Bds 43-49 & 50-56

Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

Round of 16 (with 14 teams, two teams have byes)			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Wednesday	May 7	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	May 8	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Quarterfinal (USA2 Stage 1 KO or Round Robin)			
Friday	May 9	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Saturday	May 10	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal & USA2 Stages 2 & 3			
Sunday	May 11	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday	May 12	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5/1 Boards 1-15 Segment 6/2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7/3 Boards 31-45 Segment 8/4 Boards 46-60
Final & USA2 Quarterfinal & Semifinal			
Tuesday	May 13	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 31-45 Segment 2 Boards 46-60 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 61-75 Segment 4 Boards 76-90
Wednesday	May 14	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5/1 Boards 1-15 Segment 6/2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7/3 Boards 31-45 Segment 8/4 Boards 46-60
USA2 Final			
Thursday	May 15	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday	May 16	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Tough Tom Swifties

"That gives me a birdie for this hole," Tom chipped in.

"I hate shellfish," said Tom crabtily.

"You could try changing the layout of this microprocessor," Tom chipped in.

"Have some cheese," said Tom craftily.

"I've got to stop this motor," Tom choked.

"Pottery and weaving can have interesting uses," said Tom craftily.

"That's my gold mine!" Tom claimed.

"How do you start a model-T Ford without a battery?" asked Tom crankily.

"Another plate of steamers all around!" Tom clamoured.

"I love supercomputers!" giggled Tom Crayzily.

"My family has a great future," said Tom clandestinely.

"I have a theory about how certain North American First Nations maintained their energy levels through the winter," said Tom creatively.

"Help me set fire to this cross," said Tom clannishly.

"I'm going back to school soon," said Tom with class.

"Strike three!" Tom, the baseball umpire, cried out.

"I was completely exonerated," said Tom clearly.

"Please, Christopher," said Tom crisply.

"In my next film I play the part of Sir Edmund Hillary," said Tom climactically.

"Let's go get some lettuce," said Tom crisply.

"My job is to lead the audience's applause," Tom clucked.

"I'm dying," Tom croaked.

"I don't know who stole my murder mystery board game," said Tom cluelessly.^{OK}

"Argh! Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" said Jesus crossly.

"Pretend we were in the days before railways," Tom coached.

"I've spotted more blackbirds than you have," Tom crowed.

"I know where to play golf," said Tom coarsely.

"@#%\$*! I've struck oil," said Tom crudely.

"Have another soft drink," Tom coaxed.

"Now THAT's sloppy embroidery," Tom needled cruelly.

"Roosters should be banned," clucked Tom cockily.

"I hate pies with crumb bases," said Tom crustily.

"We're philatelists," they shouted collectively.

"Destroy this Temple and within three days I will raise it up," said Jesus cryptically.

Senior Schedule

Round robin			Senior Sched	
Day	Date	Time		
Saturday	May 17	10:00 - 8:00		
Sunday	May 18	10:00 - 8:00		
USA1 Semifinal and USA2 Stage 1				
Day	Date	Time	Boards	
Monday	May 19	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Tuesday	May 20	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60
USA1 final and USA2 Quarterfinal				
Day	Date	Time	Boards	
Wednesday	May 21	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Thursday	May 22	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60
USA2 Semifinal				
Day	Date	Time	Boards	
Friday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Saturday	May 24	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60
USA2 final				
Day	Date	Time	Boards	
Sunday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Monday	May 26	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute	Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60

Lovebridge practice sessions (Ask at site for location)				
Day	Date	Time (CDT)		
Wednesday	April 23	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM		
Sunday, Tuesday, or Friday	April 27 or 29, or May 2	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM		
Tuesday	May 6	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM		
Friday	May 16	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM		
PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS				
On Zoom				
Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)	
Open	Wednesday	April 23	9:00 PM	
Women's	Friday	May 2nd	9:00 PM	
Mixed	Tuesday	May 6	9:00 PM	
Senior	Friday	May 16	9:00 PM	



Delayed Kibitzing Throughout the USBC

[You can watch the Open, Mixed, & Senior USBCs on the LoveBridge website.](#) Live Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes until all tables have completed play on a board.

Live video commentary of Finals

Rob Barrington will be hosting full day video commentary coverage of the second day of the USA1 & USA2 Finals of each event on the USBF YouTube channel with post-game highlights.

Video commentary will be at 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM EDT, on the following dates:

May 1, Open USA1 Final, and USA2 Quarterfinal, May 5, Open USA2 Final, May 14, Mixed USA1 Final, and USA2 Semifinal, May 16, Mixed USA2 Final, May 22, Senior USA1 Final and USA2 Quarterfinal, May 25, Senior USA2 Final

Highlights after each stage of each event

Experts will join Rob for chat after each session. BridgeCasts will be posted on the USBF YouTube channel the morning after each segment ends:

●● 4/26 - Open Round of 16, 4/28 - Open USA1 Quarterfinal & USA2 Stage 1; 5/1 - Open USA1 Semifinal & day 1 of Final & USA2 Stage 2 & day 1 of Quarterfinal; 5/5 - Open USA2 Semifinal & day 1 of Final.

●● 5/9 - Mixed Round of 16: 5/11 - Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal and USA2 Stage 1; 5/12 - Mixed USA1 Semifinal at the half & USA2 Stage2; 5/19 - Senior Round Robin; 5/21 - Senior USA1 Semifinal & USA2 Stage 1.
5/22 - Day 1 of Senior USA1 Final and USA2 Semifinal 5/25 - Day 1 of Senior USA2 Final

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT) ... For all KO days of the 2025 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT

Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT

For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts.

Play Schedules (CDT):

[Main play schedule.](#)

[Mixed USBC USA2 Round Robin Schedule.](#)

[Senior USBC USA2 Round Robin Schedule.](#)



Gonna get some yummy
cheese!

To eat as North plays out
the squeeze!

Beth Palmer Women's USBC Kibitzing will be on [RealBridge](#): To watch, log on to the kibitz page, which will take you to the kibitzing lobby. Click on the table you want to watch. For more information, go to [this RealBridge page](#). The Schedule for the Beth Palmer Women's USBC is [here](#). Kibitzing will start 30 minutes after each segment starts.

More information about LoveBridge kibitzing... Set up your screen as you like it best.

You will see a **single table** if you click on the blue arrow on the scores page with buttons for more info.

Match View will show you two tables of a match side by side on your screen;

Split View will give you 4 panes and you can put whatever you want in each of them.

Click on Buttons to get interesting information:

●● The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board;

●● the arrow in the bottom right corner takes you to the scoresheet

●● the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match,

●● at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

NEW THIS YEAR: Written commentary will show in a large area on the left of the screen in Single Table view and at the top of the screen in Match View. If you are interesting in providing written commentary, please [email Jan](#) and she will get you authorized.

