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Results: USA2

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
3	Wolfson	243.5	11	25	46.5	56	37	28	40		
8	Bailey	121	7	35	11	15	12	7	34	w/d	
4	Fleisher	212	19	32	43	13	49	10	29	17	
7	Nickell	295	25	31	50	35	21	51	45	37	
5	Rosenthal	310	4	35	27	63	37	32	37	75	
6	Goodman	226.5	44	33	40	27	21	30	27	9	-4.5

USA1

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Kaplan	290	13	56	52	61	26	42	40		
2	Shourie	173	22	24	37	9	23	16	42	w/d	

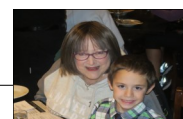
Congrats Team Kaplan

USA1

Team pic on page 23...
photo credit: Amber Lin

We will be cheering for you!

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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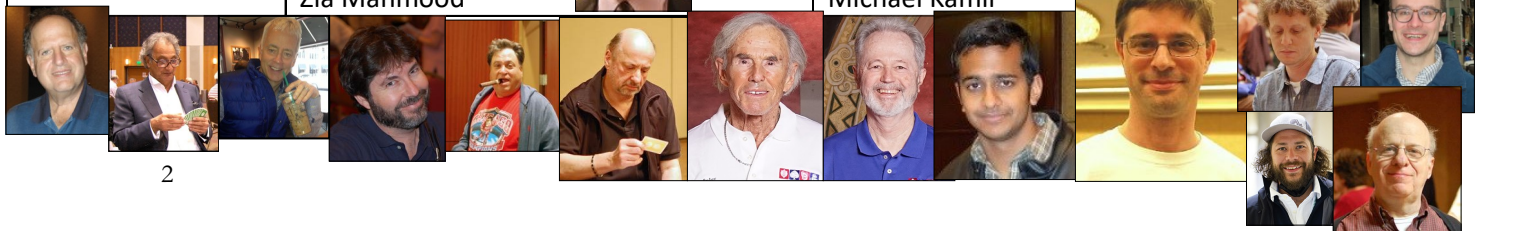
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Open Teams Entered

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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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
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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
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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

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

What did one DNA say to the other DNA? "Do these genes make me look fat?"

My IQ test results came back. They were negative.

What do you get when you cross a polar bear with a seal? A polar bear.

What's the difference between an outlaw and an in-law? Outlaws are wanted.

Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with a slow Internet connection to see who they really are.

Did you hear about the shepherd who drove his sheep through town? He was given a ticket for making a ewe turn.

How does the man in the moon get his hair cut? Eclipse it.

Among the things that are so simple even a child can operate them are parents.

Why aren't dogs good dancers? Because they have two left feet.

What's a dog's favorite homework assignment? A lab report.

Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens? All they said was, "Bach, Bach, Bach ..."

Of course I wouldn't say anything about her unless I could say something good. And, oh boy, is this good ...

When he talks, it isn't a conversation. It's a filibuster.

You can't believe everything you hear—but you can repeat it.

There's a lot to be said in his favor, but it's not nearly as interesting.

They've been treating me like one of the family, and I've put up with it for as long as I can.

Why did the parents not like their son's biology teacher? He had skeletons in his closet.

Their first daughter was born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Now they're hoping for triplets so they can have a whole set.

I spent a lot of time, money and effort childproofing my house ... but the kids still get in.

Small son sitting on Daddy's lap: "I'm still confused. Was I born in a nest or a hive?"

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.

What do you call a mobster who's buried in cement? A hardened criminal.

What do you need in order to make a small fortune on Wall Street? A large fortune.

One of the oddities of Wall Street is that the dealer, not the customer, is the broker.

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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.](#)



LoveBridge VuGraph,
Not a race,
I can watch
At my own pace!

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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Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

Sudoku 1



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A rich man is one who isn't afraid to ask the clerk to show him something cheaper.

If you take \$2 out of an ATM that has a \$2.50 fee, do you owe the machine money?

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Nobel. *Nobel who?* No-bel, so I knock knocked.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Alabama. *Anybody with you?* Nope. I'm Alabama self.

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Ayatollah. *Ayatollah who?* Ayatollah you already.

The insomnia patient was such a fervent vegetarian that he counted carrots jumping over a fence.

My father is allergic to cotton. He has pills he can take, but he can't get them out of the bottle.

You'll always stay young if you live honestly, eat slowly, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully and lie about your age.

How can you tell you're getting old? When you go to an antique auction and three people bid on you.

Did you hear the one about ...

the nurse who was chewed out by the doctor because she was absent without gauze?

the crustacean accused of promoting his own shellfish interests?

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Sudoku 2

3			5			1		
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		9	4					1
	2			6	3	4		5
6							9	

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



Puzzle Page ...

80's Radio Hitmakers

Find and circle all of the 1980's music artists that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of a hit song by the Bangles.

