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# “Trials” and Tribulations

**Results:** Today's Matches: USA1: Kranyak vs. Fleisher  
USA2: Nickell vs. Gordon & Spector vs. Diamond

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	Penalties
5	Gordon	170	38	30	28	74	<b>USA2</b>
7	Mahaffey	132	41	21	32	38	
6	Diamond	133	52	24	14	43	
8	Milner	88	23	11	10	44	

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	Penalties
1	Fleisher	273	13	44	22	25	48	42	13	66	<b>USA1</b>
4	Spector	251	33	37	29	26	28	39	45	14	
2	Nickell	219	10	41	23	16	36	22	27	44	
3	Kranyak	264	45	44	40	40	27	44	14	10	

**Howie Doing:**

At Sunday's party, drinking Bacardi,  
You'll find Mr. Marty partying hardy.

Spector and Nickell have naught to explain.  
They rate to remain while the others de-plane.

Jack wants a truce but I'll cook his goose.  
He's no match, that deuce, for the great Dr. Seuss!

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**Limey Jack:**

Good day to All. Limey Jack is ready to give you what you need to take the punters to the cleaners.

Howie Dung has a slate loose and will endlessly babble but continue to be piffy on a rock bun. It is the nature of the beast.

Fleisher-Kranyak: On paper Fleisher is the favourite, but these children seem not to understand their role in all of this. Kranyak has been a hard nut, and has Limey Jack all wadded up for once. Kranyak is four handed with no sponsor in sight and slaying dragons left and right. What is their master plan? It seems too late for them to give up the ghost now. Fleisher better but Kranyak wins.

Nickell-Gordon: No palaver about this one. Nickell is a steamroller, Gordon is asphalt.

Spector-Diamond: These Diamond chaps have played very well, but their 4 handed experiment comes to a screeching halt against my Spector favourites,

Ta, LJ

## Knockout Phase... Bridge at the Highest Level

Board 63  
Dealer: S  
N/S Vul.

♠ KJT98  
♥ 65  
♦ KQ743  
♣ J

♠ 42  
♥ QJT84  
♦ J52  
♣ Q53



♠ 653  
♥ 73  
♦ A8  
♣ T97642

♠ AQ7  
♥ AK92  
♦ T96  
♣ AK8

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Dwyer	Rodwell	Bathurst
Pass	3H	Pass	2NT
Pass	4D	Pass	3S
Pass	4NT	Pass	4H
Pass	5D	Pass	5C
Pass	6S	Pass	5H
		All pass	

Kranyak	Katz	Wolpert	Nickell
			2NT
Pass	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4S
Pass	5C	Pass	5H
Pass	5S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

Both tables reached 6S from South. Both Wests led hearts. Both declarers pulled two rounds of trump ending in hand and led a diamond toward the KQ743. Both played the king and both Easts smoothly ducked. Both declarers played a spade back to hand and followed with the diamond nine to the ace. Nice defense giving declarer a chance to go wrong and nice play getting it right at both tables. Good result for Kranyak who is up 169-91 at this point.

Board 65  
Dealer: N  
None Vul.

♠ T83  
♥ J53  
♦ Q95  
♣ K543

♠ AQJ4  
♥ 87  
♦ T43  
♣ AJ76



♠ K765  
♥ AKQ62  
♦ 8  
♣ T98

♠ 92  
♥ T94  
♦ AKJ762  
♣ Q2

Kranyak	Katz	Wolpert	Nickell
	Pass	1H	2D
Double	Pass	4S	Pass
5C	Pass	5D	Pass
5NT	Pass	6C	Pass
6S	All pass		

Meckstroth	Dwyer	Rodwell	Bathurst
	Pass	1H	2D
Double	Pass	2S	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Wolpert made an incredibly aggressive call when he bid 4S. This is validated by the fact that Eric Rodwell, a member of one of the most aggressive pairs in the world, bid only 2S on the same auction. Knowing Gavin was born Canadian, this call should be no surprise... Wolpert's call propelled his

partnership to six spades.

Nickell cashed a high diamond and continued with another high diamond. Wolpert ruffed, played a trump to the queen and ruffed another diamond. The king of spades was cashed and a club was led to the ace. Wolpert pulled two more rounds of spades and laid his hand on the table... making or going down?

