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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Round of 8 ... Final Results

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	Nickell	248	39	28	19	9	29	39	47	38
8	Spector	213	20	25	41	67	12	3	31	14
2	Diamond	281	15	51	25	37	71	31	51	
7	Jacobs	176	30	17	43	22	15	18	31	WD
3	Fleisher	218	46	25	14	16	30	38	23	26
6	Lee	282	16	21	46	38	35	33	74	19
4	Mahaffey	143	27	11	32	20	10	19	24	WD
5	Milner	228	21	42	33	3	50	27	52	

Today's Matchups:

Nickell vs. Milner

Diamond vs. Lee

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In Seeding Order

A problem well stated
is a problem half
solved.

--Charles F. Kettering

Nickell	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Bye to Rnd of 8		
Diamond	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Bye to Rnd of 8		
Fleisher	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
Bye to Rnd of 16		
Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt Alan Sontag Ron Rubin	Pratap Rajadhyaksha David Berkowitz Matthew Granovetter
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge	Gary Cohler Curtis Cheek John Hurd
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Bart Bramley Chris Willenken	Larry Cohen Chris Compton Michael Rosenberg
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Eddie Wold John Schermer	Steve Beatty Roger Bates Neil Chambers
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Mike Passell Sam Lev	Michael Seamon Marc Jacobus Jacek Pszczola
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Hemant Lall Justin Lall	John Kranyak Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Peter Weichsel Dennis Clerkin	Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Jerry Clerkin
Lee	Roger Lee, Capt Steve Garner	Nikolay Demirev Howard Weinstein
Falk	Allan Falk, Capt Mark Dahl Lloyd Arvedon	Doug Doub Peter Friedland John McLaughlin
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Fred Stewart Mark Feldman	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Bill Pollack
Chan	Lapt Chan, Capt Christal Henner	Uday Ivatury Sheri Winestock
Rogoff	Bruce Rogoff, Capt Jeff Aker	Josh Parker Brady Richter
Weinstein	Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Franco Baseggio Jiang Gu	David Yang Andrew Stark Xiaodong Shi
Becker	Drew Becker, Capt Jeffrey Miller Stephen McConnell	Howard Liu William Wickham Phil Warden
Robbins	Larry Robbins, Capt Jon Sorkin	Jeffry Mandell Joseph Stokes

Time Running Out in the Round of 8 ...

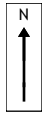
Board 64
 Dealer: W
 E/W Vul.

♠ QT3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J8
 ♣ JT98643

♠ 2
 ♥ KQ743
 ♦ AQ72
 ♣ Q72

♠ K874
 ♥ AJ6
 ♦ KT643
 ♣ A

♠ AJ965
 ♥ T952
 ♦ 95
 ♣ K5



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Beatty	Gitelman	Jacobs	Moss
1H	1NT	Double	Pass
Pass	2C	4C (splinter)	Pass
4D	Pass	4S (KB)	Pass
5H	Pass	6H	All Pass

Closed Room			
Hampson	Schermer	Greco	Chambers
1H	Pass	2D (GF)	Pass
3C	Pass	3H	Pass
3NT	Pass	4C	Pass
4S	Pass	5D	Pass
6D	All Pass		

There was nothing to the play in 6D. Chambers led a small heart to Greco's jack. Greco pulled trump and claimed 12 tricks.

There should have been little to the play in 6H also... but apparently Beatty had a blind spot. He could collect five diamonds, five hearts and the ace of clubs off the top. All he needed to succeed was one club ruff in the dummy.

Gitelman led the jack of clubs. Beatty won the stiff ace in dummy. He pulled two rounds of trump with the ace and the jack, and came to his hand with a diamond. At this point, he had the hand made by ruffing a club, returning to hand with another diamond pulling the last two trump. For some reason, he led a spade toward the board instead. When Moss won the ace, he was able to lead a third heart and Beatty was out of luck. He could no longer ruff a club in dummy.

Beatty's best play would have been to lead a spade before pulling two rounds of trump. This would have afforded him a safer return to hand without risk of a diamond ruff, and he could have made the cold six hearts.

16 IMPs to Diamond (note that Diamond's team showed their loyalty, playing in "his" suit!!)

*** 2012 Cavendish Moves To Monaco ***

THE CAVENDISH in Monaco, October 15th - 19th 2012.