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

ASIA
BANGLES
BERLIN
BILLY JOEL
BILLY OCEAN
BLONDIE
BON JOVI
CHICAGO
DAVID BOWIE
DEBARGE
DURAN DURAN

ERASURE
EURYTHMICS
FALCO
FOREIGNER
GENESIS
HEART
INXS
JOURNEY
KAJAGOOGOO
MADNESS
MADONNA

NENA
NEW ORDER
PRINCE
QUEEN
QUIET RIOT
ROXETTE
SCANDAL
SOFT CELL
TALK TALK
TEARS FOR FEARS
THE CARS

THE FIXX
THE MOTELS
THE POLICE
TIFFANY
TOM PETTY
TONI BASIL
TOTO
VAN HALEN
WANG CHUNG
WHAM!



Whole"heart"edly

WBF News...



World Youth Teams Championships – entry details and deadlines

By Francesca Canali In News On 1st April 2025

The World Youth Teams Championships will be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, from 12 to 17 July 2025. National Bridge Organizations intending to participate must notify the World Bridge Federation (WBF) by **11 May 2025** by sending an email to Arianna Testa at secretariat@worldbridgefed.com, specifying the category in which they wish to enter a team.

The final list of players, coaches, and NPCs, along with their systems, must be submitted no later than **15 June 2025**.

USBF teams:

(Stella Wan & Olivia Schireson, Cornelius Duffie & Jacob Freeman, and Richard Jeng & Brent Xiao USA2 U26



Nicole Qiang & Helen Chow, Cecilia Ehrlichman & Katie Hwang, Sharon Chu & Ella Su, photo by Amber Lin U26W



Adam Hemmer & Kate Lee, Andrew Chen & Jeff Xiao, and Kevin Wei & Arjun Chaunal, photo by Amber Lin

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Brandon Ge & Arthur Gong, Kayden Ge & Brian Zhang, and Charlie Chen & Eric Xiao)

U21 USA2



Jack Boge, Ethan Derman, Avery Silverstein, Daniel Balof, Sam Pahk, Michael Haas, photo by Joe Stokes

U21 USA1

As stated on page 11, the World Youth Team Championships (July 12-17, 2025) and the European Youth Pairs Championships (July 18-23, 2025) will be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy.

In preparation for these prestigious events, Eric Laurant, in his dual role as President of the European Bridge League (EBL) and 2nd Vice President of the World Bridge Federation (WBF), met with Mr. Luca Musile Tanzi, Mayor of Salsomaggiore Terme, and Mrs. Antonella Passera, President of the *Welcome Salso-Tabiano* Society.

During the meeting, the agreement for hosting the championships was formally signed, and key organizational details were discussed to ensure the success of the 2025 WBF and EBL Youth competitions.



Go USA!
Good Luck Juniors!
You make us proud!

		Cars						High Speeds							Team							
		Awick	Cober	Garusky	Poltris	Versem	Yamahana	Zenmoto	62 MPH	65 MPH	67 MPH	69 MPH	70 MPH	72 MPH	75 MPH	Alby College	Bennington	Darbyshire	Mersey Tech	Ober College	Trebus State	Varseyton
Distances	525 miles																					
	550 miles																					
	575 miles																					
	600 miles																					
	625 miles																					
	650 miles																					
675 miles																						
Team	Alby College																					
	Bennington																					
	Darbyshire																					
	Mersey Tech																					
	Ober College																					
	Trebus State																					
Varseyton																						
High Speeds	62 MPH																					
	65 MPH																					
	67 MPH																					
	69 MPH																					
	70 MPH																					
	72 MPH																					
75 MPH																						

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Logic Puzzle

Answer to Puzzle
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Distances	Cars	High Speeds	Team
525 miles			
550 miles			
575 miles			
600 miles			
625 miles			
650 miles			
675 miles			

1. The automobile that drove for 575 miles was built by the Trebus State team.
2. The car that drove for 550 miles didn't have a high speed of exactly 69 MPH.
3. The automobile with a high speed of 75 MPH drove 25 fewer miles than the Alby College team's automobile.
4. The Cober drove 25 fewer miles than the car with a high speed of 70 MPH.
5. The Varseyton team's automobile drove 125 fewer miles than the Ober College team's automobile.
6. The automobile with a high speed of 69 MPH drove 75 fewer miles than the automobile with a high speed

- of 62 MPH.
7. The Zenmoto wasn't built by the Mersey Tech team.
8. The Awick had a high speed of 65 MPH.
9. The automobile that drove for 625 miles wasn't built by the Bennington team.
10. The Zenmoto drove 25 miles farther than the Yamahana.
11. The Garusky had a high speed of 70 MPH.
12. Of the car that drove for 525 miles and the car with a high speed of 67 MPH, one is the Versem and the other was built by the Alby College team.
13. The Mersey Tech team's automobile drove 100 miles farther than the car with a high speed of 70 MPH.

Meet the Players

College/Employer: Stanford

Year of Graduation: 2018

In the words of **Adam Kaplan:** I was an undeclared Stanford freshman, interested in psychology, classics, and physics (in small doses). More importantly, I love bridge. I have been playing since I was 5, and have had both national and international success.