Navigation icons:

While surfing on the vugraph, or amongst the archives, you can go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

How to find System Information: If you want to look at a pair's System Summary Form or ACBL Convention card, just go to the Teams Entered page and click on either player's name.



2025 USBC Hospitality

We have returned to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for you to hang out, watch Vugraph, get a snack, or whatever. In addition, we will be providing breakfast and lunch each day of play. Marie France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan, Marge Morgan, Shanika Cunningham, Hal George, and Nancy Booth. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (mainly picking up last-minute things at Costco and other local stores) please let Jan or Marie France know.

Breakfast: From 8:30-10:30 am. There will be the usual breakfast food, cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there. No masking requirement.

Lunch: On the first four days of the Open and Mixed USBCs we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. There should be enough room for you to eat in the restaurant, but you are also welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from 1:45-3:45. After the first 4 days of each event and for all of the Seniors, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 1:45-3:45. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts.

There is a water dispenser in the room, and we have refillable water bottles for you in room 1321 (we'll put a label with your name on yours). Soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know what you want: If you have specific needs, please let our hosts know and they will do their very best to provide food that meets your needs.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We have a water dispenser in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We ask that you recognize that we are working in that room, and others are still playing in the rooms next door and across the hall, so please try to keep voices low.

Masks will be required in playing rooms only if your screenmate asks you to wear one. You do not have to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask someone to bring you coffee or water or escort you outside to smoke.



Marie France



Massages - Message from Jan Martel...

Once again this year, our wonderful massage therapist Ela come to the hotel any day that there are 3-5 people who want massages. Her schedule will probably be mostly during playing hours, with one or two times after the end of play. I think she's still charging \$100 for an hour's massage. If you let me know a day or two before you want a massage, I will try to make it work.



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Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

Sudoku 2

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"I'm a Soviet military official," Tom commiserated.

"This has been a grave undertaking," said Tom cryptically.

"I'm putting this microfiche back where it belongs," said Tom complacently.

"I wonder why uranium is fluorescent," said Mary curiously.

"Okay, you can switch on the electric chair now," said Tom conceitedly.

"So THAT's where the next character is going to appear," said Tom after a cursory glance.

"MY frozen orange juice requires you to add SIX cans of water," said Tom with great concentration.

"I'm the butcher's helper," said Tom cuttingly.

"I came, I saw," Tom concurred.

"That hydroelectric facility is so beautiful I think I'll pass out!" said Tom, fainting with dam praise.

"It's best to find a new word for this," Tom determined.

"I saw that man remove my ballot from the box," said Tom devotedly.

"The eclipse is starting," said Tom darkly.

"My word is final!" Tom dictated to his secretary.

"The lights have gone out," said Tom darkly.



Please be "scent"sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



Puzzle Page ...

Beatles Songs

Find and circle all of the songs by The Beatles that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional Beatles song.

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A I I S O D Y S P E N N Y L A N E M L L
T L S M N G O T A H E L P C S E E U O I
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L G Y R L K C O T B H O M S R M Y M O M
A I R N E C A F E E V R A E B T I T E L
M R O K H O R R R A E L S E I G G I P L
I L F E S R S Y S H G O O D N I G H T A

ALL MY LOVING
AND I LOVE HER
BECAUSE
BLUE JAY WAY
COME TOGETHER
DIG IT
DOCTOR ROBERT
DRIVE MY CAR
FOR NO ONE
FOR YOU BLUE

GIRL
GLASS ONION
GOLDEN SLUMBERS
GOOD NIGHT
HELP
HELTER SKELTER
HER MAJESTY
I FEEL FINE
I NEED YOU
I'M A LOSER

I'M SO TIRED
LET IT BE
LOVE ME DO
LOVE YOU TO
MAGGIE MAE
MARTHA MY DEAR
NOWHERE MAN
OLD BROWN SHOE
PAPERBACK WRITER
PENNY LANE

PIGGIES
RAIN
REVOLUTION
ROCKY RACCOON
SAVOY TRUFFLE
SHE LOVES YOU
THE WORD
THIS BOY
WHAT GOES ON
WILD HONEY PIE



Whole"heart"edly

From the WBF Code of Ethics (applicable in all WBF events):

The World Bridge Federation (WBF), and each of its members and its administration, its Affiliated Federations, the Continental Conferences, the Zonal Conferences, the members of the bridge authorities, the organizing committees of official WBF events and participants at WBF events are to show respect and esteem towards the national and international sports authorities and the government of their countries.

The WBF parties undertake to disseminate the culture of ethics and integrity within their respective areas of competence and to serve as role models.

Without limitation, this Code of Ethics shall apply to (i) all affiliated NBOs, (ii) any persons (including players, non-playing captains, team representatives, coaches, technical officials, technicians, accredited persons, observers and spectators) who participate in or attend any event, tournament or competition organized, granted or sanctioned by the WBF, (iii) any persons who hold any position or carry out any functions on behalf of either the WBF, a Zonal Conference or an NBO (including any organ or commission of the same) and (iv) any other persons who accept that this Code shall apply to them or are otherwise subject to it.

Respect and human dignity

The respect of human rights and dignity is a fundamental requirement during all activities of the sport of bridge on a local, national and international level.

Discrimination of any kind is not permitted amongst the participants, with respect to race, sex, religion, ethnicity, philosophical or political belief, or family status.

Any violation of the physical or intellectual integrity of participants will not be tolerated. All doping at any level is absolutely prohibited. All points contained in the anti doping code of the WBF and the Olympic Movement are to be scrupulously observed.

Physical, moral, professional or sexual harassment is prohibited.

The WBF and its designated agents or committees ensure safe and appropriate conditions and provide players with good medical care for their physical and moral well-being. Special attention is given to youth contest programs, education and training and ensuring their overall health and safety.

Integrity of conduct

WBF members or their representatives are not permitted, directly or indirectly, to demand, accept or propose any kind of remuneration, commission, advantages, any obscure/unofficial favors, while involved in the organisation and conduct of official events or activities of the WBF.

Only tokens of consideration of friendship of nominal value in accordance with prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted by WBF representatives (officers, officials or people in charge for WBF events). Such tokens may not lead the impartiality and integrity of the WBF parties being called into question. All other form of token, object or benefit constitutes a gift which may not be accepted but must be passed on the organization of which the beneficiary is a member.

The hospitality offered to WBF parties, as well as those accompanying them, may not exceed the normal standard of the host country.

During the conduct of their activities, WBF members are expected to display correct deportment, to declare any conflict of interest between the organisation of which he/she is a member and all other organizations with which the WBF has relationships. If a conflict should or could appear, the president of the WBF is to be informed.