Since hearts were 3-3, he had the rest of the tricks and scored up his +1430 and 11 IMPs to Kranyak.

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Board 4  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ K  
 ♥ KJ53  
 ♦ 9876  
 ♣ AK84

♠ 5  
 ♥ 964  
 ♦ AKJ5  
 ♣ Q9752  
 ♠ AJT9873  
 ♥ Q2  
 ♦ T432  
 ♣  
 ♠ Q642  
 ♥ AT87  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ JT63



West	North	East	South
Diamond	Schermer	Platnick	Chambers
Pratap	Lev	Gordon	Cohler
Pass	1C	3S	Double
Pass	4H	All pass	

Bridge is a simple game. Schermer-Chambers and Lev-Cohler bid to 4H on a very standard auction. The negative double was pushy, but practical.

Platnick led the ace of spades and shifted to the two of diamonds. Diamond won and led a small club. Declarer ducked in dummy and East ruffed. A trump was returned and declarer took ten tricks (three clubs, one spade and six hearts).

At the other table, Gordon led the diamond three. Pratap returned a trump. Eventually the defense scored a trump trick and two aces, NS again making 4H.

Just a simple push? Wrong again, these guys were playing in different matches.

At the other table of the Milner/Diamond match, Greco opened 1NT with his singleton king of spades. Lall jumped to three spades, and Hampson bid 3NT, effectively removing hearts from the auction. Milner had no way of knowing that his side could cash five tricks against 3NT, so he bid a sensible 4S. This was doubled and defeated one trick after the queen of diamonds was led, setting up a

second trump trick for South. Nice sacrifice by Milner-Lall for a 9 IMP gain.

The incredible result came when Berkowitz and Sontag held the NS cards. Sontag opened a Precision 1D and Jacobus overcalled 3S. Since the 1D bid could include some very weak hands (as little as a balanced eleven count or an unbalanced hand with as little as nine), Berkowitz passed to await developments. With perfect shape and good values Sontag made the reopening double. Berkowitz "went for the jugular." He passed!

The result: -730 and 16 IMPs to Mahaffey! Good for Mahaffey and good for Jack and Howie Doing... not as well as you usually do, Howie!

Board 69  
 Dealer: N  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ AKQJT  
 ♦ KQJ  
 ♣ AQ96

♠ Q86  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 97643  
 ♣ KJ32  
 ♠ K75  
 ♥ 98762  
 ♦ 85  
 ♣ T54  
 ♠ AJT942  
 ♥ 54  
 ♦ AT2  
 ♣ 87



West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Katz	Wolpert	Nickell
	2C	Pass	2H (2 controls)
Pass	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	3NT	Pass	4D
Pass	5C	Pass	6H
All pass			

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Dwyer	Rodwell	Bathurst
	1C (strong)	Pass	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	3C	Pass	3S
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Dwyer and Bathurst discovered the misfit and stopped in 4NT making five.

In the Closed Room, Katz and Nickell bulldozed to 6H from the two card side. Nickell told Kranyak (his screenmate) that 2H showed two controls. Then he took the two aces out of his hand and apologized for misbidding. Kranyak led a small club and Nickell took the finesse. He cashed the club ace and ruffed a club in hand with the trump four. At this point, he claimed 12 tricks and 13 IMPs.

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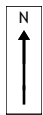
Board 67

Dealer: S

E/W Vul.

♠ JT654  
♥ 73  
♦ AK432  
♣ T

♠ Q93  
♥ QJ6  
♦ QJ96  
♣ A95



♠ A7  
♥ AKT952  
♦ 87  
♣ 876

♠ K82  
♥ 84  
♦ T5  
♣ KQJ432

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Moss	Rosenberg	Gitelman
Pass	1S	2H	3H
3S	4D	4H	Pass
Pass	4S	Double	All pass

Cheek	Martel	Grue	Zia
Pass	1S	2H	Double
2S	3D	4H	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

It is easy to see how 4S doubled went down two tricks. The defense collected two hearts, one club and two spades.

When Grue played in 4H doubled, he made a critical error at trick one. He ducked Zia's king of clubs. Zia was able to continue clubs allowing Martel to ruff dummy's ace. Martel returned a spade, ducked to the king. Zia cashed his club jack and declarer conceded down three. 15 IMPs to Fleisher.