I play and teach bridge professionally. I was a member of the US under-26 national bridge team. I won a gold medal in international competition last year, and have won multiple silver and bronze medals. I was on a Youth Bridge panel with Bill Gates, and have also beaten him a couple times at the bridge table (and that's the amazing thing about bridge -- I could never dream of beating him anywhere else!) I love bridge because it provides an awesome challenge and a constant opportunity to learn and improve. No other game offers such a variety of challenges, and certainly no other game has as many cool people who play it! Adam loves to travel and spend much of his time in remote corners of the globe.

Adam is playing in this competition as a member of the Kaplan team. His teammates are Adam Grossack, Eddie Wold and Finn Kolesnik.

From Adam's BridgeWinners Profile:

Favorite Bridge Memory: My first triple-squeeze, and the look on my opponent's face. I was 8.

Bridge Accomplishments

2x U26 Gold Medals

Regular Bridge Partners

Christian Jolly

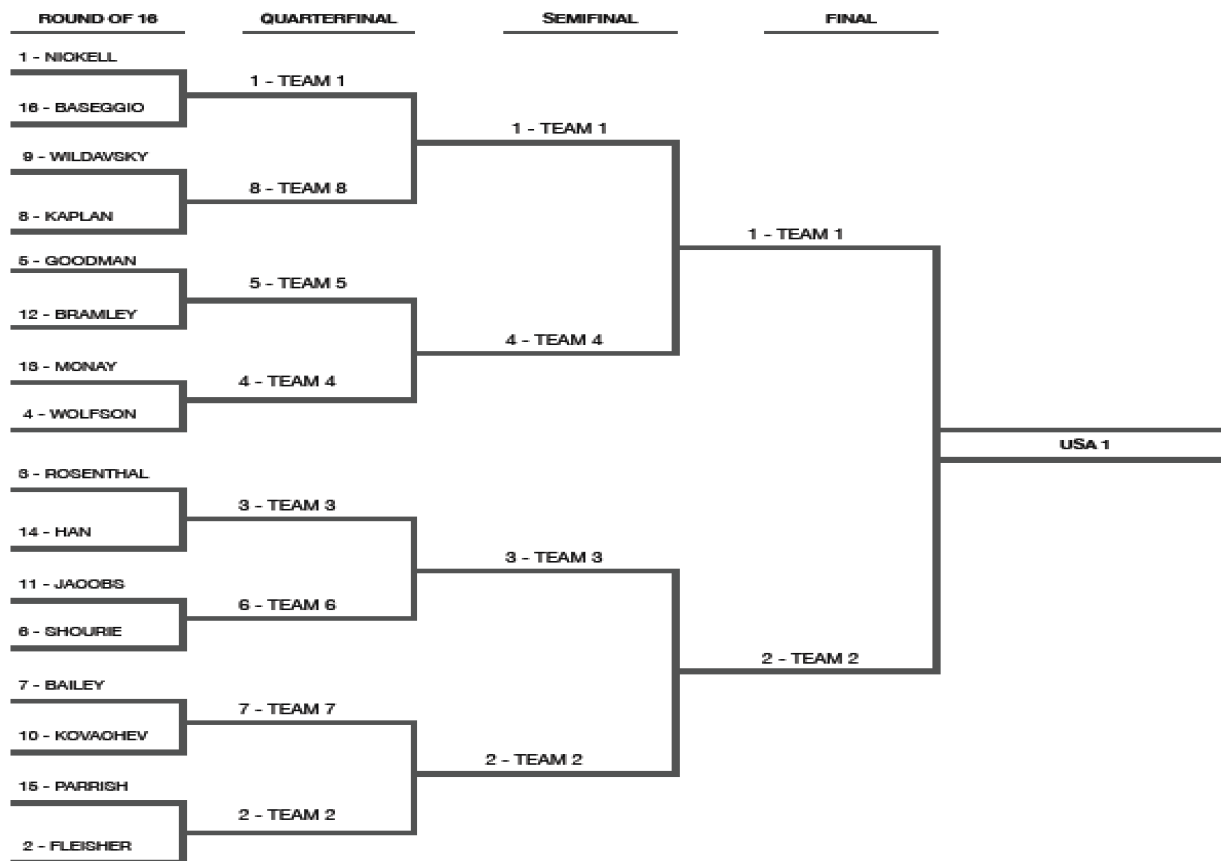
Favorite Tournaments: Bermuda Regional

Favorite Convention: 2H Ekrens

BBO Username: mtvesuvius



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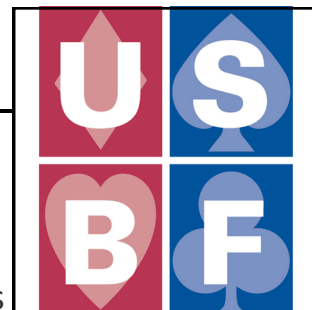
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4	7	9	6	5	2	8	1	3
8	2	1	3	7	9	4	5	6
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3	5	6	1	4	8	9	2	7
9	1	8	2	3	7	5	6	4
2	3	4	5	6	9	7	8	1
6	8	5	7	4	1	3	9	2
1	9	7	8	2	3	6	4	5

7	9	3	2	5	1	4	8	6
5	8	4	3	9	6	1	2	7
1	6	2	7	4	8	9	3	5
6	5	2	9	7	8	3	4	1
4	1	9	5	3	2	6	7	8
8	3	7	6	1	4	5	9	2
3	8	7	4	1	6	5	9	2
9	6	8	1	4	7	5	3	2
2	7	5	6	3	9	8	1	4

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 9

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.

