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Round Robin Results

Team Name	Total	4	8	5	7	2	10	1	3	6	9
4. Kasle	129.59		12.77	5.04	16.68	15.23	16.23	13.12	18.37	18.37	13.78
8. Simson	110.92	7.23		7.95	14.39	16.68	10.00	5.32	16.23	20.00	13.12
5. Morse	92.64	14.96	12.05		6.22	2.69	15.23	12.77	3.32	14.96	10.44
7. Jacobs	90.63	3.32	5.61	13.78		5.32	4.50	13.45	12.77	19.11	12.77
2. Milner	88.64	4.77	3.32	17.31	14.68		10.86	15.23	3.54	4.25	14.68
10. Sorkin	83.94	3.77	10.00	4.77	15.50	9.14		15.23	10.44	1.63	13.46
1. Meltzer	79.75	6.88	14.68	7.23	6.55	4.77	4.77		14.09	8.73	12.05
3. Street	79.02	1.63	3.77	16.68	7.23	16.46	9.56	5.91		13.78	4.00
6. Levine	76.07	1.63	0.00	5.04	.89	15.75	18.37	11.27	6.22		16.90
9. Katz	65.80	6.22	6.88	9.56	7.23	5.32	3.54	7.95	16.00	3.10	

Head-Ups >

USA1

#	TEAM	TOTAL	Carry Over	1-15	16-30	Penalties
1	Meltzer	39.42	4.42	8	27	
8	Simson	98		57	41	
2	Milner	101.02	1.02	49	51	
7	Sorkin	45		27	21	-3
3	Morse	78		51	27	
6	Jacobs	83.4	3.4	42	38	
4	Kasle	46.5	12.5	8	26	
5	Street	78		55	23	

USA2

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30
9	Katz	50	19	31
10	Levine	53	23	30

UNITED STATES SENIORS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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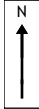
Seniors' United States Bridge Championship

Schedule of Play

Day	Date	Time	Boards Played
Friday	6/5	9:45 am	Captains' Meeting
ROUND ROBIN			
Friday	6/5	10:00 - 11:12 11:20 - 12:32 12:40 - 1:52 3:15 - 4:27 4:35 - 5:47 5:55 - 7:07	Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 Boards 17-24 80 Minute Lunch Break Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 Boards 17-24
Saturday	6/6	10:00 - 11:12 11:20 - 12:32 12:40 - 1:52	Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 ** Boards 17-24 **
** Last two matches are sequestered –no comparison and no change of Closed Room players is allowed.			
QUARTER-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 32			
Saturday	6/6	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	6/7	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (CLICK HERE FOR SCHEDULE (SOON))</i>			
Monday	6/8	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	6/9	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
Tuesday	6/9	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Wednesday	6/10	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
<i>USA2 SEMI-FINAL</i>			
Thursday	6/11	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Friday	6/12	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
Friday	6/12	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Saturday	6/13	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90

Board 21 ♠ K8765
 Rd Robin ♥ Q7
 Dealer: N ♦ K974
 N/S Vul. ♣ 98

♠ J92 ♠ A3
 ♥ AJ5 ♥ 9842
 ♦ Q6 ♦ T853
 ♣ KQ754 ♣ T32


 N

♠ QT4
 ♥ KT63
 ♦ AJ2
 ♣ AJ6

West	North	East	South
Smith	Lair	Garner	Hamman
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2H
Pass	2S (Inv.)	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Most pairs played in either a 3S or 4S contract and took eight or nine tricks. Mark Lair demonstrated his declarer skill when he and Bob Hamman reached 4S on the auction above. Most players transfer with North's hand. Mark chose not to transfer, planning to bid game immediately if his partner showed four cards in spades. When Hamman bid 2H, Mark simply invited game with his 2S bid. Bob raised spades, showing three card support and a non-maximum. Mark carried on to game.