Kranyak	Katz	Wolpert	Nickell
1C	1S	2H	2S
3H	4D	4H	4S
Double	All pass		Pass

In the other semi-final match, this board produced a simple 3 IMP swing... however, the results were very different:

Katz went down three in 4S doubled. Wolpert led a high heart eliciting the queen from partner. He underlead the other high heart to Kranyak's jack and Kranyak switched to the diamond jack, Katz taking his ace. Katz led a club to Kranyak's ace and Kranyak continued diamonds. Katz led a spade to the eight losing to the nine. Kranyak continued his attack on diamonds, Katz ruffing in dummy with the deuce. Katz ruffed a

Meckstroth	Dwyer	Rodwell	Bathurst
Pass	Pass	3H	3C
4H	All pass		Pass

club, ruffed a diamond, and conceded down three, losing three trump tricks, two hearts and a club.

Meanwhile at the other table, Bathurst led a high club against 4H. Rodwell won his ace in dummy, played the queen of hearts, a heart to the ten and exited his hand with a diamond to the queen and ace. Dwyer switched to the spade four to his partner's king. Apparently Bathurst was afraid his clubs were not cashing. A spade was continued to the jack and ace. Rodwell played a diamond to the ten, jack and king.

When the smoke cleared, Eric collected ten tricks: six hearts, two spades, one diamond, and one club. 3 IMPs to Nickell

Board 81

Dealer: N

None Vul.

♠ AJ964  
♥  
♦ KJT6  
♣ KJ53

♠ K732  
♥ 832  
♦ 9842  
♣ Q8



♠ Q85  
♥ KQJ9754  
♦  
♣ 764

♠ T  
♥ AT6  
♦ AQ753  
♣ AT92

Kranyak	Levin	Wolpert	S Weinstein
Pass	1S	4H	Double
Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
Pass	6D	Pass	7D
All pass			

At the other table in this match, Bathurst opened one spade; Katz bid 3H; Dwyer bid 3NT, played it there and made five.

Kranyak led the heart deuce against 7D. Weinstein ruffed in dummy and cashed the diamond king, getting the news. He cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade in hand, ruffed a heart in dummy, played the diamond jack, and (drum roll... at the crossroads...) led the three of clubs to the ten and queen! Kranyak led back a spade and the the contract failed by three tricks...12 IMPs to Kranyak.

In the other semi-final match, both tables reached 6D. Moss misguessed the club queen and went down while Willenken guessed correctly and made 12 tricks. 14 IMPs to Fleisher.

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Board 32  
Dealer: W  
E/W Vul.  
♠ 7  
♥ T2  
♦ 943  
♣ JT98765

♠ AK86  
♥ 8764  
♦ 86  
♣ A43



♠ QJT3  
♥ AKQ95  
♦ AQJ5  
♣  
♠ 9542  
♥ J3  
♦ KT72  
♣ KQ2

West	North	East	South
Seamon	Lev	Pepsi	Cohler
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	Pass	4C	Pass
4D	Pass	5C	Pass
6H	Pass	7H	All Pass

Mahaffey	Sontag	Glubok	Berkowitz
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	Pass	6H	All Pass

It could have been right. Had the king of diamonds been onside, the grand would have made. As it was, the simple auction to the small slam was the winner. It was a costly spec for Gordon. 17 IMPs to Mahaffey

Note that at first glance, spades looks like it might be better, however, the 4-1 trump split is a killer, and even if trumps are 3-2, a trump lead will defeat 7S.

## Rigal Reports ...

Board 90  
Dealer: E  
N/S Vul.  
♠ 32  
♥ T972  
♦ 876  
♣ KQT5

♠ KQT  
♥ Q6543  
♦ 5  
♣ 7643



♠ 4  
♥ KJ8  
♦ QJT943  
♣ AJ8  
♠ AJ98765  
♥ A  
♦ AK2  
♣ 92

West	North	East	South
		1D	Double
1H	Pass	2D	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Barry Rigal reported this hand from the USA2 Round of 64. The names have been changed (actually omitted) to protect the guilty.

West led his singleton diamond against 4S. Declarer won the diamond in hand and played ace and a spade. West won the spade and returned the heart three (playing 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> leads).

