



# Slam Swings Abound in the Lynch/Street Match ...

Board 61  
Dealer: N  
All Vul.

♠ 9862  
♥ KJ83  
♦ AQ  
♣ AJT

♠ J4  
♥ T9542  
♦ 83  
♣ KQ52



♠ A7  
♥ Q76  
♦ T542  
♣ 9863

♠ KQT53  
♥ A  
♦ KJ976  
♣ 74

West	North	East	South
Passell	Chorush	Lynch	Lall
	1NT	Pass	2H (transfer)
Pass	2S	Pass	3D
Pass	4S	All pass	

At the other table, Jacobus and Wold reached 6S (auction not available). In this room, Lall, even after Chorush's jump to 4S, did not make a move for the twelve trick contract.

Against 4S, Lynch led a fourth best club. Chorush won with the ace, played a heart to the ace, a diamond to the ace, and the king of hearts pitching dummy's club loser. He continued with a spade to the king, a diamond to the queen and another spade toward the queen, Lynch winning her ace. 12 tricks were claimed.

Against the slam, Rubin led the H6. Wold won in dummy, played a club to his ace, cashed the HK pitching dummy's club, and went about knocking out the trump ace and claiming. 13 IMPs to Lynch, already ahead in the match.

Board 62  
Dealer: E  
None Vul.

♠ AKJ97  
♥ AT83  
♦ K984  
♣

♠ 52  
♥ KJ52  
♦ 76  
♣ JT942



♠ Q63  
♥ Q9  
♦ T3  
♣ AQ8753

♠ T84  
♥ 764  
♦ AQJ52  
♣ K6

Granovetter	Wold	Rubin	Jacobus
		Pass	1D
Pass	1S	2C	Double (support)
4C	5C	Pass	5S
All pass			

Passell	Chorush	Lynch	Lall
		Pass	1D
Pass	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	2D (art. g.f.)	Pass	2S
Pass	3D	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	4S
Pass	5NT	Pass	6D
All pass			

Needing swings and having missed slam on the first board of this set, Chorush/Lall rallied to bid this one. They did very well to avoid 6S and bid 6D instead. 6D will make on a non-heart lead. Lucky for them, Passell was dealt an easy club lead from JT9xx. Lall ruffed the club in dummy, played a diamond to his hand, and ruffed another club. He pulled one more round of trump, conceded the spade queen and claimed 12 tricks. Well bid and well executed.

In the other room, Wold and Jacobus had to deal with interference from Rubin and Granovetter. Rubin overcalled 2C, and when Jacobus doubled, Granovetter jumped to 4C. Wold did his best to cue 5C but Jacobus, looking at a flat 10 count couldn't see any reason to cue. (Jacobus/Wold play Precision so Wold's hand is limited.) They settled in 5S which made easily on the lead of the CA. The hand is much more interesting on the lead of the HQ. Declarer must duck one hearts, win the second heart, cash the ace/king of spades and ace/king of diamonds, then exit with a spade to endplay East.

10 IMPs to Street

# Puzzle Page ...

**How Observant are you? Write down your answers to the following questions WITHOUT looking around or using anything on or in your desk.**