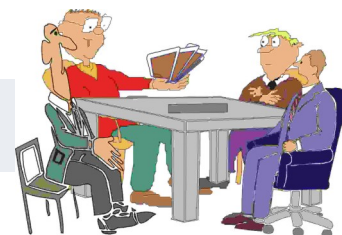
The opening lead was a third best diamond, which rode to the queen and declarer's king. It appears that dummy's spade ten will cause Lair to fail. Without this card, he would be forced to play for a doubleton ace of spades, but now a losing finesse was available.

At trick two, Lair led a spade to the queen! He followed with a heart to the queen and a second heart to the ten, losing to Smith's jack. Smith returned a diamond, which Lair won in dummy. He now led a spade and ducked to Garner's ace. Of course Garner gave Smith a diamond ruff. Smith returned the club king, but it was too late. Lair won the club and trumped a heart setting up the king for a pitch of his losing club.

Claiming ten tricks for +620.

Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Peter Boyd Steve Garner	John Mohan Steve Robinson Ron Smith
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Zia Mahmood Mark Lair	Hemant Lall Michael Rosenberg Robert Hamman
Street	Paul Street, Capt Bart Bramley Marc Jacobus	Mike Passell Eddie Wold Lew Stansby
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Neil Chambers Drew Casen	Larry Kozlove John Schermer Jim Krekorian
Morse	Dan Morse, Capt Chip Martel Kit Woolsey	John Sutherlin Mark Feldman Fred Stewart
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Sam Lev Roger Bates	Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Matthew Granovetter
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Craig Allen	Claude Vogel Jim Phillips
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Marc Zwerling Dennis Clerkin	Jeff Aker Mark Tolliver Jerry Clerkin
Katz	Robert Katz, Capt Linda Lewis Robert Bitterman	Robert Cappelli Paul Lewis Lukasz Lebioda
Sorkin	Jon Sorkin, Capt David Lehman Cheri Bjerkan	Jeffry Mandell Richard Melson Larry Robbins

**Team List
in
Seeding Order**



Dan Morse was born in Houston, Texas and resided there all his life. As a youngster, he watched his parents dabble in social bridge in their home with other couples but didn't actually become mesmerized by the game until his late teens when he became introduced to duplicate -- a joy fulfilling addiction which continues as he is about to play in the Senior Trials in Schaumburg, IL, in 2015 at the age of 77.

He attended Pre-Pharmacy School at Texas Tech and then went on to earn his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy at the University of Houston. His entire life has been devoted to his family, to the game of bridge as both an accomplished player and administrator and to working diligently for long hours as a druggist, eventually buying his own drugstore which he owned for twenty-eight years, selling it in 2005. When time permitted, Dan was involved in the stock market and had a license as a real estate broker. Despite all his obligations, he found a way and the time to put his best foot forward at the bridge table.

Dan's early partners included George Dawkins, Ray Carmichael, George Rosenkranz, Bobby Nail, present partner Bobby Wolff, John Sutherlin, Betty Ann Kennedy -- and going back to the sixties ... Dorothy Truscott. His bridge accomplishments both at and away from the table are impressive. He has won all the major Team Games the ACBL offers: The Vanderbilt, Spingold, Reisinger, Grand Nationals, Senior Teams, Open Trials, Jacoby Swiss and Life Masters Pairs. In 1986 he was named Honorable Member of the ACBL and succeeded partner Bobby Wolff as ACBL District 16 Director, a post which he still holds.

Dan served on the World Bridge Federation Council for fifteen years and was elected President of the ACBL in 2008 -- serving as Chairman in 2009.

Dan's life has been engulfed in bridge and he has always been a successful and popular representative of our game.

KIBITZING RULES ...

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room ONLY at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed. A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament. When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

All of the Senior USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.

What's Your Name, Again?

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to playing cards a few times a week.

One day when playing cards, one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Hard of Hearing

Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doctor, 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you got a heart mummer and be careful."