Declarer won the ace of hearts and led a club to the king in dummy. East won the ace... Mistake #1!!! East should know that declarer must have exactly two clubs. Partner didn't continue diamonds (giving declarer three of that suit). Partner played a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> best heart giving declarer one or three hearts. If declarer has three hearts, three diamonds and seven spades, he has no clubs. He just led a club! So, declarer must have exactly one heart and two clubs.

Sometimes partner needs to break up the squeeze possibilities. But in this case, one can simply duck and eliminate dummy's entry to the club suit.

Now for mistake #2!!! East made the useless play of the diamond queen. Partner can't possibly need a ruff, since he followed with the spade ten and queen. Leading a heart would clarify the situation for partner.

Declarer played the diamond king and it was West's turn to err. Mistake #3!!! He trumped in prematurely, rather than waiting for a possibly useful discard from partner. But, then again, East has already made two mistakes! Why expect him to make a useful discard?

Now, for the "coup de grace". West exited with the queen! of hearts. East was already squeezed in two suits, but this play left him with the only guard in a third suit, just in case declarer hadn't worked out the hand. As it was, declarer trumped the heart and ran trumps to squeeze East in diamonds and clubs. Assess the blame... I dare you!

### You May Be a Physics Major...

...if you have no life - and you can PROVE it mathematically.

...if you enjoy pain.

...if you know vector calculus but you can't remember how to do long division.

...if you chuckle whenever anyone says "centrifugal force."

...if you've actually used every single function on your graphing calculator.

...if it is sunny and 70 degrees outside, and you are working on a computer.

...if you always do homework on Friday nights.

...if you think in "math."

...if you've calculated that the World Series actually diverges.

...if you hesitate to look at something because you don't want to break down its wave function.

...if you have a pet named after a scientist.

...if you can translate English into Binary.

...if you can't remember what's behind the door in the science building which says "Exit."

...if you have to bring a jacket with you, in the middle of summer, because there's a wind-chill factor in the lab.

...if you consider ANY non-science course "easy."

...if the "fun" center of your brain has deteriorated from lack of use.

...if you'll assume that a "horse" is a "sphere" in order to make the math easier.

...if you understood more than five of these indicators.

...if you make a hard copy of this list, and post it on your door.



#### Fun Fact:

Rick Stansby, son of Lou Stansby and Jan Martel, is a big Phish fan.

He tells us that the music group Phish first played on 12/2/1983. At that time, they were known as "The Blackwood Convention!" How cool is that!! Thanks Rick!!

Answers to Puzzle on page 8  
Al and Linda Smith, Mary, age 8, teacups  
Bill and Kim Walker, Ann, age 7, flume  
George and Sally Jackson, Tom, age 9, ferris wheel  
Michael and Jane Charming, John, age 10, roller  
coaster  
Stan and Michelle Bartlett, Susie, age 6, carousel

### 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.**



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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

# Puzzle Page ...

One day, five couples and their children (each couple had only one child) spent the day at an amusement park. They all enjoyed the day tremendously despite the fact that each child managed to get lost at some point during the day. Using the clues and the grids below, determine the full name of each couple, the name and age of each couple's child, and where each lost child was found.

- George, whose last name isn't Smith, is a good friend of Bill Walker, who is not Susie's father.
- The ages of the children from lowest to highest are the 6 year old, Ann, the one found by the teacups, George's son, and Jane's child.
- Michael Charming, whose 10-year-old child is the oldest, helped Stan find his daughter, who is a year younger than Ann, by the carousel. Stan's last name isn't Smith.
- The boy found at the ferris wheel is younger than John but older than Ann. Mary is older than Susie but younger than Tom.
- Sally Jackson didn't find her son at the teacups or the roller coaster. When she looked by the flume, she found Kim's 7-year-old child.
- Al and Linda's child, who is 8, is the best friend of Michelle's daughter, who is two years younger.

	Jane	Kim	Linda	Michelle	Sally	Bartlett	Charming	Jackson	Smith	Walker	Ann	John	Mary	Susie	Tom	years	years	years	years	years	Carousel	Ferris wheel	Flume	Roller coaster	Teacups
Al																									
Bill																									
George																									
Michael																									
Stan																									
Carousel																									
Ferris wheel																									
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**Answer  
on Page 6**