Cavendish Teams Tournament : Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th

Entry fee: 7,500 Euros Auction: no auctions

Cavendish Invitational Tournament: Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th

Entry fee: 1,500 Euros Auction: minimum 5,000 Euros

Pairs International Tournament: (WBP Pairs) Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th

Entry fee: 500 Euros Auction: minimum 500 Euro

For more, contact Donna Compton at cdmra@mindspring.com or 214.394.5830.



Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USBC is Suite 3321. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:



Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

Lunch on Monday-Sunday from 2:30-4:00.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard, Adrienne Cohen and Randee Machotka are working to make this as comfortable as possible for you and your guests. Please stop in and say hello whenever the mood strikes you.

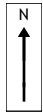
Board 84

Dealer: W

All Vul.

♠ KJ
♥ KJT
♦ KT872
♣ AQ3

♠ 4
♥ A763
♦ 9653
♣ KT96



♠ AT97532
♥ Q9542
♦ 4
♣ 4

♠ Q86
♥ 8
♦ AQJ4
♣ J8752

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Cohler	Meckstroth	Spector
Pass	1D	1S	3D
Pass	3NT	4H	All Pass

Closed Room

Wooldridge	Zia	Hurd	Hamman
Pass	1NT	3S	3NT
All Pass			

This was a true double game swing... not to be confused with a "doubled" game swing.

Against 3NT, Hurd led the nine of spades. Hamman won in hand, played a diamond to the dummy and took the club finesse. When that won, Hamman could help but collect nine tricks, and in reality, at the table, he took ten.

At the other table, Meckwell, at its finest, took the save in 4H. Spector led the ace of diamonds, Meckstroth discarding a club. Apparently Spector thought that Jeff was preparing for a crossruff and switched to a trump. At this point, Meckstroth could set up spades without being tapped out of trumps.

Repeated diamond leads would have defeated the hand.

It was the best sort of sacrifice... the kind that makes!!

Clearly no amount of IMPs is enough to feel safe against these guys!

15 IMPs to Nickell

Board 92
 Dealer: W
 N/S Vul.

♠ 732
 ♥ J643
 ♦ QJ7
 ♣ J74

♠ JT986
 ♥ T95
 ♦ 832
 ♣ A5

♠ AK4
 ♥ AKQ8
 ♦ 654
 ♣ K96

♠ Q5
 ♥ 72
 ♦ AKT9
 ♣ QT832



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Passell	J Lall	Jacobus	Bathurst
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3H (transfer)	Pass	3S	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Seamon	Wolpert	Mahaffey
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3H (transfer)	Pass	3S	Pass
3NT	Pass	4S	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Jacobus decided that his 4-3-3-3 distribution would be best served in a nine trick rather than a ten trick game. He backed up his thinking by passing 3NT.

Bathurst led a fourth best club. Jacobus won in hand with the king. With his only entry to dummy being the club ace, he could not afford the spade finesse. Even if it won, it lost unless it was doubleton in the slot.

Since the queen of spades had to be doubleton for the finesse to be of benefit, Jacobus figured he might as well lay down the ace and king and see what happened. He was well rewarded when the offside queen fell in two rounds and he could collect five spades, three hearts, and two clubs.

In the Open Room, Wolpert chose to play in the eight card major suit fit. Mahaffey led three rounds of diamonds. With no reason not to take the percentage finesse in the trump suit, Wolpert won the heart switch in hand, cashed one high spade, led a club to dummy and ran the jack of spades. When this lost to South's queen, he was one trick short.

11 IMPs to Mahaffey

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.



Round Robin

Friday April 27th	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:30	Bds 1-7 & 8-14, clumped Bds 15-21 & 22-28, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Bds 29-35 & 36-42, clumped Bds 43-49 & 50-56, clumped
Saturday April 28th	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 4:55 5:00 - 6:05 6:10 - 7:15	Bds 57-63 & 64-70, clumped Bds 71-77 & 78-84, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Boards 85-91 * Boards 92-98 * Boards 99-105 *

*** NOTE: last 3 matches are "sequestered" - Closed Room pairs must play all 3 matches, no comparisons allowed ***

DRAW FOR BRACKET & CAPTAINS' MEETING FOR ROUND OF 16 WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 7:30 PM (AS SOON AS QUALIFYING TEAMS ARE DETERMINED).