Senior Humor



Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56	16	15.50	4.50	31	18.53	1.47
2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32
3	11.27	8.73	18	16	4	33	18.83	1.17
4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03
5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89
6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.24	0.76
7	12.77	7.23	22	16.9	3.1	37	19.37	0.63
8	13.12	6.88	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.5	0.5
9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38
10	13.78	6.22	25	17.5	2.5	40	19.74	0.26
11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15
12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.95	0.05
13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20	0
14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79			

USBF 8 Board VP Scale For Use in the USSBC

Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2015 Senior USBC is Suite 2321. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join Martha Katz, Chris Benson and Carol Hillard for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-11:00 am.
Lunch through Saturday from 2:30 - 4:30.

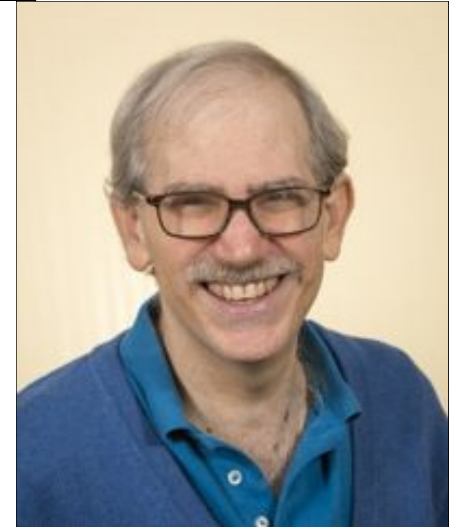
The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of play each day.

The Players' Lounge (room 1321) will also be open each day. You will find coffee and snacks there during play.

Pula Bridge Festival! September 5th-13th Pula, Croatia.

We are giving free accommodation (apartment for 4-6 persons) during Pula Bridge Festival to one US junior team. Festival is one of the biggest in Europe (over 100 teams, about 250 pairs).

If interested, contact me for details
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Chip Martel

is a retired Professor of Computer Science at the University of California, Davis.

A World Grand Master, Chip has won five world championships and placed second three times.

He has won 30 North American championships as well as the U.S. Bridge Championships five times, most of these in partnership with Lew Stansby.

Chip also has an outstanding record with other partners, including wife Jan.

Chip was elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2014.

Chip is chair of the ACBL Laws Commission.

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	21	15.19	4.81	42	18.33	1.67
1	10.31	9.69	22	15.38	4.62	43	18.44	1.56
2	10.61	9.39	23	15.56	4.44	44	18.55	1.45
3	10.91	9.09	24	15.74	4.26	45	18.66	1.34
4	11.20	8.80	25	15.92	4.08	46	18.77	1.23
5	11.48	8.52	26	16.09	3.91	47	18.87	1.13
6	11.76	8.24	27	16.26	3.74	48	18.97	1.03
7	12.03	7.97	28	16.42	3.58	49	19.07	0.93
8	12.29	7.71	29	16.58	3.42	50	19.16	0.84
9	12.55	7.45	30	16.73	3.27	51	19.25	0.75
10	12.80	7.20	31	16.88	3.12	52	19.34	0.66
11	13.04	6.96	32	17.03	2.97	53	19.43	0.57
12	13.28	6.72	33	17.17	2.83	54	19.52	0.48
13	13.51	6.49	34	17.31	2.69	55	19.61	0.39
14	13.74	6.26	35	17.45	2.55	56	19.69	0.31
15	13.96	6.04	36	17.59	2.41	57	19.77	0.23
16	14.18	5.82	37	17.72	2.28	58	19.85	0.15
17	14.39	5.61	38	17.85	2.15	59	19.93	0.07
18	14.60	5.40	39	17.97	2.03	60	20	0
19	14.80	5.20	40	18.09	1.91			
20	15	5	41	18.21	1.79			

USBF 16 Board VP Scale

Vugraph

The Knockout stages of the 2015 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph. We plan to cover 4-8 tables in the Round of 16 and Quarter-finals, all 4 tables in the Semi-finals and both tables in the Finals, and all of the tables in the USA2 Semi-finals and Finals, as well as some of the Quarter-finals. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer. If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world. Click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the USSBC matches you want to watch.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**):

10:00 - 12:10: Segment 1
12:20 - 2: 30: Segment 2
3:40 - 5:50: Segment 3
6:00 - 8:10: Segment 4

Segments 2 and 4 may start a little earlier or later than they are scheduled depending on when segments 1 and 3 end.