The WBF representatives are to handle their responsibilities with diligence and care. They shall abstain from any false declarations and shall behave in a dignified and respectful manner. They demonstrate fairness in all sport activities and decisions which might affect the reputation of the WBF.

Members of the WBF authorities may not be linked to enterprises or persons whose activities are incompatible with the principles or the rules of the WBF and its Code.

The WBF members, officers, tournament directors, staff officials and participants of WBF events are not permitted to demonstrate undue pressure or influence the vote or the direction of decisions made in the WBF and especially must avoid any cooperation sought by influencing the work and evaluation of the tournament directors.

Integrity of competitions

The WBF parties shall commit to combat all forms of cheating and shall continue to undertake all the necessary measures to ensure the integrity of bridge competitions.

The WBF parties must respect the provision of the World Anti-Doping, the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and the WBF Disciplinary Code.



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All forms of participation in, or support for betting related to the World Bridge Championships, and all forms of promotion of betting related to the World Bridge Championships are prohibited.

Participants in the World Bridge Championships must not, by any manner whatsoever, manipulate the course or result of a competition, or any part thereof, in a manner contrary to sporting ethics, infringe the principle of fair play or show unsporting conduct.

Enforcement

All WBF members are expected to comply with the rules established by the WBF and the present Code.

The WBF members are to inform the WBF Executive Council of any violation of the present Code and the rules of the WBF.

The WBF Women's Committee and BBO had another Women's Festival ... this time on the BBO platform. There were more participants than last year and the list of the top 20 reflects many new names! In particular, the Daylong Tournaments grew in popularity.

Winners of the major prizes

	Overall	Individual (human)	Individual (robot)	Pairs
1st	dodotu (Esra Onan – Turkiye)	G1tha (Githa YW – Indonesia)	dodotu (Esra Onan – Turkiye)	SFoxa (Sveta Badrankova – Lithuania)
2nd	SFoxa (Sveta Badrankova – Lithuania)	SFoxa (Sveta Badrankova – Lithuania)	SFoxa (Sveta Badrankova – Lithuania)	arielsp (Amy Mitura - USA)
3rd	Berkoc2003 (Tuba Akarcalioglu – Turkiye)	wiskey04 (Louise Nilsen – Norway) Buccaneer_ (Lynda Young – Australia)	Berkoc2003 (Tuba Akarcalioglu – Turkiye)	Dropke (Julienne Lemmens– Belgium)

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Top 20 overall

Rank	BBO ID	Name	Country
1	dodotu	Esra Onan	Turkiye
2	SFoxa	Sveta Badrankova	Lithuania
3	Berkoc2003	Tuba Akarcalioglu	Turkiye
4	wiskey04	Louise Nilsen	Norway
5	ewska	Ewa Sobolewska	Poland
6	saba	Linda Robinson	USA
7	berrak	Berrak Erkan	Turkiye
8	orfoz09	Nilgun GÄ¶nülalan	Turkiye
9	vicky82	Virginia CHEDIAK	Norway
10	cmrlj	Silvana Rojko	Slovenia
11	karo72003	Gisela Smykalla	Germany
12	xigua	Melody	USA
13	VeraPeter	Vera Petersen	Denmark
14	Buccaneer_	Lynda Young	Australia
15	Fizzcat	Deborah Smith	New Zealand
16	suna11	Suna Georgieva	Bulgaria
17	qiqi	Carrie Liu	USA
18	mimi_ss	Milena Ruscheva	Bulgaria
19	nainamshah	Naina Shah	Kenya
20	dileky	Dilek Yavas	Turkiye

Congrats to the Winners!

Individual (human)

Rank	BBO ID	Name	Country
1	G1tha	Githa YW	Indonesia
2	SFoxa	Sveta Badrankova	Lithuania
3	wiskey04	Louise Nilsen	Norway
3	Buccaneer_	Lynda Young	Australia

Individual (robot)

Rank	BBO ID	Name	Country
1	dodotu	Esra Onan	Turkiye
2	SFoxa	Sveta Badrankova	Lithuania
3	Berkoc2003	Tuba Akarcalioglu	Turkiye

Pairs

Rank	BBO ID	Name	Country
1	SFoxa	Sveta Badrankova	Lithuania
2	arielsp	Amy Mitura	USA
2	Dropke	Julienne Lemmens	Belgium

		Names						Ailments						Insurers								
		Alan	Fernando	Jeff	Melvin	Nathan	Paul	Victor	back pain	foot pain	heartburn	hip pain	migraines	shingles	vertigo	Ambercare	Fumanix	HealthCo	Lifealign	Medicorp	Red Shield	Triflex
Times	9:00am																					
	10:00am																					
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Logic
Puzzle

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Logic Puzzle

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Times	Names	Ailments	Insurers
9:00am			
10:00am			
11:00am			
12 noon			
1:00pm			
2:00pm			
3:00pm			

- Paul has an appointment sometime before the person with Lifealign insurance.
- Of the person with the 11:00am appointment and the person suffering from migraines, one is Nathan and the other has Lifealign insurance.
- Nathan has an appointment 2 hours before the patient with HealthCo insurance.
- Fernando is either the patient with Fumanix insurance or the person with Triflex insurance.
- Melvin isn't complaining about shingles.
- The patient suffering from foot pain has an appointment sometime before the patient with Ambercare insurance.
- The patient with Fumanix insurance has an appointment 5 hours after the person with Medicorp insurance.
- Neither the person suffering from vertigo nor the person with Red Shield insurance is the patient with the 10:00am appointment.
- Melvin doesn't have insurance through Triflex.
- The person with Fumanix insurance is either the patient suffering from heartburn or the person suffering from migraines.
- The patient suffering from vertigo has an appointment 3 hours after the person suffering from back pain.
- The person suffering from shingles has an appointment 5 hours after the person with Lifealign insurance.
- Of the person suffering from migraines and the patient suffering from vertigo, one has the 12 noon appointment and the other is Victor.
- Nathan is either the person suffering from hip pain or the patient suffering from back pain.
- Alan is either the patient with the 1:00pm appointment or the person suffering from migraines.

Meet the Players

Adam Wildavsky, born in 1960, grew up in Berkeley, CA and now resides primarily in New York City. A graduate of M.I.T., he pursued a career as a software engineer and in 2013 retired from a position with Google GmbH in Zürich.

Since 1983, Adam has served in administrative positions in the New England Bridge Conference, the Greater New York Bridge Association, ACBL District 17, the ACBL itself, and the USBF.

