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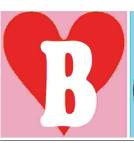
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# **Results:**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	Pen- alties
2	Fleisher	96	26	70	
3	Nickell	36	32	4	



Eric Kokish, Katz, Weinstein, Nickell, Rodwell, Levin (missing: Jeff Meckstroth)



Willenken, Rosenberg, Zia, Fleisher, Martel, Kamil

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# **Knockout Phase...**

Board 4 Dealer: W 74 All Vul. **AKQ974 KT43** ♠ KT865 AQ9432 Q82 Т3 85 965 AQJ2 J AKJT963 J62

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West	North	East	South
Willenken	Levin	Rosenberg	Weinstein
Pass	1D	1S	4H
4S	5H	5S	All pass
Nickell	Fleisher	Katz	Kamil
Pass	1D	1S	2H
3S	Pass	4C	4H
Pass	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
All pass			

After two one IMP swings (one each way) and one push, this board arrived. Truly, Fleisher/Kamil did well to get to the only game that had a chance: 5D from North. However, they were unlucky to have such a creative opening leader.

Katz found a brilliant lead on this hand. He thought he needed a quick club through the king for any hope of defeating the contract. Accordingly, he led the spade nine. Nick won his king, looked at dummy, and realized what had happened. He dutifully led the nine of clubs through the king to Katz's jack. Katz cashed and defeated the contract one trick for 5 IMP's when his counterparts in the other room took the save in 5S.

Board 6 Dealer: E E/W Vul.	<ul><li>▲ A9754</li><li>✓ JT</li><li>◆ A82</li><li>♣ 854</li></ul>
<ul><li>★ KJT3</li><li>▼ 753</li><li>◆ J94</li><li>♣ Q73</li></ul>	<ul> <li>♦ 82</li> <li>♦ Q64</li> <li>♦ T63</li> <li>♣ AKT62</li> </ul>
	<b>♠</b> Q6

AK982

**KQ75** 

J9

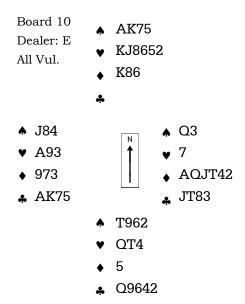
Nickell	Fleisher	Katz	Kamil
		Pass	1H
Pass	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	2H	All pass	
Willenken	Levin	Rosenberg	S Weinstein
		Pass	1H
Pass	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	4H	All pass	
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Kamil and Fleisher stopped in 2H with 24 HCP and a 5-2 fit.

At the other table, Levin and Weinstein pushed to game. Weinstein did well to judge 4H in deference to 3NT.

4H is lucky make for sure with the heart queen onside and the suit split 3-3 in the opponent's hands. Willenken made it easy for them by leading a trump, picking up his partner's queen at trick one. From there, the play went routinely, declarer collecting five hearts, four diamonds and the ace of spades.

6 IMPs to Nickell



West	North	East	South
Willenken	Levin	Rosenberg	S Weinstein
		1D	Pass
2H (artificial, invitational 2NT	Double	3D	Pass
Pass	3Н	Pass	4H
Double	All pass		
Nickell	Fleisher	Katz	Kamil
		2D (weak 2)	Pass
3D	3Н	Pass	4H
Double	All pass		

Poor Katz. After the brilliant lead on board 7, he is faced with this hand. Again, his partner had raised his suit, so he thought it likely partner held the diamond king or more than three card length. He chose the diamond ace. This was fatal.

Katz found the best play at trick two of a heart to Nick's ace and a heart. Unfortunately for Katz, Fleisher only needed to ruff one diamond. A spade was played to the ace and a diamond was ruffed. A spade was led to the king and declarer claimed ten tricks. +790

At the other table, Rosenberg led a less flamboyant jack of clubs. This gave declarer nothing. Levin ruffed in hand and played a diamond out of hand to Rosenberg's ten. Rosenberg promptly shifted to hearts. Willenken won the heart and played a second heart. Levin, now needing to trump two diamonds since he did not get the benefit of the diamond ace lead, was one trump light.

He played a spade to his hand, ruffed a diamond and conceded four tricks. Down one.

#### 14 IMPs to Fleisher

Board 12

JT4

J

QJ9732

J9

Nickell	Fleisher	Katz	Kamil
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4H	Pass
4S	All pass		
Willenken	Levin	Rosenberg	S Weinstein
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
4C (splinter)	Double	4S	Pass

Willenken and Rosenberg had a simple auction to bid the slam. Perhaps Rosenberg's direct 4S bid over the double showed more than a minimum. He could have passed with a minimum.