(Did you hear the one about... Continued from page 9)

the cat who ate a ball of yarn? She had mittens.

the kid who started a business tying shoelaces on the playground? It was a knot-for-profit.

the claustrophobic astronaut? He just wanted a little more space.

the New York Jets cocktail? Drink two of them and you'll forget what your Na-math.

the cow that ate bluegrass and mooed indigo?



Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

675 miles	Poltris	62 MPH	Mersey Tech
650 miles	Awick	65 MPH	Ober College
625 miles	Zenmoto	72 MPH	Darbyshire
600 miles	Yamahana	69 MPH	Bennington
575 miles	Garusky	70 MPH	Trebus State
550 miles	Cober	67 MPH	Alby College
525 miles	Versem	75 MPH	Varseylon

BOARD: 44

DEALER: WEST

VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ K75

♥ A3

♦ K96

♣ J9752

♠ T

♥ T7654

♦ 874

♣ AT83

♠ A9642

♥ 2

♦ QJ52

♣ KQ4

Par: 600

♣ 6

♦ 6

♥ 8

♠ 8

N 9

EW 6

6

4

5

4

♠ QJ83

♥ KQJ98

♦ AT3

♣ 6

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By		=	★	IMP		
								NS	EW	Home Visiting	
3	Rosenthal	Bramley	🔄	Open	3N	N	♦2	=	600	-	-
			🔄	Closed	3N	N	♠4	=	600		
4	Goodman	Jacobs	🔄	Open	3N	N	♦2	=	600	-	-
			🔄	Closed	3N	N	♠4	=	600		
5	Nickell	Kovachev	🔄	Open	3N	N	♠4	=	600		1
			🔄	Closed	3N	S	♠T	+1	630		
6	Bailey	Wildavsky	🔄	Open	3N	N	♠4	=	600	-	-
			🔄	Closed	3N	N	♦2	=	600		

Looking at the traveling score for Board 44 of Segment 3 of USA2 Stage 2 on Monday gives new meaning to “1 in every crowd!”

All in 3NT from North... except ONE! ONE played from South makes ONE extra trick to score ONE IMP!

What’s Irish and stays out all night? Patty O’Furniture.

What do you call a steak that’s been knighted by the queen? Sir Loin.

Why didn’t Han Solo enjoy his steak dinner? It was Chewie.

If you arrest a mime, do you have to tell him he has the right to remain silent?

What do you call a chicken who crosses the road, rolls in the mud and then crosses back? A dirty double-crosser.

Why did the chicken go to the séance? To get to the other side.

Why did the rooster cross the road? To prove he wasn’t a chicken.

I used to believe that all things must pass—until I got stuck behind a school bus.

At which school did Sherlock Holmes get so smart? Elementary.

Two men walk into a bar. You’d think at least one of them would have ducked.

What do you call a guy who’s had too much to drink? A cab.

Where does a winemaker get his gossip? Through the grapevine.

What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backward? A receding hare line.