He was elected as a member of the Executive Council of the World Bridge Federation in 2019 and chairs the WBF Technology Committee. He also serves on the WBF Management Committee and the WBF Statutes and Bylaws Committee, the USBF Conditions of Contest Committee, and the ACBL Laws Commission. In 2022 he was unanimously elected to the position of Honorary Secretary of the WBF by the WBF Executive Council.

Adam has written articles for a number of publications, including *The Bridge World*, *Bridge Today*, and the ACBL Bulletin. He serves as an editor and panelist for the ACBL's appeals casebooks. He was a member of the winning squad in the US Bridge Championships in 2003 and 2009, earning a Bronze medal in the Bermuda Bowl 2003.

In bridge and in life, Adam follows the philosophy of Russian-American author Ayn Rand. He has written about the connection between Rand and bridge on his website, www.tameware.com

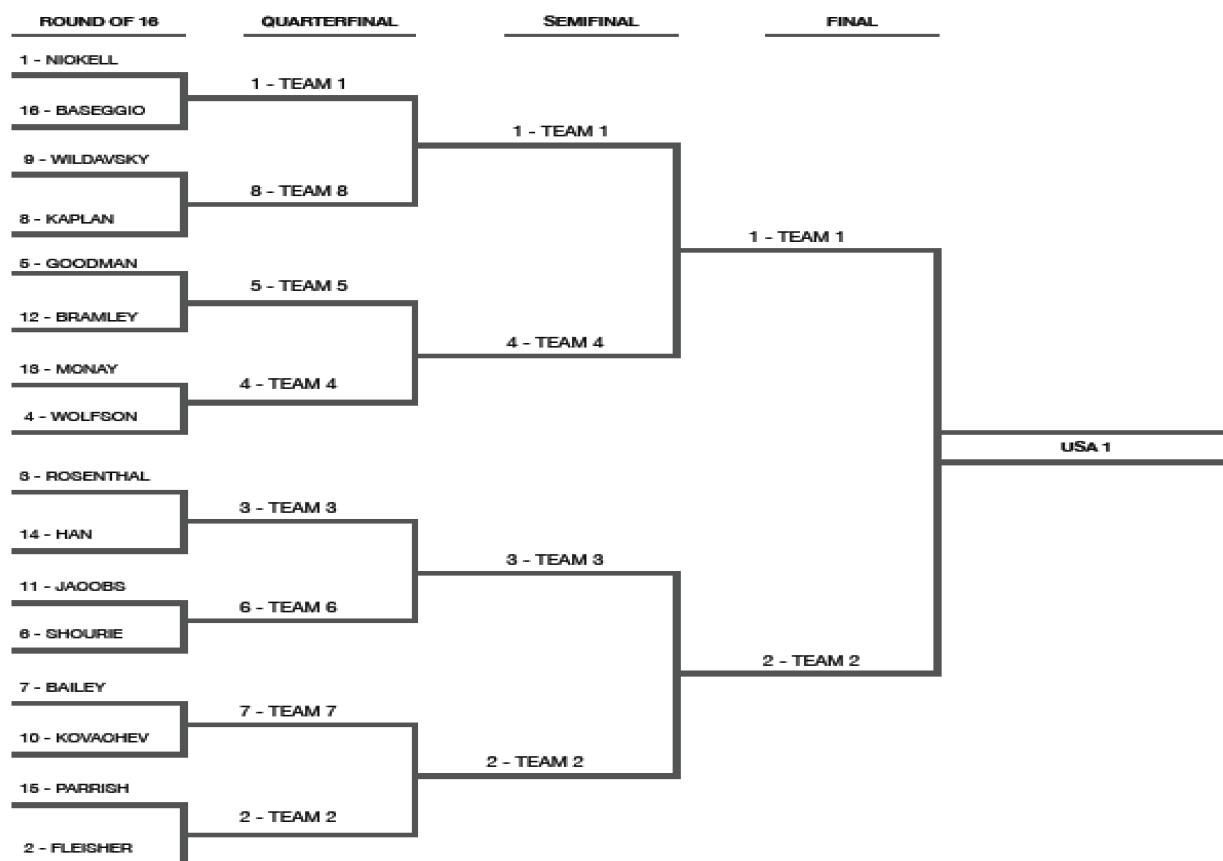
Adam's girlfriend, Hong Ding, is an excellent bridge player in her own right. Besides sharing a great interest in bridge, Hong and Adam love skiing and theater.

Adam is playing in the Open USBC as a member of the Wildavsky team with Steve Robinson, Chris Compton and Ronnie Smith. He is also on the Henner team in the Mixed with Christal Henner, Uday Ivatury, Bronia Jenkins, Steve Garner, and Kristen Onsgard. And, he is on the Wildavsky team in the Seniors with Doug Doub, Ron Gerard, and Mark Lair.

Adam is a wonderful volunteer and rarely says no when asked to serve.



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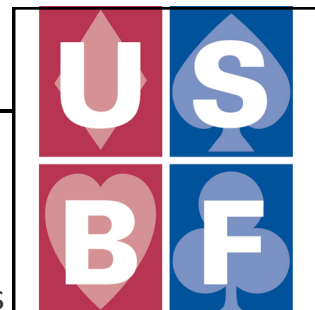
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3	8	5	1	2	7	4	6	9

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Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2

USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

Q: What did the fish say when he hit the wall?

A: Dam!

Q: How do fish get high?

A: Seaweed!

Q: What's a lawyer's favorite drink?

A: Subpoena colada!

Q: What do you say when your favorite smoke shop is replaced by a J. Crew?

A: Clothes, but no cigar! (joke for Gary C)



Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

Ambercare	Shingles	Jeff	3:00pm
Fumanix	Heartburn	Melvin	2:00pm
HealthCo	Foot pain	Alan	1:00pm
Triflex	Vertigo	Fernando	12 noon
Red Shield	Hip pain	Nathan	11:00am
Lifallign	Migraines	Victor	10:00am
Medicorp	Back pain	Paul	9:00am

Q: What do you call a priest that becomes a lawyer?
A: A father-in-law!

Q: What happened when the French cheese factory exploded?
A: Da brie was everywhere!

Q: What do you call a girl laying in the middle of a tennis court?
A: Annette!

Q: What do you call a guy floating in the ocean?
A: Bob!

Q: What do you call a guy just laying down in front of the door?
A: Matt!

Q: Why is Superman the best person to lead an orchestra?
A: Because the Man of Steel is a good conductor!

Q: What kind of fish knows how to do an appendectomy?
A: A sturgeon!

Q: What's orange and red and full of disappointment?
A: School pizza.

Q: Why couldn't the pony sing "Happy Birthday?"
A: Because he was a little horse.

Q: What did the beach say when the tide came in?
A: Long time no sea!