All pass

Willenken drove to the slam over that bid. Weinstein led his spade deuce. Rosenberg led the ace of diamonds followed by the king of diamonds, ruffed by Levin. Levin exited the club five and Rosenberg took the finesse. Rosenberg played a small club off the board, Weinstein pitching a heart, and Willenken ruffing. Willenken played his two high trump and a diamond to ruff in dummy.

He could pitch a diamond on the ace of clubs, and the fall of the JTx of hearts made his hand good.

6S

#### 11 IMPs to Fleisher

(Note: the result on this board was subsequently changed to 4S making 6 at both tables. See Committee report on page 9.)

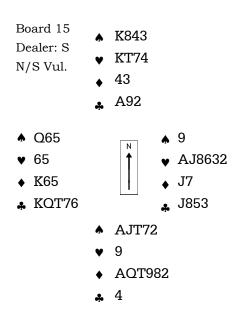
Board 14 Dealer: E None Vul.	<b>V</b>	OT75 7643 T 642		
<ul><li>♦ 93</li><li>♥ 852</li><li>♦ A752</li><li>♣ AQT7</li></ul>		N 1	<b>*</b>	AKJ8 J9 KQ863 K5
	<b>^</b>	642		
	•	AKQT		
	<b>*</b>	J94		
	*	983		

North	East	South
Fleisher	Katz	Kamil
	1D	1H
3Н	3S	Pass
Pass	5C	Pass
All pass		
Levin	Rosenberg	S Weinstein
	1D	1H
3H	3S	Pass
Pass	4D	Pass
	Fleisher  3H  Pass  All pass  Levin  3H	Fleisher         Katz           1D         3H           3S         5C           All pass         5C           Levin         Rosenberg           1D         3H           3S         3S

The play was the same at both tables: South led his ace and king of hearts and eleven tricks were claimed! It seems odd at this high a level of competition to have a top partnership bid a slam in face of two losers in the opponent's overcalled suit. On the other hand, Weinstein was likely to have five for his

overcall and Levin was certain to have four for his jump. That left Rosenberg with no more than one. You have to sympathize with Chis on this one.

#### 10 IMPs to Nickell



Leven	Rosenberg	S Weinstein
		1D
Double	2H	4S
Pass	5C	Pass
Double	All pass	
Fleisher	Katz	Kamil
		1D (unbalanced)
1H	Pass	1S
2C	Pass	2S
4S	All pass	
	Double Pass Double Fleisher  1H 2C	Double 2H Pass 5C Double All pass  Fleisher Katz  1H Pass 2C Pass

Against 4S, Nickell led the club king. Kamil played a spade to the ace and the jack of spades to the king. He finessed the diamond jack, losing to the king. Nickell took his king of spades and exited with his queen of clubs which Kamil ruffed. Kamil cashed the ace of diamonds and claimed 11 tricks.

At the other table, Rosenberg and Willenken took the club save against 4S.

Levin led the deuce of clubs from the A92. Willenken won his six in hand and took ten tricks for down one.

#### 11 IMPs to Rosenberg.

At the end of the first segment, the score was:

#### 37 Fleisher—32 Nickell

Board 23 97 Dealer: S 976 All Vul. KJT65 JT9 QJT854 A32 K84 AJT5 **Q**7 A42 75 ▲ K43 K6 O32 983 AQ862

West	North	East	South
Katz	Rosenberg	Nickell	Willenken
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
4H (Texas transfer)	Pass	4S	All pass
Zia	Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth

Zia	Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth
			1D
1S	Pass	2C	Pass
2S	Pass	4S	All Pass

In the Closed Room where Nickell was declarer from East, he received the eight of diamonds opening lead. He put up the queen from dummy and Rosenberg covered with the king. Nickell won his ace and played a heart to the king and took the losing spade finesse. He was doomed. He needed to get the heart right for the pitch of the club. Willenken played a diamond to Rosenberg and

Rosenberg played a club through the king. Nickell lost two clubs, one diamond, one spade and one heart for down two.

In the Open Room, where Zia was declarer from West, Rodwell led the club jack. This held and the club ten was continued to the king and ace. Meckstroth played his club queen which declarer ruffed. Zia played the four of spades to the ace and a small spade off dummy, Meck winning his king. A diamond to the king and ace followed. Zia led the jack of hearts off dummy. When Meckstroth ducked, so did Zia. He played a heart to the king started running spades. He eventually led a heart to the board and when the suit split 3-3, he was home free with 10 tricks.

