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## U-26

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	Penalties
1	<b>Kaplan</b>	97	36	20	19	22	
2	<b>Wang</b>	74	20	31	17	6	
<b>Playoff</b>							
3	<b>Herman</b>	156	16	53	32	55	
4	<b>Kaye</b>	79	43	13	16	7	

## U-21

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	Penalties
1	<b>Kriegel</b>	123	10	40	33	40	
2	<b>Harper</b>	86	24	34	6	22	
<b>Playoff</b>							
3	<b>Dhir</b>	100	21	23	34	22	
4	<b>Weingarten</b>	92	12	30	12	38	

## RONA

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48
1	<b>Goyal</b>	72	38	27	5	2
2	<b>Thapa</b>	94	24	23	27	20

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# U-26 Qualifiers

Kaplan	<b>Adam Kaplan, Capt</b> <b>Owen Lien</b> <b>Adam Grossack</b>	<b>Zachary Brescoll</b> <b>Marius Agica</b> <b>Zachary Grossack</b>
Wang	<b>Zhuo Wang, Capt</b> <b>Edmund Wu</b>	<b>Erli Zhou</b> <b>William Zhu</b>
Herman	<b>Gregory Herman, Capt</b> <b>Alex Hudson</b>	<b>Anam Tebha</b> <b>Drew Cavalier</b>
Kaye	<b>Jordan Kaye, Capt</b> <b>John Altman</b>	<b>Xu Wang</b> <b>Isaac Stephani</b>

# U-21 Qualifiers

Kriegel	<b>Oren Kriegel, Capt</b> <b>Benjamin Kristensen</b>	<b>Christopher Huber</b> <b>Kevin Rosenberg</b>
Harper	<b>Brandon Harper, Capt</b> <b>Hakan Berk</b>	<b>Ryan Miller</b> <b>David Soukup</b>
Dhir	<b>Arjun Dhir, Capt</b> <b>Burke Snowden</b>	<b>Christian Jolly</b> <b>Allison Hunt</b>
Weingarten	<b>Matthew Weingarten, Capt</b> <b>Cole Spencer</b>	<b>Nolan Chang</b> <b>Evan Berman</b>

# Rona Qualifiers

Goyal	<b>Rachna Goyal, Capt</b> <b>Mili Raina</b> <b>Asya Ladyzhensky</b>	<b>Alice Kaye</b> <b>Ruth Ng</b>
Thapa	<b>Isha Thapa, Capt</b> <b>Marianna Linz</b>	<b>Julie Arbit</b> <b>Rebecca Wernis</b>



# Sudoku

Happy New Year



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

## Answers to puzzle

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

**This Training & Trials week is being held at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA, starting about 4:00 PM on December 28, 2013 (Saturday) and ending about 6:00 PM on January 2, 2014 (Thursday).**

USBF is paying a substantial portion of expenses for players participating in the in-person competition. Many thanks to ACBL and the **generous individual donors** who provided the funds necessary for this first-ever stand-alone Junior USBC and to donors of prizes to be distributed to the players. The Bridge World has generously donated 6 month subscriptions and copies of ALL IN THE GAME to each participant in the T&T Week. Larry Cohen, Eddie Kantar and others have donated books and CDs and BridgeWinners has donated hoodies to be distributed as prizes during the training portion of the event. Thank you all.

The T&T Week starts with 3 days of training and continues with 3 days of competition to select the 2014 World Championship teams. The competition will be shown on BBO Vugraph on Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 & 2. In person kibitzers are welcome also. If you live in the Atlanta area and are interested in helping us show more tables on Vugraph by being a Vugraph operator, please email Jan Martel.

Assisting with the T&T Week will be Debbie & Michael Rosenberg, without whose tireless efforts to organize the event this wouldn't be happening, mentors Marty Fleisher, Barry Goren, Karen McCallum, Jan & Chip Martel, Patty Tucker, Joe Stokes and Howie Weinstein, and ACBL Director Jay Bates. Many thanks to all of them for spending part of their holiday helping with this event. None of the mentors is being paid for his or her participation and we are very thankful to all of them for their help.