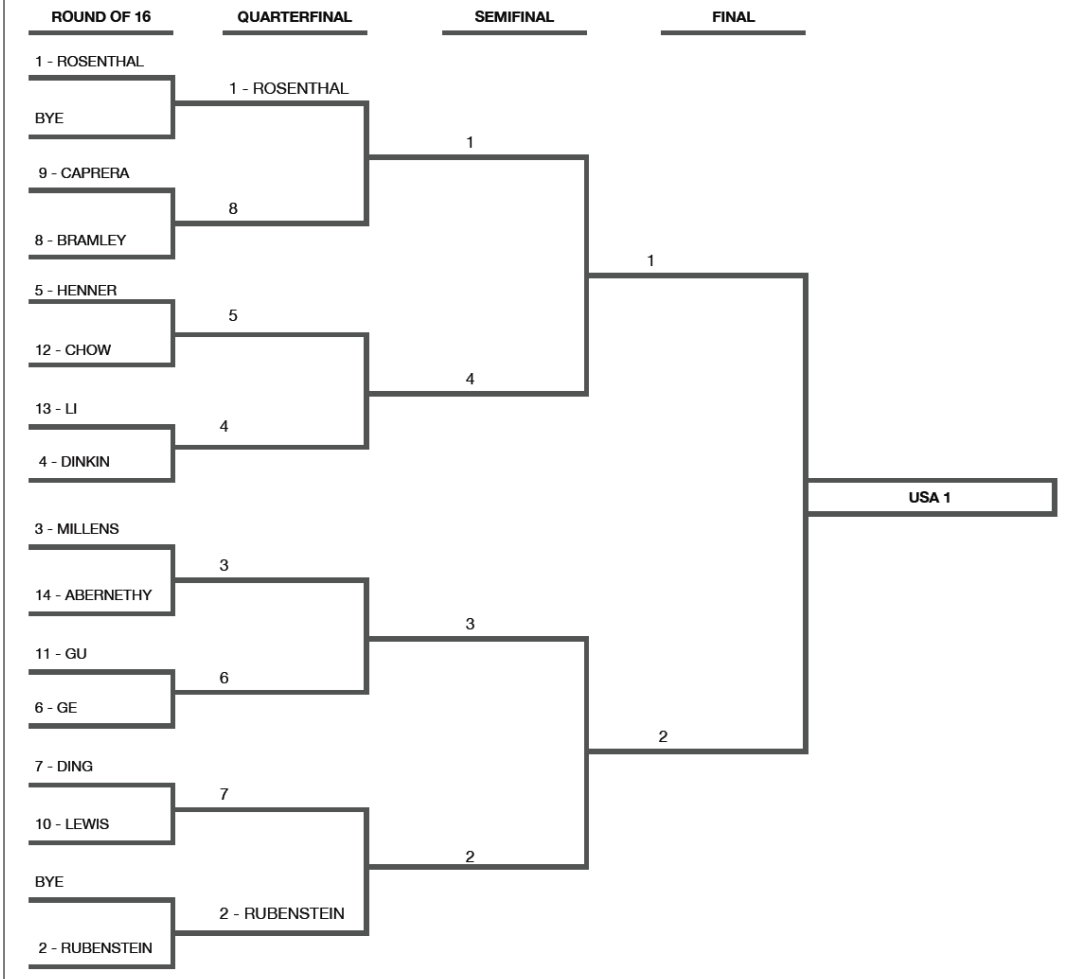
Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert? Because he was stuffed.

I went to buy some camo pants, but I couldn’t find any.



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

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I went shopping for
cherries and a
microphone the other
day.
Bought a bing. Bought a
boom.

Where did Noah
keep the old
bees?

In the Ark Hives.

I'VE STARTED
INVESTING IN STOCKS.
BEEF, CHICKEN, AND
VEGETABLE.

ONE DAY I HOPE TO BE
A BOUILLIONAIRE

Levin was under the weather at the start of play on Wednesday. He and Weinstein uncharacteristically sat out the first three segments while Katz and Nickel played with Hampson and Greco. Bobby felt better before the 4th segment and returned to the game giving Katz and Nickell a break. On Board 51, 6D can be made from either East or West while 6S, and 6NT are only successful from West.

BOARD: 51
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ JT82
♥ 82
♦ 4
♣ AQT963

♠ Q64
♥ AQ964
♦ K83
♣ KJ

♠ AK95
♥ 73
♦ AQJT72
♣ 8

♠ 73
♥ KJT5
♦ 965
♣ 7542

Par: -1400

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	0	2	1	1
E	5	12	10	11	7
W	6	:	11	12	12

Home team

Visiting team

Room

By

1

=

★

IMP

NS

EW

Home

Visiting

Wolfson	Bailey	Open	7♣x	N	♣8	-5	1100	7
		Closed	6♦	W	♥8	+1	1390	
Fleisher	Nickell	Open	6♦	E	♥T	+1	1390	13
		Closed	5♦	E	♥J	=	600	
Rosenthal	Goodman	Open	5♦	W	♠J	=	600	13
		Closed	6♦	E	♣7	=	1370	

No one tried 6S or 6NT, but three pairs (one in each match), bid 6D... Levin and Weinstein being among them! Moss led a heart and put Weinstein to the guess at trick 1. Weinstein finessed, pulled two rounds of trump, played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. He played a diamond to the king, ruffed one more heart, cashed the DA & SA and claimed 13. 13 IMPs to Nickell.

W

N

E

S

1NT

3♣

3♠

3NT

4♥

4♠

6♦

PASS

PASS

7♣

DBL

PASS

PASS

PASS

1NT-13-16

3S=Diamonds

♠ JT82
♥ 82
♦ 4
♣ AQT963

N Zia Mahmood

♠ Q64
♥ AQ964
♦ K83
♣ KJ

W Kevin Rosenberg

♠ AK95
♥ 73
♦ AQJT72
♣ 8

E Brian Platnick

♠ 73
♥ KJT5
♦ 965
♣ 7542

S Michael Kamil

OTHER

W 6♦

NORTH

7♣x

In Wolfson/Bailey, Kamil judged well when he chose to bid 7C as a save over 6D. Platnick led the predictable trump, picking up Rosenberg's queen. Zia won the ace. Zia cashed the CQ and lost a heart finesse to West's queen. Kevin played the DK and Zia claimed down 5. 7 IMPs to Wolfson.

