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## The Start of the Semi Finals...

#	TEAM	TOTAL	SET	SET	SET	SET	SET
			#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
1	Hamman, NPC	183	47	23	48	65	
4	Gupta	92	10	36	24	22	
2	Simson	88	16	28	1	43	WD
3	Wolfson	198	65	57	49	27	

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# Old Times



Yesterday at games across ACBLland, money was raised, all day and all night, to benefit Alzheimer's research.

The lady in the bottom shot is the force behind the project...

Thanks Darby Padbury!  
Your great work is truly appreciated.

# Teams Entered... In Bracket Order

OLD TIMES

Hamman	Reese Milner Mark Lair Zia Mahmood Petra Hamman, NPC	Hemant Lall Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth
Morse	John Mohan Lew Stansby Steve Garner Jo Morse, NPC	Rose Meltzer Bart Bramley Ron Smith
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The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

Lucille Ball



## All About Kibitzing



### 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.**

**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**

**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**

**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**

**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



# Tournament Schedule:

<i>ROUND OF SIXTEEN</i>			
<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>BOARDS</i>
FRIDAY	JUNE 17	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FRIDAY	JUNE 17	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SATURDAY	JUNE 18	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 95 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
SATURDAY	JUNE 18	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	JUNE 19	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
<i>SEMI-FINAL</i>			
MONDAY	JUNE 20	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY	JUNE 21	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 95 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
<i>FINAL</i>			
TUESDAY	JUNE 21	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 22	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30

## Meet the Players...



Awards: Mott-Smith Trophy (3) 1975, 1988, 1992

Wins: North American Bridge Championships (12)

Blue Ribbon Pairs (1) 1971<sup>1</sup>  
 Nail Life Master Open Pairs (2) 1976, 1985  
 Jacoby Open Swiss Teams (2) 1985, 1987  
 Vanderbilt (4) 1975, 1976, 1988, 1992  
 Senior Knockout Teams (1) 2010  
 Keohane North American Swiss Teams (1) 1990<sup>1</sup>  
 Spingold (1) 1976

**Roger  
Bates**

# VuGraph Information

The Knockout stages of the 2016 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph. We plan to cover all of the tables from the Quarterfinals on. 2 or 4 tables will have streaming video, and the other tables will have video uploaded after the day is over. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch. If you prefer to use the Windows version of BBO, after you log on, click on the button or line labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the Senior USBC matches you want to watch.

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

Each day's schedule is about the same (these are Denver 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**

**3:45 - 5:55: Segment 3**

**6:10 - 8:20: Segment 4**



**On Saturday and Tuesday, when a new match starts in the middle of the day, the third and fourth segments will be at:**

**4:00 - 6:10: Segment 3**

**6:20 - 8:30: 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.**

All of the teams in the Semi-Finals will play the same boards. 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. The DIC will decide whether all of the Quarter-final teams will play the same boards after looking at any security issues.

## Hints for BBO viewers

**Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile BBO users] click on the name of the table/event name will provide a pop-up that:**

**\* displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device**

**\* has a link to the home page for event**

**click on a player name will usually provide a pop-up that**

**\* displays a picture of the player**

**\* shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information**

**VIDEO: For those who use the original windows BBO - when you enter a room that has video, BBO will welcome you and broadcast the link to video. If video starts after you've entered the room or you forgot to grab the information, then exit the table and re-enter to see the automatic display. All other users will have a "Video" button at the bottom of the table. Just push the button and click on the link provided.**

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs. Take a look at the events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2016 Senior USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

If you are going to be in Denver during the Senior USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**.



# Into the Semi-Finals... All tables playing the same hands...

Board 4  
Segment 1  
Dealer: W  
All Vul.

♠ AKQ32  
♥ Q64  
♦ KT3  
♣ T4

♠ T976  
♥ A7  
♦ A542  
♣ 853

♠ 4  
♥ KJT932  
♦ 6  
♣ AQJ96

♠ J85  
♥ 85  
♦ QJ987  
♣ K72



West	North	East	South	
Casen	Silverman	Krekorian	Wolfson	<b>Wolfson vs Simson</b>
Pass	1S	2S (Michaels)	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3C	All Pass	

Berkowitz	Aker	Sontag	Simson	<b>Wolfson vs Simson</b>
Pass	1NT (14-16)	2D (transfer to ♥)	Pass	
2H	Pass	3H	Pass	
4H	All Pass			

Miller	Zia	Gupta	Meckstroth	<b>Hamman vs Gupta</b>
Pass	1NT (14+-17)	2D (transfer to ♥)	Pass	
2H	2S	3C	3S	
All Pass				

It is always interesting when both matches play the same hands. It makes you realize how much different things would be had you drawn the other team. Some swings would have been pushes and some pushes would have been swings. In some way, it's luck of the draw. This hand is a good example of that.