#### 13 IMPs to Fleisher

Board 29 32 Dealer: N AKQ752 All Vul. K32 KT J987 Α4 T98 J4 J98765 QJ97652 KQT65 63 AQ

A843

Katz	Rosenberg	Nickell	Willenken
	1H	Pass	1S
Pass	3H	Pass	4C
Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5S	Pass	6NT
All pass			

Zia	Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth	
	1C (strong)	2C (natural)	2S	
Pass	3H	Pass	5NT (pick a slam)	
Pass	6H	All pass		

Rosenberg did really well to choose to play in 6NT. No one could sneak in and get a ruff on the opening lead. They scored up their easy 12 tricks, losing only the ace of spades.

In the other room, Meckstroth passed the choice to Rodwell. Perhaps his club and diamond kings should have steered him in the right direction, however, he made a choice a lot of players would make: his AKQxxx. Martel led the queen of clubs. Zia ruffed and returned a spade. Martel won the ace and continued clubs. Zia ruffed again ... and when the smoke cleared, Rodwell was down two.

#### 17 IMPs to Fleisher.

The day ended with 36 Nickell—96 Fleisher... the second segment going 70-1 Fleisher. Nickell has his work cut out for him tomorrow! There are still a lot of boards to play!

#### Baseball Joke #1: Little League

Coming home from his first baseball game, Tommy swung open the front door very excited. Unable to attend the game, his father immediately wanted to know what happened. "So, how did you do son?" he asked.

"You'll never believe it dad!" Tommy said. "I was responsible for the winning run!"

"Really? How did you do that?"

"I dropped the ball."

#### Baseball Joke #2: Little League part 2

"Look, Tommy," the coach said, "you know the principles of good sportsmanship. You know the Little League doesn't allow temper tantrums, shouting at the umpire, or abusive language."

"Yes sir, I understand."

"Good, Tommy. Now would you please explain that to your mother?!"

#### Baseball Joke #3: Insane Fans

A doctor at an insane asylum decided to take his patients to a baseball game as a part of the therapy. For weeks in advance, he coached his patients to respond to his commands. When the day of the game arrived, everything seemed to be going well.

As the National Anthem started, the doctor yelled, "Up Nuts" and the patients complied by standing up. After the anthem he yelled, "Down Nuts". And they all sat back down in their seats. After a home run was hit, the doctor yelled, "Cheer Nuts". They all broke-out into applause and cheered. When the umpire made a particularly bad call against the star of the home team, the Doctor yelled, "Booooo Nuts!!!" and they all started booing.

Thinking things were going very well. The doctor decided to go get a beer and a hot dog, leaving his assistant in charge. When he returned, there was a riot in progress. Finding his assistant, the doctor asked," What in the world just happened? "The assistant replied, "Well, everything was going just fine until a vendor passed by and yelled "PEANUTS!"

#### Baseball Joke #4: National Anthem

A Spaniard name Jose came to Miami and wanted to attend a baseball game to see what the fuss is all about. To his dismay he found that all the seats were sold out. However, the management gave him a high seat by the flagpole. When he returned to his home country his friends asked him, "What kind of people are those Americans?" He said, "Very nice people, they gave me a special seat at the baseball game and just before the game started that all stood up and sang 'Jose can you see....."

## answers to puzzle on page 8

Steve McArthur, guitar, Peavey, Home Recording Shelley Engel, bass, Ibanez, EQ Robert Magnus, keyboard, Roland, Recording Mark Scott, sound, Mackie, Mix Angie Hydal, drums, Yamaha, Musician

## **Hospitality Suite Information:**

The hospitality suite for the 2013 USBC is room 1122 in the Tower building. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Lisa Berkowitz & Molly O'Neill there.

Hospitality suite hours are: 8:00-10:30 for breakfast

1:00 - 4:00 for lunch

Otherwise there will be snacks in the Players' Lounge.



Thanks to Lisa, Molly, and the local volunteers who have made the hospitality so enjoyable at this tournament. You are the best!

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Sudoku 1

# Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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Sudoku 2

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Sudoku 1 Solution

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# Puzzle Page ...

Five friends pooled their resources one day and pieced a CD together from songs they had written. They called their band Frozen Cabbage and ended up playing a number of live gigs at local events. Determine the full name of each band member, the instrument (or mixing console) each played, the brand of equipment each used, plus each member's favorite magazine.