BOARD: 39

DEALER: SOUTH

VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ A9543

♥ AQ96

♦ QJ72

♠ AT942

♥ 872

♦ K53

♣ 85

♠ J7653

♥ QJ

♦ T87

♣ T96

♠ KQ8

♥ KT6

♦ J42

♣ AK43

Par: 2140

NS 13 12 12 8 12

EW 0 1 1 5 1

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
					NS	EW
Wolfson	Bailey	Open	4♥ S ♦3	+2	680	-
		Closed	4♥ S ♥2	+2	680	-
Fleisher	Nickell	Open	5♥ S ♦3	+2	710	12
		Closed	6♣ N ♦7	=	1370	
Rosenthal	Goodman	Open	6♣ N ♠5	=	1370	12
		Closed	5♥ S ♦3	+1	680	

In Wednesday's third segment of USA2, only 2 pairs found the excellent 6C slam.

One was Nickell/Katz in Nickell/Fleisher. The other was Michael Rosenberg/Zach Grossack in Rosenthal/Goodman. At both tables, South opened a 14-17 NT. It can be difficult to find a slam in a 4-4 minor suit fit after an opening NT.

Wolfson	Bailey	Open	4♥ S ♦3	+2	680	-	-
		Closed	4♥ S ♥2	+2	680		
Fleisher	Nickell	Open	5♥ S ♦3	+2	710	12	
		Closed	6♣ N ♦7	=	1370		
Rosenthal	Goodman	Open	6♣ N ♠5	=	1370	12	
		Closed	5♥ S ♦3	+1	680		

W N E S

1NT

PASS 2♦ PASS 2♥

PASS 3♣ PASS 3♥

PASS 3♠ PASS 4♣

PASS 4♦ PASS 4NT

PASS 5NT PASS 6♣

PASS PASS PASS

2D=H

3H=other way to show useful minimum...usually have different hand than that

3S=shortness

5NT= 2+ void

♠ A9543

♥ AQ96

♦ QJ72

N Ralph Katz

♠ AT942

♥ 872

♦ K53

♣ 85

W Chip Martel

♠ J7653

♥ QJ

♦ T87

♣ T96

E Marty Fleisher

♠ KQ8

♥ KT6

♦ J42

♣ AK43

S Nick Nickell

OTHER S 5♥

NORTH 6♣

Fleisher led the D7 against Katz. Katz won the ace. He pulled rounds of trump ending in dummy. He cashed the HK and ran the HT to Fleisher's queen. Not only was it a "normal" restricted choice play, but also, it was no cost. If the HQ were with West, it would pick it up. If it lost, as it did, to East, the long hearts would give declarer a parking spot for his losing diamond.

Sometimes bridge is an easy game!

Goodman led the S5 against Michael Rosenberg. Passell covered the king with the ace and Rosenberg ruffed. Michael played the CQ and a club to the dummy. The S8 was ruffed with Michael's last trump and the H3 went to the HK. Michael extracted the last trump.

Like Katz, he ran the HT to the jack with East and claimed 12 tricks.

12 IMPs to both Nickell and Rosenthal

W N E S

1NT

PASS 2♦ PASS 2♥

PASS 3♣ PASS 4♦

PASS 5♣ PASS 6♣

2D=H

4D=double fit

5C=2KC out of 6+CQ and no HQ

♠ A9543

♥ AQ96

♦ QJ72

N Michael Rosenberg

♠ AT942

♥ 872

♦ K53

♣ 85

W Mike Passell

♠ J7653

♥ QJ

♦ T87

♣ T96

E Andy Goodman

♠ KQ8

♥ KT6

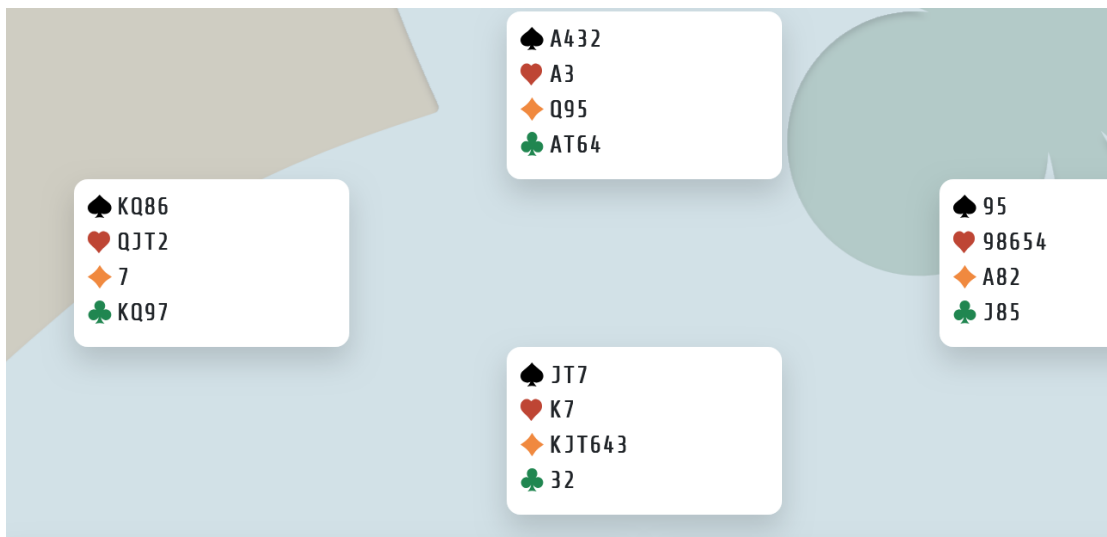
♦ J42

♣ AK43

S Zach Grossack

OTHER S 5♥

NORTH 6♣



Board 2 of Segment 5 on Thursday provided double digit swings in all 3 matches of USA2 when one table in each match bid the cold NT game. In every match, the "other" table stopped in a partial.