Lall	Schermer	Milner	Chambers	<b>Hamman vs Gupta</b>
Pass	1S	2S	3S	
4C (pass or correct)	All Pass			

At both tables, one in each match, when North opened 1S, East bid Michaels. Maybe East's hand is too good for Michaels with six hearts and five clubs.

At both tables, again one in each match, when North opened 1NT, East transferred to hearts.

In the Open Room, Wolfson vs. Simson, Casen asked for Krekorian's minor over the Michaels bid. Krekorian showed his club suit. Casen had no great fits and no extras so he passed and they missed the vulnerable game.

In the Closed Room, Sontag had two options over 1NT. He could transfer to hearts (as he did) or he could double to show hearts and a minor. He liked his holdings. He transferred to hearts, and when Berkowitz did as told and took the transfer, Sontag invited (still not mentioning his minor). Berkowitz bid the game. 11 IMPs to Wolfson

In Hamman vs. Gupta, Zia opened 1NT and Gupta transferred to hearts. Miller took the transfer, but Zia, never going quietly, bid 2S on his S:AKQ32. Gupta showed a hand with excellent playing strength by now showing her minor. Meckstroth, known for pressuring opponents in competitive auctions, raised Zia's spades. Everyone passed and Zia collected +140.

In the other room in that match, Schermer opened 1S and Milner bid Michaels. Chambers competed to 3S, applying what pressure he could, and Lall bid 4C (pass or correct.) Since Milner held clubs, he passed.

7 IMPs to Hamman

Board 9  
Segment 1  
Dealer: N  
E/W Vul.

♠ A7  
♥ AJT8  
♦ AK8  
♣ AQ82

♠ J8  
♥ K94  
♦ Q9732  
♣ 754



♠ 53  
♥ 7652  
♦ 65  
♣ KJT96

♠ KQT9642  
♥ Q3  
♦ JT4  
♣ 3

In the Hamman/Gupta match, both teams played in 6S on similar auctions. The South hand showed long spades and then bid RKC Blackwood. Holding all the keycards and the queen of trumps, both Souths asked for kings. Assuming that 6D was a specific king response, it is surprising that neither South player asked for the heart king by bidding 6H. Unless North held only two hearts, the king of hearts would make the grand slam a claim.

The Wolfson/Simpson match was more interesting. Aker/Simson used a strong club and relays to reach 6NT. Aker was in control with the North hand, he knew that Simson held a long spade suit with no side suit and 0-2 controls. When Aker bid RKC, he found that Simson held the KQ of spades and no side kings. Since he knew that the grand slam would not be a claim, Aker decided to "right-side" the contract by bidding 6NT.

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Aker	Sontag	Simson
	1C (strong)	Pass	1H (spades)
Pass	1NT (relay)	Pass	2S (0-2 controls)
Pass	2NT (relay)	Pass	3S (no side suit)
Pass	4C (relay?)	Pass	4H (HQ?)
Pass	4NT (RKC)	Pass	5D (1)
Pass	5H (Q ask)	Pass	5NT (Q+ no Kings)
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Casen	Silverman	Krekorian	Wolfson
	2C	Pass	2D (0-1 control)
Pass	2NT	Pass	4H (transfer)
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT (RKC)
Pass	5D (4)	Pass	5NT (K ask)
Pass	6D	Pass	7S
All Pass			

Lall	Schermer	Milner	Chambers
	2NT	Pass	4H (Texas)
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT (RKC)
Pass	5C (4)	Pass	5NT (K ask)
Pass	6D	Pass	6S
All Pass			

Miller	Zia	Gupta	Meckstroth
	2C	Pass	2S
Pass	2NT	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4NT (RKC)
Pass	5D (4)	Pass	5NT (K ask)
Pass	6D	Pass	6S
All Pass			

Wolfson vs Simson

Hamman vs Gupta

Wolfson took a more aggressive view. He knew that Silverman held 3-5 HCP in his side cards. The possible side cards are the QJ of clubs, the Q of diamonds, the KJ of hearts and the J of spades. Wolfson's 7S bid was risky, but not without logic. In the end it was 50-50. It paid off here.