Q: What did the tiger say after it ate a cow?
A: That tasted funny!

Q: Why did the grape cry?
A: Its mom was in a jam!

Q: Did you hear about the rancher who had 97 cows in his field?
A: When he rounded them up, he had 100!

Q: Why are pigs bad drivers?
A: They're road hogs.

Q: Why didn't the sun enroll in college?
A: It already had a million degrees!

Q: What do you call a shoe made out of a banana peel?
A: A slipper!

Q: What did one hat say to the other?
A: You go on ahead.

Q: How did the barber win the race?
A: He knew a shortcut!

Q: What do you call a moose with no name?
A: Anonymoose!

Q: Why did the employee get fired from the keyboard factory?
A: They weren't putting in enough shifts!

Q: What's more impressive than a talking dog?
A: A spelling bee!

Q: How many apples can you grow on a tree?
A: All of them!

Q: What should kids play when they say they have nothing to do?
A: Bored games!



A-Pun, A-Two, A-Three!

Q: What do you give a sick lemon?
A: Lemon-Aid!

Q: What do you call a grizzly with no teeth?
A: A gummy bear!

Q: What falls in winter but never gets hurt?
A: Snow!

Q: What fruit do twins love?
A: Pears!

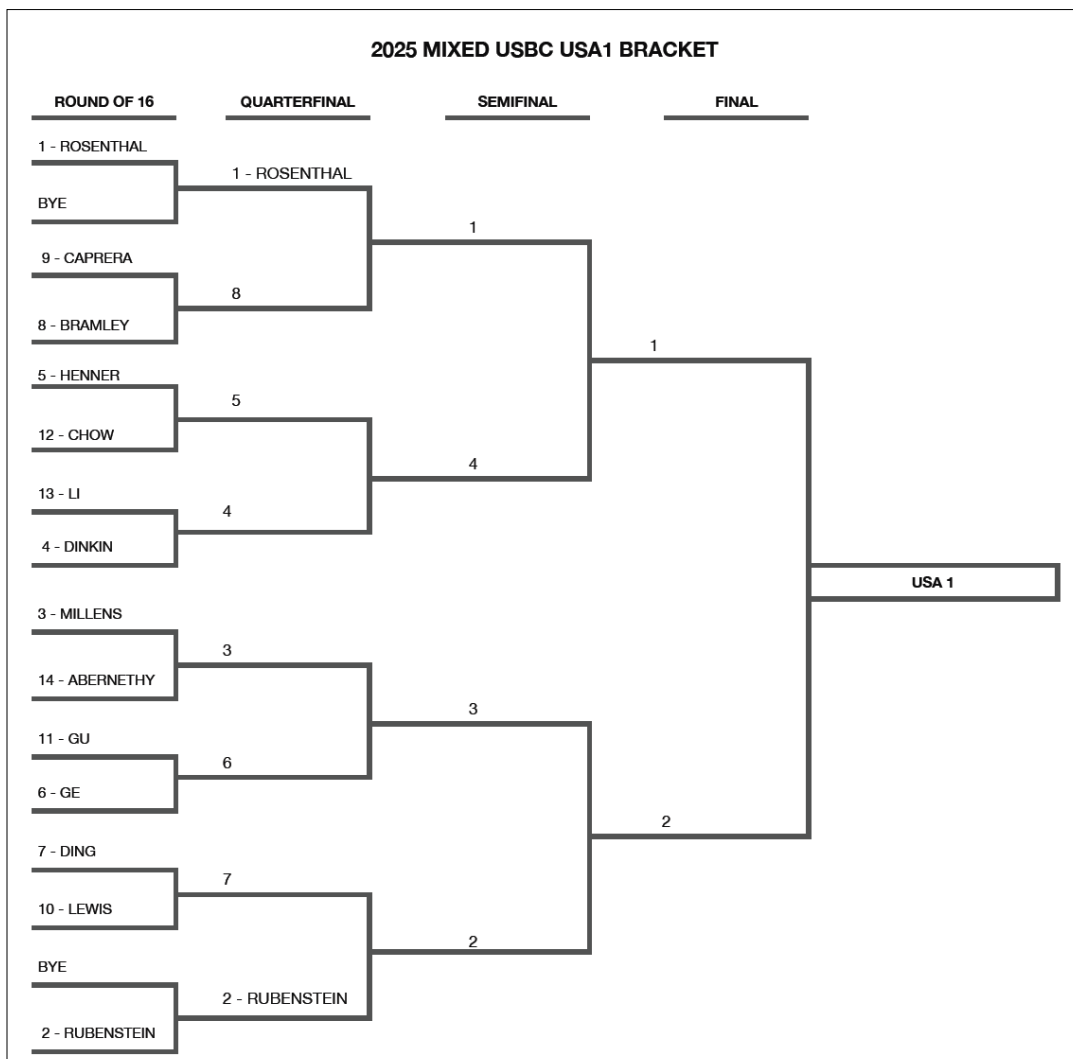
Q: What bird is always out of breath?
A: A puffin!

Q: Why did the broom decide to go to bed?
A: It was very sweepy!

Q: Why are nurses always running out of red crayons?
A: Because they often have to draw blood!

Q: Did you hear about the square that got into a car accident?
A: Yeah, now he's a rect-angle!

Q: What's red and smells like blue paint?
A: Red paint!



Q: What's E.T. short for?

A: Because he's only got tiny legs!

Q: What concert costs just 45 cents?

A: 50 Cent featuring Nickelback!

Q: What's Forrest Gump's email password?

A: 1Forrest1

Q: What does Jeff Bezos do before he goes to sleep?

A: He puts his PJ-Amazon.

Q: How do you follow Will Smith in the snow?

A: You follow the fresh prints.

Q: How does Darth Vader like his toast?

A: On the dark side.

Q: Why won't Apple start making cars?

A: They wouldn't support windows.

Q: What type of coordination was Whitney Houston most famous for?

A: "Hand eeeeeeeee!"

Q: What do you say when Dwayne Johnson buys something to cut with?

A: Rock pay-for scissors.