- 1. Steve wasn't the sound engineer. One of the women enjoyed EQ magazine.
- 2. Angie and Steve didn't like Recording magazine. The bass player used Ibanez equipment.
- 3. Mr. Magnus didn't use Mackie equipment. Mark's last name wasn't Hydal and he didn't play keyboard.
- 4. The sound engineer, whose last name wasn't Engel, enjoyed reading Mix magazine. The person who used Yamaha drums wasn't Robert, but their last name is Hydal.
- 5. The five band members (in no particular order) were: Mark Scott, the female bass player, the person who read Musician, the one who used Peavey equipment, and Robert.
- 6. Shelley's last name was not Hydal or McArthur and she didn't use Roland equipment. Mackie only developed equipment for live sound and recording NOT musical instruments.
- 7. Steve McArthur was the guitarist.

	Engel	Hydal	Magnus	McArthur	Scott	pass	drums	guitar	keyboard	sound	lbanez	Mackie	Реаvеу	Roland	Yamaha	EQ	Home Recording	Mix	Musician	Recording
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Mark																				
Robert																				
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## Committee 1:

There was a committee held regarding board 12 on the final of USA2.

Levin was North; Rosenberg was East; S Weinstein was South and Willenken was West

With NS Vulnerable, W dealt, the auction was as follows:

1D-P-1S-P 4C-X-4S-P 6S



There was disagreement about the time the tray took to come back after the X/4S Calls.

North South asked, for a ruling. After the director determined there was a BIT, he conducted a poll with four players polled, and only one moved towards slam. The director thus rolled back the score to 4S making 6.

East West appealed. West and South attended the appeal. The appeal was heard by conference call.

There was some dispute about the length of time it took for the tray to return. At the table, East agreed there was a BIT, North South thought it took approximately one minute. West wasn't sure how long it took, as he was considering his hand, and planning his auction. He did suggest witnesses who were watching on BBO thought the BIT was closer to 30 seconds.

West also suggested that the return to 4S was not fast arrival, as they play in low level auctions that a return to the trump suit, after a cuebid is doubled is not weakest, that a pass is their weakest action. Their notes were silent on this or similar auctions.

East, at the table, did say he thought the return was the weakest.

West also claimed that the double of 4C marked the king of hearts in South's hand, making slam even better.

#### North South argued:

- 1. The Break in tempo was 1 minute, and seemed to be agreed at the table, that there was an unmistakable BIT.
- 2, While it is playable to use slow arrival at the 2 level, 'no one' plays it thus at the 4 level.
- 3. The response of 1S at these colors (EW were favorable) could be a 'Psych' or a "joke" hand.
- 4. West had no 5 level safety opposite such a hand.

The committee felt:	Board 12 Dealer: W	<b>♠</b> J9
<ol> <li>There was a an unmistakable BIT.</li> <li>The BIT suggested further action.</li> <li>Passing was a Logical Alternative.</li> </ol> Therefore, the committee upheld the directors ruling, +480 EW	N/S Vul.	<ul><li>▼ 8732</li><li>⋆ T</li><li>⋆ K97652</li></ul>
The Committee felt the appeal had merit.	♣ AKOT	<b>№</b> 8543
Danny Sprung Chairman Ronald Smith	<ul><li>★ AQ96</li><li>★ AK64</li></ul>	↑ <b>∨</b> K5 <b>→</b> 85
Steve Landen	<b>.</b> 4	♣ AQT83
		▼ JT4
		♦ QJ9732
		<b>.</b> J

Board 30 Dealer: E A54 None Vul. **KJ84** AKQ32 AKJ742 T83 QJ763 T982 Q952 6 **4** 5 965 K **AT73** T8764

West	North	East	South	
Zia	Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth	
		Pass	Pass	
1S	Double	2S	2NT	
4S	4NT	Pass	5C	
All pass				

Katz	Rosenberg	Nickell	Willenken
		Pass	Pass
18	Double	Pass	2C
2Н	3S (splinter)	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	4S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5C
Pass	6C	All pass	

After Rosenberg showed his singleton spade, North/South cuebid their way to a good slam.

Willenken did not know that his diamond ten was such an important card. He knew that partner's ace of hearts would provide a discard for one diamond and he would be able to trump spades. With great clubs and the diamond king, Rosenberg bid the slam. Finding the queen of diamonds was easy since Katz had shown length in both majors.

At the other table, Rodwell and Meckstroth settled in the club game. They had less information since the opponents raised spades and then jumped to game using up most of the bidding space.



Uday Ivatury and Crystal Henner



Michael Kamil and Jonathan Kranyak