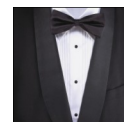
- 1. On a standard traffic light in the USA, is the green on the top or bottom?
- 2. How many US states are there? (Don't laugh, some people don't know)
- 3. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
- 4. What 6 colors are on the classic Campbell's soup label?
- 5. What 2 letters don't appear on an American telephone dial? (No cheating!)
- 6. What 2 numbers on the telephone dial don't have letters by them?
- 7. When you walk does your left arm swing with, your right or left leg?
- 8. How many matches are in a standard American pack?
- 9. On the United States flag is the top stripe red or white?
- 10. What is the lowest number on the FM dial in America?
- 11. In most of the world, which way does water go down the drain, counter- or clockwise?
- 12. Which way does a "no smoking" sign's slash run?
- 13. How many channels on an American VHF TV dial?
- 14. Which side of a women's blouse are the buttons on?
- 15. On a current NY license plate, is New York on the top or bottom?
- 16. Which way do fans typically rotate?
- 17. Whose face is on a current USA dime?
- 18. How many sides does a stop sign have?
- 19. Do English books have even-numbered pages on the right or left side?
- 20. How many lug nuts are typically on a standard car wheel?
- 21. How many sides are there on a standard pencil?
- 22. Sleepy, Happy, Sneezzy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc. Who's missing?
- 23. In America, how many hot dog buns are in a standard package?
- 25. On which playing card is the card maker's trademark typically found?
- 26. In America, on which side of a Venetian blind is the cord that adjusts the opening between the slats?
- 27. On the back of a US\$1 bill, what is in the center?
- 28. In America, there are 12 buttons on a touch tone phone. What 2 symbols bear no digits?
- 29. How many curves are there in the standard paper clip?
- 30. Does an American merry-go-round turn counter- or clockwise?

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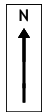
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# Meltzer/Simson Marches On with Slam Swings Front & Center

Board 76  
 Dealer: W  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ A  
 ♥ KJ84  
 ♦ A543  
 ♣ A984

♠ 6  
 ♥ T92  
 ♦ QT9  
 ♣ QT6532



♠ KQ9743  
 ♥ A7653  
 ♦ K6  
 ♣

♠ JT852  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ J872  
 ♣ KJ7

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Lair	Pollack	Jackson
3C	3NT	4S	Double
All pass			
Zwerling	Cohen	Tolliver	Beatty
Pass	1D	2D (majors)	Pass
2H	Pass	3D	Pass
3H	Pass	3S	Pass
4H	All pass		

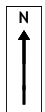
Feldman's 3C call is really aggressive... even at favorable vulnerability. Lair held an imperfect 16 count so he overcalled 3NT. Jackson heard the unexpected 4S call from Pollack. He doubled. Jackson led the heart queen which Pollack allowed to hold. Jackson switched to the C7 to Lair's ace, ruffed by declarer. Pollack tried the heart ace... sometimes better late than never just doesn't apply. Jackson ruffed and played the jack of spades to Lair's ace. Lair cashed the HJ and exited his hand with a low diamond to dummy's nine. Pollack ruffed a club and tried the spade king. The hand imploded and Pollack had to settle for six tricks for

down four! -800

In the other room, the auction looks normal until the very end. Cohen must have thought Zwerling was a magician. Cohen, holding KJ8x of trump and three outside aces didn't double 4H! Clearly, he has less defense to 4S, however, he still has enough (evidenced by the other room's result.) Four hearts went light two undoubled ... 12 IMPs to Simson.

Board 79  
 Dealer: S  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ K832  
 ♥ T9  
 ♦ QT854  
 ♣ T7

♠ AQ96  
 ♥ KQ83  
 ♦ K3  
 ♣ KQ8



♠ 7  
 ♥ A762  
 ♦ A962  
 ♣ AJ96

♠ JT54  
 ♥ J54  
 ♦ J7  
 ♣ 5432

Even at the highest levels, accidents happen.

Zwerling	Cohen	Tolliver	Beatty
			Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	3H (1-4-4-4 13+)	Pass
3S (control ask)	Pass	4H	Pass
4S (kickback)	Pass	4NT (0 or 3)	Pass
7H	All pass		
Feldman	Lair	Pollack	Jackson
			Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	3S (1-4-4-4 13+)	Pass
4C (force 4D—ST)	Pass	4D	Pass
4NT (KC in hts)	Pass	5C (0 or 3)	Pass
5S (GS try)	All pass		

Thirteen tricks were easy in the grand. Beatty led a spade. Tolliver rose with the ace in dummy and ruffed a spade. He cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed another spade. He played a diamond to king, pulled the last trump and claimed 13 tricks.

In the other room, Feldman/Pollack has a colossal misunderstanding. Obviously Pollack did not realize what was happening here. Turning down a grand slam try by passing is never a good idea... matchpoints or IMPs.