10 IMPs to Wolfson

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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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



# Puzzle Page ...

During a recent gymnastics gala, four girls competed in three events, the vault, the beam and the floor.

Chloe came third on the floor.

The girl who came second in the vault, won the beam event.

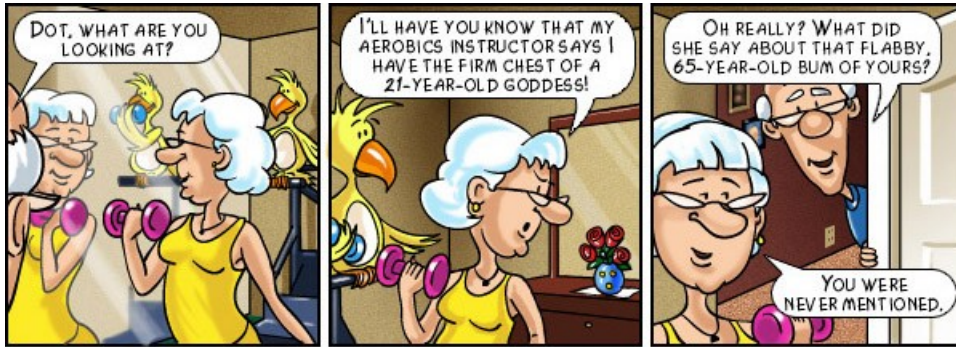
The girl who came second on the beam won the floor.

Jessica beat Alex in every event.

The girl who won the vault came second on the floor.

Caris came last in the vault.

Can you determine who finished where in each event?



## Hint and Answer to Puzzle

Answer:	Name	Vault	Beam	Floor
1	Jessica	1	3	2
2	Chloe	2	1	3
3	Alex	3	4	4
4	Caris	4	2	1

Hint: Caris won the floor.

# 2016 Mixed USBC

In 2016, the [World Bridge Games](#), to be held in Wroclaw, Poland from September 3 through September 17th, will include a Mixed Teams event. USBF will hold a hybrid online & face-to-face selection event, the 2016 Mixed United States Bridge Championship. The USBF Tournament Committee is working on the details of the competition, but what we expect is that it will be in 3 stages:

1. An online Swiss Teams event to be held on BBO on Saturday & Sunday, July 9 & 10, 2016. Any USBF member who has paid dues for 2016 may enter this event. The exact format will be determined by the number of teams. Each player will be required to provide a monitor, who will sign a statement that the player did not communicate with anyone during play and did not have any window other than the BBO playing window open during play.
2. Online Knockout Rounds of 16 and 8 on BBO on Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17 (teams in the Round of 16 may arrange to play their match earlier than July 16). The top 16 teams from the Swiss stage will participate, and they will be seeded in the order of finish in the Swiss. Each match will probably be 64 boards long, but that has still to be finally determined. Each player will be required to have a monitor, who will have to be approved in advance and may have to be an ACBL certified director. The monitor will sign a statement that the player did not communicate with anyone during play and did not have any window other than the BBO playing window open during play. Arrangements may be made for multiple players to compete at a local bridge club.
3. Face to face Semi-Final and Final matches to be played in Washington, DC on Aug. 1-3 (the three days after the Summer NABC). These matches will be 90 boards long. We hope to arrange space for this stage of play at the NABC tournament hotel, but are still working on that.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are now open and will close on June 27th, 2016; additional entries will be accepted after June 27th, but only if those additional teams will improve the format of the event.

## ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for this event will be lower than for the Open, Senior & Women's events, because USBF costs will be lower. The tournament committee has not yet determined the exact entry fees. Best guess right now is that there will be an event entry fee of \$240 per team, and no additional fees until the Semi-Final. Players will, however, be required to compensate their monitors and to pay any fees that local bridge clubs may charge if they play at a local club. Session fees for the Semi-Final and Final will be the same as for other USBF events - \$150 per team per session, so \$450 for each stage.

## COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Please [email Jan](#) if you have any suggestions, comments or questions about this event.



## Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2016 Senior USBC is Suite 2612. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz, being the good sports they are, have agreed to awaken even earlier than usual to accommodate the early risers... Early Bird Senior Breakfast will be served from 7:30 going forward! Thank you ladies!! You are the best!

**Breakfast each day from 7:30-11:00 am.-Lunch Sunday through Wednesday from 2:30-4:00.**

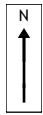
The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of play each day. The Players' Lounge (room 1901) will also be open on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. We will have coffee and snacks there for you during play.

Board 29  
 Segment 2  
 Dealer: N  
 All Vul.

♠ J4  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ J9764  
 ♣ KQ73

♠ Q2  
 ♥ J987  
 ♦ T853  
 ♣ T95

♠ AKT98  
 ♥ AKT32  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ 84



West	North	East	South
Martel	Casen	Rosenberg	Krekorian
Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	2C (LR in Spades)	Pass	3H
Pass	4C	Pass	4D
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT
Pass	5C	Pass	5D
Pass	6D	Pass	6H
Pass	6S	All Pass	

Risky Grand Slams are the tone of the day.

In the Simson/Wolfson match, both tables settled for a sensible 6S contract, making seven when the spades split 2-2.

Aker	Silverman	Simson	Wolfson
Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	2D (LR in Spades)	Pass	2H
Pass	3D	Pass	3NT
Pass	4C	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	5H
Pass	5S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

In the Hamman/Gupta match Zia/Meckstroth also settled in 6S.

At the other table, the Schermer/Chambers auction started similarly to the Meckstroth/Zia bidding. The divergence occurred when Chambers asked for the trump queen by bidding 5D. Apparently Schermer thought his four small trumps were as good as the queen. He bid 6D showing the SQ and the DK. Now Chambers thought he had the SQ and knew he had no minor suit losers. The grand slam would likely be cold if Schermer held the HQ or a doubleton heart and four trumps.

Gupta	Meckstroth	Miller	Zia
Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	2C (LR Spades)	Pass	2NT (slam try or game choice)
Pass	3C (relay)	Pass	3H (2 suit slam try)
Pass	4C (cue for either Major)	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	6H (slam choice)
Pass	6S	All Pass	

Lall tried the tricky low spade lead. Chambers won in hand, cashed the DA and crossed to dummy to shed a club on the DK. He led a trump, went up with the king, guessing that Lall had not led a singleton. +2210 and 13 IMPS to Gupta.

Lall	Schermer	Milner	Chambers
Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	2C (LR Spades)	Pass	2NT (art.)
Pass	3D (art)	Pass	3H
Pass	4C (cue)	Pass	4D (cue)
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT
Pass	5C	Pass	5D (Q ask)
Pass	6D (Q + DK)	Pass	6H
Pass	7S	All Pass	



Board 17  
 Segment 4  
 Dealer: N  
 None Vul.

♠ KT6  
 ♥ J5  
 ♦ QT43  
 ♣ 9432

♠ A854  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ A72  
 ♣ AKJ6



♠ QJ7  
 ♥ AQ863  
 ♦ K986  
 ♣ 5

♠ 932  
 ♥ KT72  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ QT87

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Meckstroth	Miller	Zia
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At three of the four tables in this segment, West arrived in 3NT on an uncomplicated sequence. All of those made 3NT with an up trick on a variety of leads and plays. Only at the one table (auction described above) did East find himself as declarer... and the result was quite different.

Zia made the tricky lead of the C8, fourth best!! Miller won the CA, played the H9 to the J, Q, and K. Zia played the CT and Miller won the king. Miller played a heart to his eight and Zia won the ten. Zia played the C7 and Miller won the jack in dummy, Meckstroth unblocking the nine. Miller led a diamond to his hand and played the SQ which Meckstroth ducked smoothly. Since he was never going to be in his hand again, Miller cashed the HA, hoping for a 3-3 break or, if not, he hoped Meckstroth held only three clubs and Zia was entryless.

When hearts didn't break, Miller led the SJ and ducked to Meck's king. Meckstroth led the C3 to Zia and Zia cashed the H7 to defeat the contract.

10 IMPs to Hamman