Round of 16

Sunday April 29th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1, Boards 1-15 Segment 2, Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday April 30th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

**Tournament
Schedule**

Quarterfinals

Tuesday May 1st	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday May 2nd	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

Semi-Finals

Thursday May 3rd	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday May 4th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

Finals

Saturday May 5th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Sunday May 6th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon – Sun)

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October 8-14, 2012
Holiday Inn St. Paul East , 2201 Burns Ave.



Time	9:15 am Tuesday – Saturday 10 am Sunday	1:30 pm	7:00 pm
Mon. 10/8			KO #1 (1 st session of 4) Stratified Charity Pairs I/N Single Session Charity Pairs (0-5 mps free)
Tues. 10/9	KO #1 (2 nd session of 4) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #1 (3 rd session of 4) KO #2 (1 st session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #1 (final) KO #2 (2 nd session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Wed. 10/10	Morning Swiss #1 (1 st session) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (3 rd session of 4) KO #3 (1 st session of 4) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (final) KO #3 (2 nd session of 4) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Thurs 10/11	Morning Swiss #1 (2 nd session) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (3 rd session of 4) KO #4 (1 st session of 4) Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (final) KO #4 (2 nd session of 4) Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Fri 10/12	Morning Swiss #2 (1 st Session) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #4 (3 rd session of 4) KO #5 (1 st session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #4 (final) KO #5 (2 nd session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Sat 10/13	Morning Swiss #2 (2 nd Session) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #5 (3 rd session of 4) Compact KO (1 st session) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #5 (final) Compact KO (final) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Sun 10/14 10 am	Roger Anderson Aide-de-camp Stratiflighted Swiss Teams play through Flight A/AX (3000+ and 0-3000) Strats B/C/D (1000-2000. 500-1000. 0-500)		

KO= 4 session Knockout Team Games CKO= 2 session Compact Knockout Team Games
 Strats/Brackets are determined by the average of the pair's or team's MPs.

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October 8-14, 2012



Site: Holiday Inn St. Paul East

2201 Burns Ave. (Exit I-94 at McKnight Road-- turn south to Burns Ave – hotel is on corner of Burns Ave. and McKnight Road) , St. Paul, MN 55119 , 651-731-2220

Room Rates: \$90 single/double - \$110 Junior Suite - \$135 Innovation Suite

www.holidaymn.com

Reserve rooms by Sept. 10, 2012 (by phone 651-731-2220 or on the web)

Free Parking -- Free Coffee –Free Lunches– Dinner Shuttle for out of town guests

Entries: \$12/session for ACBL Members; \$9/session for single session I/N games; \$6/session for students under 25 with proper ID (non ACBL members and unpaid members: \$2 more per session)

Flights: Stratified Events: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 (based on pair's MP average)
Stratiflighted Teams (Sunday) A: unlimited A/X 0-3000 B: 1000-2000 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500
I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300
All Knockouts are bracketed

KO = 4 session Knockout Team game CKO = 2 session Compact Knockout Team game

Intermediate - Newcomer Program (0-300)

Monday 7:00 pm (Free for 0-5 master points)

Tues. through Saturday 9:15 am 1:30, 7:00 single session pairs

Sunday Swiss Team 10 am and TBA (approx 1:45 pm)

I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300

A separate 0-49 section will be played if there are sufficient tables for a game.

Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon and evening play in the Gold Rush Pairs (\$12/session)

Partnerships: Call or email Maureen Weiman at 603-882-9424 or jhnsnmaur@aol.com

(Do not call once the tournament has started.)

Go to the partnership desk at the hotel 45 minutes before game time.)

Hospitality: Free coffee; Free lunches; Dinner shuttle for out of town guests

Special Events: Lecture Series 12:45-1:15 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Gold Point Events:

Consult the director for criteria to earn gold points. (Two or more session events)

Choice Pairs; Stratified Pairs; Gold Rush Pairs

Four-session KOs and two- session Compact Knockouts (CKO)

Morning Side Game Series (must play in 2 morning sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Afternoon Side Game Series (must play in 2 afternoon sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Evening Side Game Series (must play in 2 evening sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Team play-through

		M	R	G	Q	I		U		X	D		B	L	W	A			C	V				
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Sudoku

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

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Funny Math Jokes

Pi to i: Get real!

i to Pi: Get rational!

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi!

Q: What did the zero say to the the eight?

A: Nice belt!

Q: Why was six afraid of seven?

A: Because seven ate nine!