17 IMPs to Simson

# Seniors Appeal #2 ... from the Quarterfinals

Board 84  
Vul: Both  
Dealer: W

North (Arnie Fisher)

♠ A J T 6 4

♥ T 6 4

♦ A 9 5

♣ J 5

West (Mark Cohen)

♠ K 8 2

♥ J 9 7 5

♦ T 8 4

♣ A 7 3

East (Steve

Beatty)

♠ Q 5

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q J 7 6

♣ Q T 2

South (Fred Hamilton)

♠ 9 7 3

♥ K Q 3

♦ 3 2

♣ K 9 8 6 4



## Bidding

N	E	S	W
			P
P	1♦	P	1♥
1♠	DBL*	1NT**	P
P	P	P	

\* Support DBL

\*\* S to W: transfer - either a club suit or lead directing in clubs with 3 spades  
N to E: no alert or explanation

## Lead:

♥5

**Table Result:** Making 1 - NS +90

**Director's Ruling:** No adjustment

## Director's Statement of Facts:

After the lead, when dummy was tabled, West called the Tournament Director to ask about what was explained on the other side of the screen. The TD directed play to continue without letting information cross the screen and asked the players to call him back after the hand if needed. There was no subsequent call.

After the teams had compared, the TD was summoned again and asked to make a ruling.

The TD consulted other players and some of them said they would balance regardless of the meaning of 1NT, others would not balance regardless of the meaning of 1NT, others would balance without the information but would pass with the information.

## Appeals Committee Ruling

After the opening lead, West (who was on South's side of the screen and therefore had received the correct explanation of the 1NT call) felt that it was likely from North's pass of 1NT that East had received misinformation ("MI") from North about the meaning of that call. Accordingly, West called the director to ask whether East had been given the correct information on the other side of screen. At this point, North-South became noticeably agitated at West for calling the director. During the back-and-forth which ensued, North made some statements to East to the effect of "I forgot" and "he probably has clubs." The director ruled that play should continue without additional information passing from one

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side of the screen to the other and instructed East-West to call him back after the hand if needed.

East-West did not call the director at the conclusion of the deal, but they did ask for a ruling after the comparison. They argued that had East known the meaning of the 1NT call, he might have balanced with 2D. Also, in defending 1NT, East argued that he would have won the Ace of Hearts and easily defeated the contract with the King of diamonds return had he fully understood the meaning of the auction.

North-South argued that East was substantially in possession of the correct information given North's statements at the table and should have found the diamond shift with the information he had, and also that West could have defeated the contract later in the play instead of making a "give up" play attempting to save overtricks. Additionally, they asserted that a 2D balance by East would likely have led to a 2S contract by North, making two on normal play and defense.

On the question of score adjustment:

We considered the following issues:

1) Was East given MI?

Clearly, the answer was yes-- during the auction, East undisputedly was not in possession of North-South's correct agreement as to the meaning of the one notrump call.

2) At what point did East obtain the correct information as to North-South's agreement?

We felt that East never obtained a fully correct explanation of the one notrump bid before the conclusion of play. While East knew that something was amiss with the one notrump bid due to West's director call and subsequent statements by North, the testimony indicated that North-South never made the nature of their agreement completely clear to East.

3) Was East damaged by the MI during the auction?

We felt that passing one notrump with the East hand was more attractive with the correct information than without it-- if the opponents were having an accident, one notrump was more likely than otherwise to be a silly contract. A poll conducted by the directors confirmed that East's peers found it more attractive to pass out one notrump with the correct information than with the MI. Therefore, we found that East was not damaged by the MI during the auction, and we did not need to analyze the possible results had East balanced with two diamonds.

4) Was East damaged by the MI during the play?

We felt that when East discovered after the opening lead that one notrump had been intended as artificial, he had enough information about North-South's agreement that it should have been clear to switch to a diamond at trick two. Some committee members thought that knowing the specific North-South agreement would have made it slightly easier for East to visualize the actual position, while others thought not. After some discussion it was agreed by all that the failure to shift to the diamond king was an equally clear error with the partial information East held as it would have been with full information. So, we felt that East had not been damaged in the play by the partial disclosure he had received.