The game is not easy to bid with a flat 14 (North) opposite a 3-2-6-2 eight count. Those who bid it did well to get there.

BOARD:		2	DEALER:		EAST	VULNERABLE:		N-S	Par: 300		NS	EW	Home	Visiting
											6	9	4	7
											7	4	8	5

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP	
NS	EW	Home	Visiting						
2	Wolfson	Bailey	🕒	Open	3N	N	♣5 +1	630	13
			🕒	Closed	3♥	E	♠J =	140	
3	Fleisher	Nickell	🕒	Open	3N	N	♥5 =	600	12
			🕒	Closed	4♦	S	♥Q -1	100	
4	Rosenthal	Goodman	🕒	Open	3♦	S	♥Q +1	130	1
			🕒	Closed	3N	N	♥5 +1	630	

USA2

♠ J2
♥ KT9432
♦ 972
♣ 87

♠ Q964
♥ AJ7
♦ KQ3
♣ AK6

♠ KT5
♥ Q8
♦ JT854
♣ 932

♠ A873
♥ 65
♦ A6
♣ QJT54

Board 5 of Segment 5 was all about the opening lead. It takes a club lead to defeat 3NT.

In Wolfson/Bailey, Donn both led the club AND doubled 3NT to grab an extra hundred points.

He should be glad he did!!

With Platnick and Rosenberg stopping in 2NT at the other table, the absence of the double would have resulted in a 1 IMP loss for Wolfson as opposed to the 8 IMP gain they actually earned!

ARD: 5
ILER: NORTH
NERABLE: N-S

Bailey Meckstroth Donn Berkowitz

W	N	E	S
	1♣	PASS	1♦
1♥	2NT	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	DBL	PASS

Home team Visiting team ▶ Room By 1 = ★ IMP

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	1	=	★	IMP
Wolfson	Bailey	Open	3Nx	N	♣J	-1	200
		Closed	2N	N	♣Q	=	120
Fleisher	Nickell	Open	3N	S	♥4	=	600
		Closed	3N	N	♣J	-1	100
Rosenthal	Goodman	Open	3N	N	♥6	+2	660
		Closed	3N	N	♣J	-1	100

In Fleisher/Nickell, Moss declared 3NT from South on this auction:

Greco had no idea a club was the killing lead. He led the "normal" fourth from his longest and strongest, giving Moss the timing to knock out both pointed aces and run diamonds. 12 IMPs to Fleisher when Stevie Weinstein declared 3NT from North in the other room. John Hurd accurately led the CJ (Rusinow) EVEN AFTER Weinstein opened 1C in first seat! 12 IMPs to Fleisher

W	N	E	S
	1♣	PASS	1NT
PASS	3NT	PASS	PASS

In Rosenthal/Goodman, North declared 3NT at both tables. In the Closed Room, Gino, East, saw a 2NT-P-3NT auction. He tracked a high club from his long suit and defeated the game.

At the other table, Goodman saw a very different auction:

He did what he was supposed to do and led partner's suit. Unfortunately for Andy, the result of his partner's anemic overcall gave Rosenthal the tempo

W	N	E	S
	1♣	PASS	1♦
2♥	2NT	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

BOARD: 15
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ K
♥ J73
♦ KT98764
♣ 76

♠ AT9732
♥ 4
♦ A3
♣ KQJ4

♠ QJ
♥ AKQ62
♦ QJ5
♣ A95

Par: -1520

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	0	4	1	0	0
E	13	8	12	13	13
W	:	9	:	:	:

♠ 8654
♥ T985
♦ 2
♣ T832

Dr. John Schwartz from Texas, formerly a "local" midwesterner from Milwaukee, and a friend to us, Chicagoans, wrote to call my attention to this hand. (I might have noticed the 2000 score and the 19 IMP swing but you never know!) Seriously, thank you, John. I appreciate your writing. It's always good to hear from you!

According to GIB, both 7S and 7NT are proof! (and it's not Tuesday, Stacy... inside joke!)

While GIB applies the Rabbi's Rule and drops the stiff SK offside, those who can find the bicycles in the pictures because they are not robots, go with the odds!

The real story is in the Closed Room of Rosenthal/Goodman where a comic NT overcall changed the course of history. Even if Wooldridge and Grainger's teammates had bid and made the GRAND, this was going to be costly. N/S was VULNERABLE literally and systemically!