Q: How do you call a one-sided nudie bar?

A: A Mobius strip club.

Q: What does the little mermaid wear?

A: An algae-bra.

Q: What's a polar bear?

A: A rectangular bear after a coordinate transform.

Q: What is the integral of "one over cabin" with respect to "cabin"?

A: Natural log cabin + c = houseboat.

Q: What is the shortest mathematician's joke?

A: Let epsilon be smaller than zero.

Q: Why mathematicians are afraid drive a car?

A: Because the width of the road is negligible compared to its length.

Funny Math Quotes and Puns

Life is complex: it has both real and imaginary components.

There are 10 kinds of mathematicians. Those who can think binarily and those who can't.

Mathematicians never die, they only lose some of their functions!

Do you know that 87.166253% of all statistics claim a precision of results that is not justified by the method employed?

The number you have dialed is imaginary. Please, rotate your phone by 90 degrees and try again.

Math and alcohol don't mix. Don't drink and derive!

5 out of every 4 people have a problem with fractions.

Two wrongs don't make a right, but three lefts do.

Mathematics is made of 50 percent formulas, 50 percent proofs, and 50 percent imagination.

At John F. Kennedy International Airport today, a Caucasian male (later discovered to be a high school mathematics teacher) was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor and a graphing calculator. According to law enforcement officials, he is believed to have ties to the Al-Gebra network. He will be charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

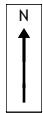
Board 92
 Dealer: W
 N/S Vul.

♠ AK972
 ♥ AKJ92
 ♦ K8
 ♣ 6

♠ 83
 ♥ 63
 ♦ T5
 ♣ QT87543

♠ T654
 ♥ T54
 ♦ AJ6
 ♣ AK9

♠ QJ
 ♥ Q87
 ♦ Q97432
 ♣ J2



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
H Weinstein	Levin	Garner	S Weinstein
3C	4C	5C	5H
Pass	6H	All Pass	

Closed Room			
Kamil	Demirev	Fleisher	Lee
3C	4C	5C	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Fleisher clearly needed some favorable swings. They were down in the match in the penultimate segment. Time was running short.

Perhaps that accounts for Steve Weinstein's 5H bid. There was no way to ask for aces at the five level and this board looked like exactly the sort of shot the team needed.

Levin bid the small slam. Unfortunately for Fleisher, Garner held both minor suit aces. Howie Weinstein opening led a club. Garner won and tried his diamond ace. When that cashed, the slam failed.

In the other room, Lee judged wisely not to bid on the anemic South cards. When the auction returned to Demirev at the five level, he had no trouble doubling with both major suit ace/kings. Down three resulted in +500 and 12 IMPs to Lee.

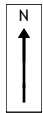
Board 102
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul.

♠ J74
 ♥ AK842
 ♦ AQ7
 ♣ A8

♠ Q5
 ♥ J73
 ♦ KT84
 ♣ T965

♠ AK9863
 ♥ T9
 ♦
 ♣ KQJ73

♠ T2
 ♥ Q65
 ♦ J96532
 ♣ 42



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Passell	J Lall	Jacobus	Bathurst
		1S	Pass
1NT	2H	3C	All Pass

Open Room			
Kranyak	Seamon	Wolpert	Mahaffey
		1S	Pass
1NT	Double	3C	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

Another 10 IMPs to Lee when Passell passed three clubs and Jacobus made four while Kranyak and Wolpert bid their vulnerable spade game. The same three losers exist in both contracts: two hearts and one club. While Passell and Jacobus stopped in the safer contract, the nine card fit as opposed to the eight card fit ... clubs could have been 3-1 and a club ruff would have defeated 4S... the game bonus is still too great at IMPs not to try for it.

Board 113

Dealer: N

None Vul.

♠ J42
 ♥ AQ43
 ♦ J73
 ♣ K96

♠ AT865
 ♥ K72
 ♦ K82
 ♣ 87



♠ KQ973
 ♥ J6
 ♦ 95
 ♣ T543

♠
 ♥ T985
 ♦ AQT64
 ♣ AQJ2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	Hurd	Hamman	Wooldridge
	1C	1S	3D
4S	Pass	Pass	4NT
Double	5D	All Pass	

Closed Room

Cheek	Rodwell	Grue	Meckstroth
	1D (Precision)	1S	Double
4S	Pass	Pass	4NT
Pass	5H	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Meckwell bid to five hearts and made five. Grue led the queen of spades. Rodwell trumped in dummy and finessed to the jack of hearts. A second spade was played and trumped in dummy. Rodwell led a heart to the queen and cashed the ace of hearts drawing the opponents' trump.