In the Round of 16, each match will play a different set of boards. In the Quarterfinal, the matches may play the same boards or different boards. In the Semi-Finals all of the teams will play the same boards, but for security reasons, if the matches do not all start at the same time, we will not start the Vugraph broadcast until all matches have started play.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2015 Senior USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.



**Plan to Attend the
2015 Summer NABC
August 6-16
Hilton and Towers
Downtown Chicago**

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku



Knit Wit

Sudoku 2

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

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Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!

Puzzle Page ...

Your sock drawer contains ten pairs of white socks and ten pairs of black socks. If you're only allowed to take one sock from the drawer at a time and you can't see what color sock you're taking until you've taken it, how many socks do you have to take before you're guaranteed to have at least one matching pair?

A man is the owner of a winery who recently passed away. In his will, he left 21 barrels (seven of which are filled with wine, seven of which are half full, and seven of which are empty) to his three sons. However, the wine and barrels must be split so that each son has the same number of full barrels, the same number of half-full barrels, and the same number of empty barrels. Note that there are no measuring devices handy. How can the barrels and wine be evenly divided?

What's the largest amount of money you can have in change and still not have change for a dollar?

USA2 Round Robin Information

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team	Boards
MONDAY, JUNE 8TH			
10:00-11:12	2 v 5, 3 v 4, 1 out	2, 3	1-8
11:20-12:32	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 out	3, 4	9-16
12:40-1:52	1 v 5, 2 v 4, 3 out	1, 2	17-24
LUNCH BREAK (83 MINUTES)			
3:15 - 4:27	1 v 3, 4 v 5, 2 out	none	1 - 8
4:35 - 5:47	1 v 2, 3 v 5, 4 out	none	9 - 16
SHORT BREAK BEFORE SECOND HALF OF MATCHES			
6:00 - 7:12	2 v 5, 3 v 4, 1 out	4, 5	17 - 24
7:20 - 8:32	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 out	1, 2	25 - 32
TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH			
10:00-11:12	1 v 5, 2 v 4, 3 out	4, 5	1 - 8
11:20-12:32	1 v 3, 4 v 5, 2 out	none	9 - 16**
12:40-1:52	1 v 2, 3 v 5, 4 out	none	17 - 24**

USA2 Round Robin NOTES:

This Round Robin is the Round of 16 for USA2 and takes place on Monday, June 8th and the first half of Tuesday, June 9th.

There are 5 teams in this Round Robin, the 4 USA1 Quarterfinal losers and the survivor of the USA2 Round of 32, played on the second half of Saturday, June 6th and all of Sunday, June 7th. Team numbers for this Round Robin will be randomly assigned.

Each team will play a 16 board match against each other team, in two 8 board halves. Each player on each team must play against each

other team ("Balanced Play Requirement"). Each team will have a sit out round in each half, so that the boards can be played simultaneously in all matches.

The last two matches of the Round Robin will be sequestered (one pair on each team must play both matches in the Closed Room. Teams are not allowed to compare scores after the first match. Because sequestering makes it impossible for teams to exercise seating rights in these matches, there are no seating rights in the first half of the final two matches.

Answers to Puzzle

Three. In the worst case, the first two socks you take out will consist of one black sock and one white sock. The next sock you take out is guaranteed to match one or the other.

Two half-full barrels are dumped into one of the empty barrels. Two more half-full barrels are dumped into another one of the empty barrels. This results in nine full barrels, three half-full barrels, and nine empty barrels. Each son gets three full barrels, one half-full barrel, and three empty barrels.