There was some discussion of whether East felt he was ethically constrained from taking advantage of the information gained from the director call and subsequent statements by North. The director had made a vague statement upon leaving the table which East may have interpreted in that manner based on his testimony in committee. However, even if that were the case, we had no authority to grant East redress for his own misapprehensions about the Laws in the absence of a clearly misleading statement by the director.

So, given that East had not been damaged by the MI, we found no reason to adjust the table result of +90 for North-South.

On the question of proper procedure:

The committee also considered the issue of North-South's behavior in this matter. We felt that at the close of the auction, if either North-South player strongly suspected that there had been a misunderstanding, it was his duty to ensure that both defenders had the correct information about the North-South agreement. Quoting from the ACBL Alert Procedure pamphlet, "When the auction is over, the declaring side MUST reveal to the defenders, after first calling the Tournament Director, any errors of explanation (including Alerts or Announcements that were omitted) before the opening lead is faced." (emphasis in original)

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In this case, we felt that both North and South were negligent in discharging their disclosure duties. South should have strongly suspected a mix-up when his partner passed one notrump. After the final pass but before the opening lead was faced, it would have been appropriate for South to ask North, "did you alert my one notrump bid?" or something of the kind. (Among other benefits, such action would have reserved East's right under Law 21 to change his final call.) And once the director call and subsequent discussion woke North up to the fact that he had failed to alert, North should have done whatever was necessary to make sure that East had the correct information while defending the hand, procuring South's written explanations from the other side of the screen if necessary.

Both North and South are extremely experienced players who should have been aware of their disclosure obligations. The committee felt that not only was there no proactive disclosure by North-South in this case, but much of North-South's conduct at the table was likely to have (and in fact did have) the effect of preventing East from obtaining a complete and timely explanation of North-South's agreements. In light of those findings, we felt that a procedural penalty against North-South was warranted. We consulted the director to determine an appropriate scale for such a penalty and were told that no fixed scale exists. However, we were given some guidance about previous penalties for negligent non-disclosure assessed in the same event, and we determined that a penalty of 3 IMPs would be equitable relative to that guidance.

### Appeals Committee

Marty Fleisher, Chairman

Dan Morse, Member

Chris Willenken, Member

# Answers to Puzzle on page 3

1. Bottom
2. 50
3. Right
4. Blue, red, white, yellow, black, and gold
5. Q, Z
6. 1, 0
7. Right
8. 20
9. Red
10. 88
11. Counter (unless you happen to be south of the equator)
12. Towards bottom right
13. 12 (no #1)
14. Left
15. Top
16. Clockwise as you look at it
17. Roosevelt
18. 8
19. Left
20. 5
21. 6
22. Bashful
23. 8
24. Did you notice there wasn't one?
25. Ace of spades
26. Left
27. ONE
28. \*, #
29. 3
30. Counter

**25 or more correct:** Master Observer - WOW!

**19-24 correct:** First-Class Observer - all right, you're GOOD!

**18 correct:** Normal Observer - sorry, you're just average!

**12-17 correct:** Aspiring Observer - keep observing, you'll make it!

**6-11 correct:** Dreamer - occasionally you remember to look at 'the real world'

**5 or less correct:** You do know there's a world around you right?

Board 84  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.

♠ AJ75  
 ♥ 9542  
 ♦ 85  
 ♣ Q43

♠ Q6  
 ♥ AQJ  
 ♦ AQ72  
 ♣ AK98

♠ KT983  
 ♥ T  
 ♦ KJT6  
 ♣ JT2

♠ 42  
 ♥ K8763  
 ♦ 943  
 ♣ 765



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2H	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	3S	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5H	Pass	6D	All pass

Sometimes it is a matter of right siding a contract to protect the tenaces. Or, perhaps it is to produce the winning opening lead for your side.

Both tables arrived in 6D. The slam is always cold, but sometimes it is colder!