**U26 & U21 USA1 SemiFinals**

**Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 10:15 AM**

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31ST	10:30 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-12
	12:25 - 2:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 13 - 24 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:15 - 4:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 25 - 36
	5:10 - 6:50	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 37 - 48

**U26, U21 & Rona USA1 Final & U26 & U21 USA2 SemiFinal**

WEDNESDAY JAN 1ST	10:30 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-12
	12:25 - 2:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 13 - 24 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:15 - 4:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 25 - 36
	5:10 - 6:50	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 37 - 48

**U26 & U21 USA2 & Rona Final  
(Rona plays Boards 49 - 96)**

THURSDAY JAN 2ND	10:00 - 11:40	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-12
	11:55 - 1:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 13 - 24 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	2:45 - 4:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 25 - 36
	4:40 - 6:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 37 - 48

# schedule of Play



**HAPPY  
2014!**



# PLAYER PROFILES

## **RACHNA GOYAL**

Rachna is 24 years old and was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. She learned to play bridge at the age of eleven while watching her dad on the computer. They have always played together as a father-daughter activity until this year she decided it was her last year as a Junior so she thought she'd get involved in the Junior scene.

As she was growing up tennis was always her first priority and bridge was second. She played in all of the local tournaments but never travelled unless she & her dad were invited. Her biggest bridge achievement was coming in 3rd place in B at the GNT in Las Vegas with her dad.

Rachna got married this past summer. She and her husband are currently doing their Master's together in Computer Science at Purdue University.

## **ALICE KAYE**

Alice is 24 years old and is originally from England. She learned to play bridge properly during her time at Oxford University after first being briefly introduced to the game at the age of 15. She credits her perseverance in learning the game to the fact that she had a crush on a particular boy, returning week on week to the University Bridge Club to see him. A couple of years later and she was fully involved in the local bridge scene as well as in national youth bridge, competing in her first international competition last year.

After completing her Masters in Mathematics in June 2013, Alice moved to Seattle to be closer to her family and to take a well-earned break after five years of hard work! Joe Stokes was very helpful in finding an awesome partner to play with and wonderful team mates, but Alice still finds it strange that she has never met any of them in person!

## **ASYA LADYZHENSKY**

My name is Asya Ladyzhensky. I was born in Bradenton, FL. I am 20 years old and I currently live in Raleigh, North Carolina. I'm studying at Wake Tech there.

Both my parents are world class bridge players, so I grew up around bridge. I started caddying at local tournaments and eventually I started to play the game.

In 2010, I had the opportunity to represent the USA on the U26 girls team in Philadelphia for the 13th World Youth Bridge Championship.

In 2013, my bridge partner, Allison Hunt and I won the North American Youth Pairs and also the Youngsters Pairs at 3rd World Youth Open Bridge Championship at Atlanta, Georgia.

## **RUTH NG**

Ruth is a 21-year-old undergraduate at the University of Chicago. While she is studying Math, she will be the first to admit that many things in her life, like the number of key cards she sometimes promises her partner, do not add up.

She learnt to play bridge while melting into a puddle in the sunny island of Singapore, while playing for her Junior College bridge club, but now is happy and proud to be playing under the banner of the USBF. She also cannot get her head around the fact that she learnt the Standard AMERICAN Yellow Card in Singapore, then showed up to her university club in the US where no one knew what she was doing.

**Scenario 1 (Top):** Closed Room Board 3. North: Zhuo. South: Z. Wang. West: Z Grossack. East: A Grossack. Auction: 4♣ Pass 4♦ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♣ Pass 6♣ Pass Pass Pass. Result: 6♣ West, NS 0 EW 0.