BOARD: 2		DEALER: EAST		VULNERABLE: N-S		♠ AQ5 ♥ AT432 ♦ KJ64 ♣ A		♠ J642 ♥ K86 ♦ 8 ♣ K8632		♠ T83 ♥ 975 ♦ T92 ♣ JT74		♠ K97 ♥ QJ ♦ AQ753 ♣ Q95		Par: 2220 NS 9 13 13 11 13 EW 4 0 0 1 0			
Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP									
								NS	EW	Home	Visiting						
1	Nickell	Baseggio	Open	6♦	S	♠4	+1	1390			-	-					
			Closed	6♦	S	♦8	+1	1390									
2	Fleisher	Parrish	Open	6♦	N	♣T	+1	1390			-	-					
			Closed	6♦	S	♣2	+1	1390									
3	Rosenthal	Han	Open	7♦	N	♦9	=	2140			-	-					
			Closed	7♦	N	♣J	=	2140									
4	Wolfson	McNay	Open	6♦	S	♣3	+1	1390			-	-					
			Closed	6♦	S	♣2	+1	1390									
5	Goodman	Bramley	Open	6♦	S	♣2	+1	1390					13				
			Closed	7♦	N	♣J	=	2140									
6	Shourie	Jacobs	Open	6♦	N	♣J	+1	1390			-	-					
			Closed	6♦	S	♣2	+1	1390									
7	Bailey	Kovachev	Open	6N	S	♠2	+1	1470			2						
			Closed	6♦	N	♣J	+1	1390									
8	Kaplan	Wildavsky	Open	6♦	N	♣4	+1	1390			-	-					
			Closed	6♦	S	♣2	+1	1390									

On Board 2 from the second day of the Round of 16, N/S is cold for any of 3 grand slams. Only 3 pairs bid any grand and all of those were in diamonds!

In Rosenthal/Han, the grand was a push. In Bramley/Goodman, it was a 13 IMP swing for Bramley.

In the Closed Room, left on their own, Bramley/Woolsey had a relay auction at the end of which they could pretty much count 13 tricks.

In the Open room, Bramley's teammates, Stewart/Holzhauser may have contributed to their opponents inability to reach the grand. Interestingly (or not?), they were the **only E/W pair to step into the auction! A BRAVE move!**

Doing so, interrupted N/S's ability to "ask & tell," effectively turning off the chance to relay...

Or maybe the simple suggestion that E/W had enough to interfere scared

off N/S? In defense of the bidding, down 5X in 2C would be a fine save... especially at favorable vulnerability!

Closed Room:

Wooldridge Bramley Grainger Woolsey

W	N	E	S
		PASS	1NT
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♥
PASS	3♦	PASS	4♦
PASS	4♠	PASS	5♣
DBL	5♠	PASS	5NT
PASS	6♣	PASS	7♦
PASS	PASS	PASS	

1NT=14-16

2D=H

3D=GF

4S=KC for D

5S=K ask

W N E S

PASS 1NT

DBL RDBL 2♣ PASS

PASS 3♣ PASS 3NT

PASS 4♣ PASS 4♦

PASS 6♦ PASS PASS

PASS

1NT=14-16 but range is never 100%
Dbl=4M & 5+m
2C=pass or correct

Open Room

♠ AQ5
♥ AT432
♦ KJ64
♣ A

N Doug Simson

♠ J642
♥ K86
♦ 8
♣ K8632

W Fred Stewart

♠ T83
♥ 975
♦ T92
♣ JT74

E James Holzhauser

♠ K97
♥ QJ
♦ AQ753
♣ Q95

S Eric Rodwell

OTHER F

N 7♦ =

SOUTH

NS

6♦

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BOARD: 6		DEALER: EAST		VULNERABLE: E-W	
♠ AQT752 ♥ A87 ♦ Q ♣ 963		♠ K86 ♥ Q5 ♦ 752 ♣ QJ742		♠ JT632 ♥ JT632 ♦ AKJT ♣ AK85	
♠ J943 ♥ K94 ♦ 98643 ♣ T		Par: 200 NS 2 5 3 10 4 E 10 7 8 2 5 W : 8 9 : :			
Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
				NS EW Home Visiting	
1	Nickell	Baseggio	Open	5♣ W ♦Q -1 100	5
			Closed	4♣x N ♦A -1 100	
2	Fleisher	Parrish	Open	5♣ E ♠J = 600	-
			Closed	5♣ W ♠A = 600	
3	Rosenthal	Han	Open	5♣ E ♠J = 600	-
			Closed	5♣ W ♦Q = 600	
4	Wolfson	McNay	Open	3N W ♠7 +1 630	1
			Closed	5♣ E ♠3 = 600	
5	Goodman	Bramley	Open	4♣ W ♦Q = 130	6
			Closed	5♣ W ♦Q -1 100	
6	Shourie	Jacobs	Open	5♣ W ♦Q -1 100	-
			Closed	5♣ W ♦Q -1 100	
7	Bailey	Kovachev	Open	4♣x N ♦A = 590	-
			Closed	4♣x N ♦K = 590	
8	Kaplan	Wildavsky	Open	4♣x N ♦A = 590	15
			Closed	5♣ W ♦Q = 600	

The largest swing of the tournament so far is the 15 IMPs to Kaplan on Board 6. In the Open Room, Wold and A Gros-sack bid to 4SX, losing the expected 1D, 1C, and 1H for +590. In the Closed Room, their teammates bid 5C.

Defended perfectly, with the lead of the DQ, 5C will fail.

Robinson led the DQ. Kolesnik won dummy's ace, cashed the CK and played a club to his queen. (Wildavsky shedding a diamond) Finn extracted the last trump with his J and played the D5 to dummy's K, Robinson tossing a spade. Kolesnik cashed the DJ&T, everyone discarding spades. He played the HJ. Wildavsky must win the K and put a spade through Finn's hand to keep Robinson off the endplay.

Alas, Wildavsky ducked! Robinson was forced to win his ace and exit with either a heart, setting up

W N E S

1♥ PASS

1NT 2♠ DBL 3♠

4♣ PASS 5♣ PASS

PASS PASS

♠ AQT752
 ♥ A87
 ♦ Q
 ♣ 963
 N Steve Robinson

♠ K86
 ♥ Q5
 ♦ 752
 ♣ QJ742
 W Finn Kolesnik

♠ J943
 ♥ K94
 ♦ 98643
 ♣ T
 S Adam Wildavsky

♠ JT632
 ♥ JT632
 ♦ AKJT
 ♣ AK85
 E Adam Kaplan

dummy's suit or a spade, setting up declarer's king! Robinson won the ace and cashed his SQ, declarer claiming 11 tricks and 15 IMPs for Kaplan!

W N E S

1♥ PASS

1NT 2♠ DBL 3♠

4♣ PASS 5♣ PASS

PASS PASS

♠ AQT752
 ♥ A87
 ♦ Q
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 ♣ AK85
 E Adam Kaplan

The 6-card End position:

13
NORTH
ALL

♠ A
 ♥ KJ532
 ♦ KQT62
 ♣ A4

♠ K972
 ♥ A76
 ♦ J954
 ♣ 82

♠ QJT653
♥ Q9
♦ A
♣ KT95

					N
NS	7	9	9	3	5
EW	5	4	4	10	8

♠ 84
 ♥ T84
 ♦ 873
 ♣ QJ763

In the Open Room, Luba and McNay played in the 4S game E/W, losing a spade, a heart and a club.