Four rounds of clubs were played, allowing him to discard his last spade. He conceded a diamond trick to make five.

In the Open Room, Wooldridge played the 5-3 diamond fit rather than the 4-4 heart fit. This is a much touchier contract.

Declarer should realize that he will potentially need to trump three times in his hand. If so, he will need the jack of diamonds in dummy to draw the last trump. In addition, the king of clubs will be needed as a late entry to the jack of diamonds.

Therefore, declarer should lead a heart to the queen and lead a small diamond off dummy preserving the jack. When the diamond loses, he will be able to trump the spade return, lead a heart to the ace, and trump dummy's last spade. Now he cashes the ace of diamonds, leads a club to the dummy, cashes the jack of diamonds, drawing the last trump... eventually conceding a heart and making five diamonds.

At the table, Wooldridge made a subtle error. He crossed to dummy in clubs and led the jack of diamonds. Zia won and simply needed to continue spades, but Zia did not visualize this position and instead, switched to a club.

Five diamonds made and the swing was only 2 IMPs to Nickell rather than the 11 that might have been.



Howie Don't Know Jack...

Howie:

Watch out Jack! Out of four, I got three!

I only messed up by not picking Lee!!!

Be me so humble, but you have gone 0-fer.

I am the king and you are the gopher!

With Nickell v Milner and Diamond v Lee

Says your countryman, Sherlock, It's "Element"ary!

Twill be Nickell v Diamond in the finale.

Nick from behind in another late rally.

Admit, Jack-ie boy, that you're a beginner.

And I am the BEST at predicting the winner!!

Howie Doing... mighty good!



Jack:

And then there were four.

Here we are, 8 days into the fortnight needed to crown the champion of the Colonies. There was much aggro in the Diamond-Jacobs match which resulted in a committee ruling of epic, all to cock proportions. (Ed note-screwed up). However, just as Limey Jack predicted, Diamond prevailed with Jacobs falling on the sword after 7.

Lee continued in its attempt to nab off the trophy, but it will wind up all for naught. They stormed the castle of the once mighty Fleisher team, which has fallen on shambolic times. (Ed note-In a mess) With one pair jumping ship to take a cruise on the SS Nickell and another having hung the dog after a 30 year go, is it any wonder that they would lose as soon as they could?

Milner put paid to Mahaffey in a large way. Imagine that daftie Howie Dung suggesting that Passell had a prior commitment. He could have made the semis and still been on the dole.

Nickell refused to believe that they were beaten and made one of their famous comebacks to oust Spector. The saga continues to the bitter end. We are keeping your regular seat open, Zia.

Nickell-Milner. Milner, the substitute team, finds that the teacher has come back to the classroom and their services are no longer required. They will be on the first lorry leaving Blackmoor. Nickell by many.

Diamond-Lee. Limey Jack salutes the four handed team which includes the last remaining Weinstein, but their days are numbered, 2 to be exact. Howie Dung may predict an upset here as he is apt to lose the plot, but the upsets are over. Limey Jack will see you 2 days hence to tell you without a whisper who will take the prize betwixt Nickell and Diamond.

Cheers, LJ

Most did you knows

Did you know most lipsticks contain fish scales

Did you know the most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E

Did you know the 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English

Did you know Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year

Did you know the most common mental illnesses are anxiety and depression

Did you know the most commonly forgotten item for travelers is their toothbrush

Did you know your most sensitive finger is your index finger (closest to your thumb)

Did you know Monopoly is the most played board game in the world

Did you know Scotland has the most redheads

Did you know India has the most post offices than any other country (over 100,000)

Did you know the most fatal car accidents occur on Saturdays

Did you know soccer is the most followed sport

Did you know your most active muscles are in your eye

Did you know after Hawaii, New York is the state surrounded by the most water

Did you know the most sung song is happy birthday

Did you know the most common injury in ten pin bowling is a sore thumb

Did you know most of the Vitamin C found in fruits is in the skin

Did you know the most common disease is tooth decay

Did you know avocados have the most calories of any other fruit

Did you know Jack is the most common name in nursery rhymes