Wooldridge apparently wanted to interfere with his opponents' gadgets. He bravely called 1NT over West's opening 1S opposite his passed hand partner. Gino, East, knew something was amiss. He doubled. South showed clubs and another and Wooldridge passed, hoping to escape. East doubled again. Joel tried to recover. He bid his actual suit, diamonds. Grainger still hadn't caught on

to the "funny" business. With a singleton diamond, he corrected to hearts; Gino doubled again. Willenken led his singleton trump. Gino won the queen. Not wishing to play trick for trick going down SEVEN, Grainger conceded ... 2000 to Rosenthal for 19 IMPs! Some people just can't take a joke!

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
					NS	EW Home Visiting
Wolfson	Bailey	Open	6♠	W ♦9 -1	50	-
		Closed	6♠	W ♦T -1	50	-
Fleisher	Nickell	Open	6♠	W ♦8 -1	50	-
		Closed	6♠	W ♦T -1	50	-
Rosenthal	Goodman	Open	6♠	W ♦T -1	50	19
		Closed	2♥x	S ♥4 -7	2000	

W N E S

1♣ 1NT DBL 2♣

PASS PASS DBL PASS

PASS 2♦ PASS 2♥

PASS PASS DBL PASS

PASS PASS

2C=Clubs + Another

Double=Take-out

Pass=Forcing

♠ AT9732
♥ 4
♦ A3
♣ KQJ4

W Chris Willenken

♠ K
♥ J73
♦ KT98764
♣ 76

N Joel Wooldridge

♠ 8654
♥ T985
♦ 2
♣ T832

S David Grainger

♠ QJ
♥ AKQ62
♦ QJ5
♣ A95

E Eldad Ginossai

to the "funny" business. With a singleton diamond, he corrected to hearts; Gino doubled again. Willenken led his singleton trump. Gino won the queen. Not wishing to play trick for trick going down SEVEN, Grainger conceded ... 2000 to Rosenthal for 19 IMPs! Some people just can't take a joke!

Ed. Note: Thoughts sent to my email address on page 1 will be published for discussion. Suzi

Cross Imps...

1.	Michael Kamil - Zia Mahmood	Wolfson	1.24	92.80	75
2.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	0.87	52.20	60
3.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Rosenthal	0.87	78.08	90
4.	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	Wolfson	0.81	60.00	74
5.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.51	46.32	90
6.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	0.25	22.40	90
7.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.23	13.90	60
8.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.16	19.67	120
9.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	-0.03	-2.00	60
10.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	-0.25	-15.15	60
11.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Goodman	-0.30	-35.72	120
12.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.31	-18.60	60
13.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Bailey	-0.36	-27.00	74
14.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bailey	-0.57	-42.80	75
15.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	-0.69	-41.10	60
16.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	-0.75	-67.07	90
17.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Goodman	-0.92	-54.93	60
18.	Josh Donn - William Bailey	Bailey	-1.35	-81.00	60

USA2

USA1

1.	Adam Kaplan - Finn Kolesnik	Kaplan	1.11	117.00	105
1.	Adam Grossack - Eddie Wold	Kaplan	1.11	117.00	105
3.	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Shourie	-0.79	-59.00	75
4.	Gavin Wolpert - Rajath Shourie	Shourie	-0.87	-52.00	60
5.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Shourie	-1.64	-123.00	75



Congrats USA1

Wold, Kolesnik, Kaplan, Grossack

Good luck in Denmark!

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Limey Jack...

Cheerio, Yanks:

As we are well into our second week, the thing that keeps Limey Jack going is knowing that Zia is still alive. A doff of the chapeau to Kaplan, who bested the upstart Shourie team to become USA 1. Playing four handed and with a dinosaur on the team who had to often stay up past his bedtime, these lads shone. Poor Shourie. After playing for the win, they now have to beat 2 of the original top three seeds to advance again. That will not happen.

Nickell-Rosenthal: The word at the punter is to take Nickell less 12 ½ . Limey Jack concurs. Nickel is still puckered about their early exit.

Wolfson-Shourie: Zia called today to say one could make it a certainty that they will prevail over a dis-hearted Shourie squad. As everyone knows, Zia is not one to toot his own horn.

After this match, there is only one more to go. Howie Dung can get the rest he sorely needs. Limey Jack will see you two days hence.

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USA1 in the background.

Foreground:

Olivia Schireson, Amber Lin,
Emma Kolesnik

Photo credit: Kitty Cooper



Only two matches,
This won't take long.
As things keep on going,
I keep going wrong!

I'm hellbent on
Making this right for you all.
So which teams will stand?
And which teams will fall?

In Nickell v Rosenthal
Nick's on a roll.
To Herning discerning:
Bermuda's their Bowl!

Howie Doing...

In Wolfson v Shourie,
Wolfson ends higher.
The youngsters on Shourie
Are playing with fire!

Garner and Wolfson,
Though steady they'll be,
When push comes to shove,
They'll be USA3!

Congrats to team Kaplan.
We're cheering for you.
And whoever should finish
As USA2!
Howie Doing... great thanks!