Wolfson led the SQ. Garner played the king and Rosenberg won her ace.

Rosenberg played the HK, ducked by Garner. She played the DK and Wolfson won his ace. He played the SJ; Rosenberg ruffed and played a heart to Wolfson's queen leaving this position:

Home team	Visiting team	▶	Room	🃏	By	1	=	★	IMP		
								NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Nickell	Baseggio	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♦3	=		620	5	
		🔄	Closed	4♠x	E	♥4	=		790		
Fleisher	Parrish	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♦3	=		620	-	-
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♥4	=		620		
Rosenthal	Han	🔄	Open	4♠x	E	♦3	+1		990		8
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♣Q	+1		650		
Wolfson	McNay	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♦3	+1		650		15
		🔄	Closed	4♥	N	♠Q	=	620			
Goodman	Bramley	🔄	Open	4♦	N	♠Q	-1		100	11	
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♣Q	=		620		
Shourie	Jacobs	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♠4	=		620	-	-
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♥4	=		620		
Bailey	Kovachev	🔄	Open	5♥	N	♠Q	-3		300	8	
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♣Q	=		620		
Kaplan	Wildavsky	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♦3	=		620	1	
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♦3	+1		650		

Had Wolfson played a spade instead of the low club, it **appears** that it won't matter since Rosenberg can ruff in dummy while discarding her club loser ... however, that's a mirage!

15 IMPs to McNay



There were some big swings in the second segment of play yesterday. On board 17, 15 pairs played in hearts, most bidding and making the game. In Wildavsky/Kaplan, both tables stopped in 3H for a 1 IMP swing. In Nickell/Baseggio, Nickell/Katz found a different strain and played 3NT.

W

N

E

S

PASS

PASS

2♣

3♥

PASS

3♠

PASS

3NT

PASS

PASS

PASS

Table: CL 1, Round: 6

N-S: Baseggio
143.25 IMP

E-W: Nickell
240 IMP

LoveBridge

♠ A6
♥ KQT982
♦ 62
♣ K92

W Nick Nickell

♠ 54
♥ J5
♦ JT9
♣ AT8653

N Joshua Sher

♠ KQJ973
♥ A6
♦ 874
♣ Q7

S Ai-Tai Lo

♠ T82
♥ 743
♦ AKQ53
♣ J4

E Ralph Katz

DDS

Sher led the S5. Lo's opening 2S showed 10-13 HCP and 6+ spades. Nick ducked but was forced to win the ace at trick 2. If both round aces had been with North, Nick would have survived. As it was, South held the HA and Nick never had a chance.

Most Easts raised 3H to 4H and played it there (as at the other table in this match). Katz's diamond suit looked like it might provide the necessary source of tricks in NT if hearts didn't. 11 IMPs to Baseggio

Ironically for the Nickell team, Board 19 was the same in reverse...

W

N

E

S

3♣

DBL

PASS

4♥

PASS

PASS

DBL

RDBL

PASS

PASS

PASS

Table: CL 1, Round: 6

N-S: Baseggio
156.25 IMP

E-W: Nickell
240 IMP

LoveBridge

♠ A32
♥ K642
♦ K872
♣ K4

W Nick Nickell

♠ KT64
♥ AT985
♦ T6
♣ A9

N Joshua Sher

♠ J85
♥ 9543
♦ JT7532
♣

S Ai-Tai Lo

♠ Q97
♥ QJ73
♦ AQJ
♣ Q86

E Ralph Katz

DDS

On this Board, 9 pairs played in 3NT, most successful, while 6 pairs reached 4H. All 6 were doubled. Only this table was redoubled.

Lo led the CT to Sher's ace. Sher returned a club to dummy's K. Katz played a heart to the queen and cashed the DQ. He cashed the DA and played the DJ, ruffed by Sher's H5.

Sher tried a small spade which Katz won in hand with the Q. He played a spade to the ace and switched to the DK. Sher ruffed with the H9; Katz threw

his S7 and claimed 9 tricks for down one.

14 IMPs for Baseggio

W	N	E	S
	2NT	PASS	
3♣	PASS	3♥	PASS
3♠	PASS	3NT	PASS
4♥	PASS	PASS	PASS

3S=ask 5th H ST in H
3NT=exactly 4H
4H=slam try of sorts

LoveBridge

DDS

W **Franco Baseggio**

♠ KJ76
♥ AT75
♦ 64
♣ K86

N **Bobby Levin**

♠ Q53
♥ 93
♦ K8532
♣ 972

E **Andy Stark**

♠ A8
♥ KJ62
♦ AQT
♣ AQJ4

S **Steve Weinstein**

♠ T942
♥ Q84
♦ J97
♣ T53

EAST
4♥

Katz/Nickell came back strong on Board 26.

13 pairs bid the heart slam (see traveler below); One pair played in 5H and only Katz/Nickell's counterparts played in game.

13 IMPs to Nickell

W	N	E	S
	2NT	PASS	
3♣	PASS	3♥	PASS
3♠	PASS	4♣	PASS
4NT	PASS	5♦	PASS
6♥	PASS	PASS	PASS

2NT=20-bad 22
3S=ST H
5D=1/4

LoveBridge

W **Nick Nickell**

♠ KJ76
♥ AT75
♦ 64
♣ K86

N **Joshua Sher**

♠ Q53
♥ 93
♦ K8532
♣ 972

E **Ralph Katz**

♠ A8
♥ KJ62
♦ AQT
♣ AQJ4

S

♠ T942
♥ Q84
♦ J97
♣ T53

EAST
6♥

1	Nickell	Baseggio		Open	4♥	E	♠4	+2	680	13
				Closed	6♥	E	♠9	=	1430	
2	Fleisher	Parrish		Open	6♥	E	♦7	=	1430	-
				Closed	6♥	E	♠9	=	1430	
3	Rosenthal	Han		Open	5♥	E	♠4	+1	680	-
				Closed	4♥	E	♣3	+2	680	
4	Wolfson	McNay		Open	6♥	E	♠9	=	1430	-
				Closed	6♥	E	♦7	=	1430	
5	Goodman	Bramley		Open	6♥	E	♠4	=	1430	1
				Closed	6♥	E	♦7	+1	1460	
6	Shourie	Jacobs		Open	6♥	E	♣3	=	1430	-
				Closed	6♥	E	♣3	=	1430	
7	Bailey	Kovachev		Open	6♥	E	♠T	=	1430	-
				Closed	6♥	E	♦7	=	1430	
8	Kaplan	Wildavsky		Open	6♥	E	♠4	=	1430	-
				Closed	6♥	E	♣3	=	1430	

Cross IMPs...