Lair led a fourth best heart against Feldman. Jackson covered the ten with the king and twelve tricks became easy. Feldman led the SQ to the ace and Lair continued spades. Feldman won dummy's king, ruffed a spade in hand, cashed the ace of trump, and played a trump to dummy's ten. Another spade was ruffed and Feldman claimed 12 tricks, the losing club in dummy getting tossed on the winning heart in Feldman's hand.

In the other room, the contract was played from East. Beatty led a small club. Tolliver won the ace in dummy and played the SQ to the ace in Cohen's hand. Cohen continued spades, Tolliver winning the king. Tolliver ruffed a spade in dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds and led a diamond to his ten. (much the same as the play by his counterpart.) Then he ruffed another spade.

Tolliver was at the crossroads. He had two choices: He could take the heart finesse... or take a finesse for the club queen. The second option is slightly better because he also wins against Kx of hearts, and, if there was any inference to be drawn, the lead of the club five certainly could be from honor third.

Tolliver took the club finesse and went down one.

16 IMPs to Meltzer

It is hard to imagine such a large number of slam decisions for both teams in the last two segments of the semi-finals.

Meltzer and Lynch came out on top and that means two women in the finals!

And you thought that the Women's event ended on Thursday!



**ACTUAL SENIOR CLASSIFIEDS from Florida and Arizona:**

Male, 1922, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Not in running condition but walks well.

Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.

Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob, and caramel candy.

Sexy, fashion-conscious, blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4 (used to be 5'6) searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

I usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights, and still like to play the guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.

**Senior Citizen Jokes: "High School Classmate?"**

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school some 45 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate.

After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked

He answered, "In 1957."

"Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

**Senior Citizen Jokes: "Highway Driving"**

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's urgent voice warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!"

"Hell!" said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of 'em!"

**Senior Citizen Jokes: "The Pond"**

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple, and peach trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked." Holding up the bucket he said, "I'm just here to feed the alligator."

Some old men can still think fast.

# Howie Doing and Limey Jack! Final Picks for the Tournament.

## Jack first ...

The end is nigh. The final match for USA2 Seniors starts today and ends on the morrow. Both of Limey Jack's favourites prevailed easily as do all picks from Great Britain. Why anyone would listen to that Howie chap is beyond the pale.

No withdrawal here. This match goes all the way, like a 200 kilo fellow who stumbles into a bog.

One tired female combatant will survive. Meltzer has played valiantly, but Lynch takes the bloom off the Rose.

Limey Jack will see you next summer

## Howie next ...

Jack's getting old and he hasn't a clue.

He forgot who he picked for USA2.

"All his predictions?" ... He is a faker.

He passed on Val and he picked for Baker.

Suspense is a killer. I want to name names.

Who thought in the final that there'd be two dames?

Meltzer's been there and that's how it goes.

She's a contender. I'm banking on Rose!

I'm off to the North and out of the sun.

Orlando's been fun but I'm glad that it's done!

Jack's in the bar; He barely is copin'

Watching the tube play his grand British Open.

I look at him and he makes me laugh.

If you want to predict, you watch the Vu Graph!

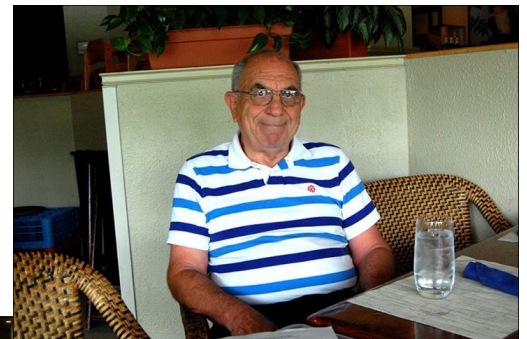
Back to Great Britain is where he should go.

Home to his countryman, ol' Nick Faldo!

Have a great winter. Whatever it brings...

Rose will be blooming when the fat lady sings!

Howie Doing... pretty darn good!



## More Peg's Pics