**Scenario 2 (Middle):** Open Room Board 3. North: Ladyzhensk. South: Ng. West: Thapa. East: Arbit. Auction: Dbl 3♠ Pass Pass 4♣ Pass Pass 4♠ Pass Pass. Result: 4♠ East, NS 0 EW 0.

**Scenario 3 (Bottom):** Open Room Board 3. North: ROSENBERG. South: KRISTENSEN. West: HARPER. East: MILLER. Auction: 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥ 4♠ 5♥ Pass. Result: 5♥ West, NS 0 EW 0.

**Scenario 4 (Top):** Open Room Board 3. North: Kaplan. South: Brescoll. West: Zhu. East: Wu. Auction: Dbl 2♥ 3♣ Pass 6♣ Pass Pass Pass. Result: 6♣ East, NS 0 EW 0.

**Scenario 5 (Middle):** Closed Room Board 3. North: Wernis. South: Linz. West: Goyal. East: A. Kaye. Auction: 4♣ Pass 4♠ Pass 5♣ Pass. Result: 5♣ West, NS 0 EW 0.

**Scenario 6 (Bottom):** Closed Room Board 3. North: SOUKUP. South: BERK. West: HUBER. East: KRIEDEL. Auction: Dbl 4♠ 5♣ Pass 5♠ 6♠ Pass Pass 7♣ Pass Pass 7♠. Result: 7♠ x South, NS 0 EW 0.

## 2014: A GRAND YEAR?

Board 3 produced a wide diversity of results.

In the U26 Finals, both E/W pairs bid to 6C for +1390. At both tables, South opened 2D showing a major suit weak two bid. At one table, Zhu doubled 2D and then bid 6C when his partner responded 3C. At the other table, Zack Grossack showed clubs and a major by bidding 4C over 2D. His brother, Adam, inquired with 4D and then corrected 4H to 5C. Zack now raised to 6C.

The Rona players bid unbelievably conservatively stopping in 4C and 5C for a 10 IMP swing to the Goyal team. Stopping in the part score makes no sense. E should clearly jump to 5C after W's 2nd double. Then, maybe, W will judge to bid the slam.

The most excitement occurred in the U21 match. In the open room, South passed in 1<sup>st</sup> seat, West opened 1H and never mentioned his club suit. E/W played 5H making six. In the closed room, South started the auction with a weak 2S bid. Huber doubled with the West hand. When East bid 5C freely over 4S, Huber cuebid and then bid 7C over 6S by the opponents. Berk, who had opened 2S, now judged correctly and made the "par" bid of 7S, holding the loss on the board to 3 IMPs. Good calls by both teams.