	Pair	Team	Avg	Sum	# Bds
1.	Michael Kamil - Zia Mahmood	Wolfson	1.54	139.02	90
2.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	1.34	100.53	75
3.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Shourie	0.90	67.80	75
4.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Bailey	0.90	80.87	90
5.	Gavin Wolpert - Rajath Shourie	Shourie	0.89	53.25	60
6.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.67	40.00	60
7.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.55	49.50	90
8.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bailey	0.54	48.87	90
9.	Adam Grossack - Eddie Wold	Kaplan	0.50	59.87	120
10.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	0.44	26.53	60
11.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Rosenthal	0.43	38.30	90
12.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	0.32	23.67	75
13.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	0.30	26.86	90
14.	Debbie Rosenberg - Olivia Schireson	McNay	0.28	16.72	60
15.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Goodman	0.24	14.52	60
16.	Jacob Morgan - Venkatrao Koneru	Kovachev	0.24	28.22	120
17.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	0.23	13.89	60
18.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.22	13.13	60
19.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Goodman	0.06	6.62	120
20.	Jack Zhao - Ming Sheng	Han	0.03	3.00	90
21.	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Shourie	0.03	2.33	74
22.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Bramley	-0.06	-6.68	105
23.	Danny Sprung - Phil Clayton	Parrish	-0.11	-13.26	120
24.	Chris Compton - Ron Smith	Wildavsky	-0.12	-14.11	120
25.	Adam Wildavsky - Steve Robinson	Wildavsky	-0.12	-14.61	120
26.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	-0.25	-22.21	90
27.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Bramley	-0.26	-15.85	60
28.	Adam Kaplan - Finn Kolesnik	Kaplan	-0.26	-31.15	120
29.	Adam Parrish - Anant Rathi	Parrish	-0.26	-31.39	120
30.	Fred Stewart - James Holzhauer	Bramley	-0.34	-25.13	75
31.	Ewan McNay - Harrison Luba	McNay	-0.34	-40.49	120
32.	Debbie Rosenberg - Max Schireson	McNay	-0.37	-22.23	60
33.	Claude Vogel - George Jacobs	Jacobs	-0.38	-22.92	60
34.	Ai-Tai Lo - Joshua Sher	Baseggio	-0.44	-32.67	75
35.	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	Wolfson	-0.45	-40.51	90
36.	Jeff Fang - Tien-Chun Yang	Han	-0.50	-30.03	60
37.	Jiang Gu - Walter Lee	Baseggio	-0.51	-38.00	75
38.	Wanfeng Mou - Yanong Han	Han	-0.53	-39.45	75
39.	Billy Cohen - Gary Cohler	Jacobs	-0.62	-45.80	74
40.	Josh Donn - William Bailey	Bailey	-0.68	-40.62	60
41.	Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel	Jacobs	-0.73	-54.67	75
42.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	-0.88	-52.50	60
43.	Charlie Wilkins - Valentin Kovachev	Kovachev	-0.98	-117.33	120
44.	Andy Stark - Franco Baseggio	Baseggio	-1.11	-66.67	60
45.	Jeff Fang - Yanong Han	Han	-2.35	-35.20	15

Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

As per usual, Limey Jack helped you line your pockets while the Dungmeister tilted at windmills.

In **USA 1**, there is some serious wood. Only one blowout projected while a couple of matches should go down to the 16th pole.

Nickel – Kaplan:

In a strange twist of events worthy of the dog that did not bark in the middle of the night, Nickell got off to a fine start as opposed to their usual stuck 60 after the first two chuckers. Since they do not have to overcome that noise, they will beat a nice-looking Kaplan team and move on to the-semis.

Fleischer- Bailey:

The aforementioned blowout takes place here with Bailey calling for reinforcements as soon as the end of the sixth segment. When one must play for potentially a fortnight, one must conserve their energy.

Rosenthal – Shourie

Shourie comported themselves quite well in dispatching a Jacobs team that might have been better suited for the super seniors, but Rosenthal is a giant and they will prevail.

Wolfson – Goodman:

Each of these teams faced the jaws of death in the early going but was able to right the ship.

Whilst Goodman has a fair squad of merry men, Limey Jack is honour bound to disclose that his date with Zia to tip a pint or two has been delayed as Zia has assured him that he will be going all the way this time. Limey Jack is a certain as crackers that this is true.

Losers bracket:

Wildavsky-Baseggio: Limey Jack has a strong hunch that none of the four fine players on Wildavsky have ever sat across from one another, and as you know, Limey Jack abhors four handed team. While they have a bit more experience than Basaggio, it is the underdog that prevails. Take this one to your punter and make a few quid.

Kovachev-Parrish: what a dream draw for all these blokes. One of them must win. Neither squad would survive if they were playing virtually anyone else that remains. Kovachev has slightly the better of it as this match goes on seemingly for days.

Jacobs-Han: Billy Cohen brings the average age of this team down to about 75. The once Invincible pair of Sontag and Weichsel are attempting a comeback. Not too much is known about the Han team, but they have had some previous success in national events. This one is a pick it, but for olde time's sake, the nod goes to Jacobs.

Bramley-McNay:

Each of these squads has some serious defects. Bramley, while six handed, has more than its quotient of clients.

McNay, on the other hand has less clients, but less people. Limey Jack hates five handed teams more than four handed teams and thus has Bramley moving on.

Beware the Ides of Howie Dung. Ta.

Kaplan's team's young, and so very bold...
Except for one member and that's Eddie Wold!
Nickell's been playing since bridge was beginning...
Team history glorifies winning and winning!

Bailey's got five of the finest of pros.
For now, it is only the shadow who knows!
Fleisher is tried and Fleisher is true.
He and his teammates will stay till it's through!

Rosenthal's back and he's here to stay.
With Gino and Zach, it's exciting to play!
Shourie has youth ... look at his hire!
No prisoners taken... just spit and just fire!

Goodman with Rodwell should do very well.
But till it expires, it's time that will tell.

Wolfson and Garner play many a night.
They've read all their notes and will do what is right!

Howie Doing...

Now it is on to USA2...
Eight teams that lost but still aren't through!
Wildavsky/Baseggio, names hard to rhyme!
Wildavsky's my pick... at least at this time.

Kovachev takes Parrish but just by a mite.
Both teams will put up a hell of a fight.
Jacobs takes Han ... if he gets any luck.
It will be close, but Han will be stuck!

Bramley/McNay won't go up in flames.
"Which team is king?" calls Jeopardy James.
Phrasing his question as if on TV,
Today we will see whatever we see!

Howie Doing... fine thanks!