\$1.19. Three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies.



The Players





Busy at Play



Howie Doing ...

The quarterfinals: down and dirty...
The 8 seed's up by more than 30!

While all the teams are having fun,
Meltzer's out for Number One.

Simson's hot and when it's through,
He'll last one more and play for 2!

Did Milner dial Sorkin's cell?
3 VP's went down the well.

While Sorkin's team is plenty good,
Milner's got the heavy wood!

Can Morse's squad stay in the top
With Feldman doing slow and stop?

Jacobs' team's not lacking power,
Formed at the 11th hour.

Mister Limo stands at ready,
All four guys are playing steady.

Though Street don't look as good as Lynch!
Street crowns Kasle ... it's a cynch.

Jacobus, Wold, and Mikey too,
Are mighty tough with Bart and Lew.

'Course everyone's assured five days...
So lots of time for stellar plays!

Who remains and who is through?
Playing to be Number Two?

Who will leave and who survives?
Katz are known to have nine lives.

Howie Doing won't look back,
He'll trounce the Brit that they call "Jack!"

Ta Ta...

Howie Doing... Great!

Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

As always my favourite old sod is having his way in the round of 8. Zia and his merry band are playing a team of locals. The lead is 30 currently but expect it to balloon with the morrow. Zia over Sorkin.

Speaking of locals, there is one four handed team in the event; Jacobs. Featuring only one well known luminary, they are nonetheless making a match of it against the vastly experienced Morse team. Limey Jack abhors teams with less than the full Monty, but midnight is e'er soon wrought as the major upset happens.

Meltzer-Simpson: Meltzer is the one seed and was expected to prevail, but Robinson and Boyd have grown too comfy with losing in the last seven years. Simpson has surrounded himself with largesse and seems quite willing to take the walk to Mrs. Hammerschmidt's cottage. Simpson in a rout.

Kasle-Street: this one figured to be the battle of the titans And they may well meet again for a second joust. Mr. Dung will no doubt choose Street, but for all the foolish reasons. Is there no end to his cretinous ways? In this case he has stumbled onto the footpath home from the marsh as Street smarts prevail.

In the battle of the also-rans, Katz on paper looks like they have no chance, but Levine is struggling and there is some discourse within the ranks. Levine is the first to fly away like a nightingale.


Follow Limey Jack, make a few quid;
Follow Howie Dung and wish not you did.

Cheers, LJ



Bjerkan and Robbins

Board 21 ♠ J943
 Rd Robin ♥ J9
 Segment 6 ♦ AKT52
 Dealer: N ♣ A4
 N/S Vul. ♣ A4

♠ AKQT87		♠ 65
♥ QT6		♥ K74
♦ J8		♦ Q43
♣ 65		♣ QJ932

♠ 2
 ♥ A8532
 ♦ 976
 ♣ KT87

West	North	East	South
Smith	Passell	Garner	Wold
	1NT (14-16)	Pass	2D (transfer)
2S	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Passell decided to bid 2NT rather than 3D in response to Wold's balancing double. As the cards lie, 3D is an easy make, while 2NT can be defeated.

Garner led the six of spades against 2NT.

Looking at all four hands, it's easy to see that Smith can duck this trick and beat the contract. Declarer must give up a diamond trick to the defenders at which point the defense can take five spade tricks. Smith was worried that the spade trick would be declarer's eighth trick. He won the spade, played a second high spade and exited with a diamond.

Declarer played a second diamond and led the heart nine to Smith's ten. Ronnie realized his high spade would go away if he didn't cash it, so he played the top spade and exited with a spade. Passell conceded a diamond to East and claimed eight tricks.

Could the contract have been defeated after Smith won the first trick?

It appears that it can.

Garner had to find the less than obvious play of the heart king at trick five. If declarer lets this hold, Garner cashes his diamond and continues hearts. If declarer wins the ace, Smith has two heart tricks to go with his three spades and Garner's diamond trick, although the timing is tricky.