Open Room Board 25

Dhir: 44 IMPs  
Weingarten: 42 IMPs

N North: Dhir

West North East South  
Pass 1♥ 4♠  
Dbl Pass Pass Pass

W West: Weingarten  
E East: Chang

Closed Room: 5♥ E +1 +680

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S South: Joly

4♠ x South NS 0 EW 0

Closed Room Board 25

Dhir: 44 IMPs  
Weingarten: 42 IMPs

N North: Berman

West North East South  
Pass 1♥ 4♠  
5♥ Pass Pass Pass

W West: Snowden  
E East: Hunt

Open Room: 4♠ x S = +590

AQJ6532KJ5443

S South: Spencer

5♥ East NS 0 EW 0

Open Room Board 25

Kaplan: 56 IMPs  
Wang: 51 IMPs

N North: Kaplan

West North East South  
3♦ 3♥ 4♠  
5♥ Pass Pass Pass

W West: Zhu  
E East: Wu

Closed Room: 6♦ x N -100

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S South: Brescoll

5♠ x South NS 0 EW 0

Closed Room Board 25

Kaplan: 56 IMPs  
Wang: 51 IMPs

N North: Zhou

West North East South  
3♦ 3♥ 5♠  
5♥ Pass Pass 5♠

W West: Lien  
E East: Aglica

Open Room: 5♠ x S -1 -100

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S South: Z. Wang

6♦ x North NS 0 EW 0

Open Room Board 25

Kriegel: 50 IMPs  
Harper: 62 IMPs

N North: KRosenberg

West North East South  
Pass 1♥ 1♠  
2♥ 3♦ 3♥ 4♥

W West: Harper  
E East: R. Miller

Closed Room: 4♠ x S = +590

KJ54AQJ653243

S South: Kristensen

5♦ North NS 0 EW 0

Closed Room Board 25

Kriegel: 50 IMPs  
Harper: 62 IMPs

N North: Soukup

West North East South  
Pass 1♥ 1♠  
2♠ Pass 4♥ 4♠

W West: Huber  
E East: Kriegel

Open Room: 5♦ N = +400

AQJ6532KJ5443

S South: Berk

4♠ x South NS 0 EW 0

Open Room Board 25

Herman: 69 IMPs  
Kaye: 56 IMPs

N North: Tebha

West North East South  
2♦ 2♥ 5♦  
Pass Pass Pass

W West: X. Wang  
E East: J. Kaye

Closed Room: 4♥ E +2 +680

KJ54AQJ653243

S South: Herman

5♦ North NS 0 EW 0

Closed Room Board 25

Herman: 69 IMPs  
Kaye: 56 IMPs

N North: Altman

West North East South  
Pass 1♥ 1♠  
2♠ Pass 4♥ Pass

W West: Hudson  
E East: Cavalier

Open Room: 5♦ N = +400

AQJ6532KJ5443

S South: Stephani

4♥ East NS 0 EW 0

**A TRUE DOUBLE GAME SWING SOMETIMES DOUBLED**

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Board 25 produced a wild set of results. Both sides can make game. N/S is cold for 5D and E/W is cold for 4H.

In the U26 finals, North opened 3D at both tables.

Although 5H should be beaten, both N/S pairs took out insurance at favorable vulnerability. Kaplan-Brescoll played 5SX while Zhou-Wang, at the other table, played 6DX. Each pair was defeated one trick for a push board.

The U21 Finals, both Norths chose to pass in first seat. East opened 1H and both South hands bid 1S. After that, the auctions diverged. Berk-Soukup played 4SX making while Rosenberg-Kristensen played a calm 5D, losing 5 IMPs for playing in the better spot (Spades can be held to nine tricks).

In the U26 Playoff, Tebha opened 2D and N/S reached the solid 5D contract. At the other table, Hudson-Cavalier were allowed to play 4H on the E/W hands and took eleven tricks after a club lead.

The big swing occurred in the U21 playoff. Both tables began P-1H-4S. Snowden bid 5H on the West hand and Weingarten doubled 4S. Both contracts made and the Dhir team gained 15 IMPs.

By now you have probably noticed that all of the spade declarers took ten tricks.. This is really incredible, since every West found the singleton diamond lead.

After winning the diamond, two declarers finessed the spade losing to West's king. Both Wests switched to a club. Zhu played the club queen and a club to his partner who then tried to cash a third club. Huber played the club eight to his partner's king and then played the queen under the ace. Logically, Kriegel, like his counterpart, thought a third club was cashing and returned a third club.

The Vugraph play was flawed in the Dhir-Weingarten match, but it appears that Jolly won the opening lead in hand and led a spade to the ten, which held. He ruffed a heart, played the ace of spades and claimed ten tricks. Nice deceptive play!

The key question is , "How does West get a diamond ruff?"

The answer is that West must be careful to "deny holding the club queen".

A possible sequence is to lead the jack of clubs. As the cards lie, partner will win the king of clubs and cash the ace. Now West plays the deuce as suit preference for diamonds. Leading the deuce first and then playing the jack would also deny the queen, but would be suit-preference for hearts.

**WE BID FAREWELL  
TO FOUR TEAMS  
AND HAVE THREE MATCHES  
PLAYING TODAY.**