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MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# All Kidding Aside—Pre-Bulletin

## The Prez Says ...



Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia, for the Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championships.

On behalf of the USBF, we appreciate your commitment to this Championship. We want you to have a great experience while you are here. We also want you to remember that the chance to play in these trials, and to represent the United States, has been made possible through the generosity of a large number of players who very likely did not have this opportunity.

For this reason, and others, we expect participants to continue to uphold the ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship ideals for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

Best of luck here and in China next year should you qualify.

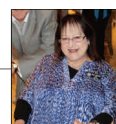
Marty Fleisher, President, USBF

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### From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in later hard copy editions, other information will not. We do this to provide fresh content at a substantial print savings to the organization. Thank you!!



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# Teams Entered...

ALL KIDDING ASIDE—PRE-BULLETIN

## U26:

<b>Kompa</b>	<b>Benjamin Kompa, Capt</b> <b>Brandon Harper</b>	<b>David Yoon</b> <b>Jeffrey Schwartz</b>
<b>Rockoff</b>	<b>Kyle Rockoff, Capt</b> <b>Daniel Sonner</b>	<b>Ilan Wolff</b> <b>Cyrus Hettle</b>
<b>Kaplan</b>	<b>Adam Kaplan, Capt</b> <b>Kevin Rosenberg</b> <b>Oren Kriegel</b>	<b>Christian Jolly</b> <b>Benjamin Kristensen</b> <b>Zachary Grossack</b>
<b>Berk</b>	<b>Hakan Berk, Capt</b> <b>Samuel Goldberg</b>	<b>David Soukup</b> <b>Matthew Weingarten</b>
<b>Baumel</b>	<b>Jonathan Baumel, Capt</b> <b>Ninad More</b>	<b>Gianni Hsieh</b> <b>Alexander Frieden</b>
<b>Wei</b>	<b>Hongji Wei, Capt</b> <b>Nian Si</b> <b>Chang Liu</b>	<b>Yewen Fan</b> <b>Yichen Yin</b> <b>Che Shen</b>
<b>Dhir</b>	<b>Arjun Dhir</b> <b>Samuel Amer</b> <b>Burke Snowden</b>	<b>William Zhu</b> <b>Gregory Herman</b>



# Kompa



# Sonner

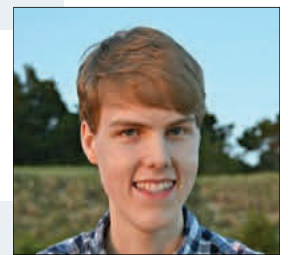
## U21:

<b>Stephani</b>	<b>Isaac Stephani, Capt</b> <b>John Taylor</b>	<b>Julian Kurtzman</b> <b>Victor Xu</b>
<b>Xiao</b>	<b>Brent Xiao, Capt</b> <b>Cornelius Duffie</b> <b>Richard Jeng</b>	<b>Kevin Huang</b> <b>Sarah Youngquist</b>
<b>Wan</b>	<b>Stella (Qinqin) Wan, Capt</b> <b>Jacob Williams</b>	<b>David Zheng</b> <b>Luke Williams</b>
<b>Chai</b>	<b>Eric Chai, Capt</b> <b>Vincent Zhu</b>	<b>Kyle Lui</b> <b>Michael Zheng</b>
<b>Koppel</b>	<b>Reese Koppel, Capt</b> <b>Jack Donaghue</b> <b>Cooper Smith</b>	<b>Kunal Vohra</b> <b>Hunter McClain</b> <b>Caleb Colburn</b>
<b>Xu</b>	<b>Yuchen Xu, Capt</b> <b>Di Wu</b>	<b>Dian Qi</b> <b>Lingyi Ma</b>

“I won’t get upset at you about a mistake. I’ll get upset at you for the next mistake that comes from still thinking about the last mistake.”

## U16:

<b>Schireson</b>	<b>Olivia Schireson, Capt</b> <b>Jerry Xia</b> <b>Calix Tang</b>	<b>Miranda Schuyler</b> <b>Aman Desai</b>
<b>Xiao</b>	<b>Rory Xiao, Capt</b> <b>Michael Hu</b> <b>Harrison Luba</b>	<b>Jonathan Yue</b> <b>Arthur Zhou</b>
<b>Xie</b>	<b>Ethan Xie, Capt</b> <b>Marley Cedrone</b>	<b>Michael Xu</b> <b>Zacharia Posternak</b>



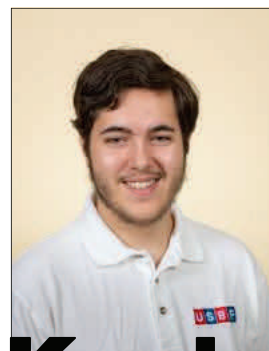
# Hettle

## RONA (GIRLS):

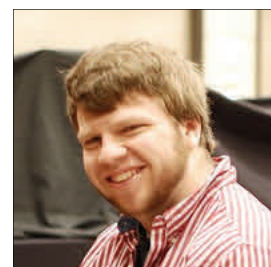
<b>Fashingbauer</b>	<b>Ellie Fashingbauer, Capt</b> <b>Emma Kolesnik</b> <b>Helena Hsieh</b>	<b>Emma Miller</b> <b>Lauren Liu</b> <b>Morgan Johnstone</b>
<b>Thapa</b>	<b>Isha Thapa, Capt</b> <b>Lucy Zhang</b>	<b>Amber Lin</b> <b>Sophia Chang</b>

# Tournament Schedule

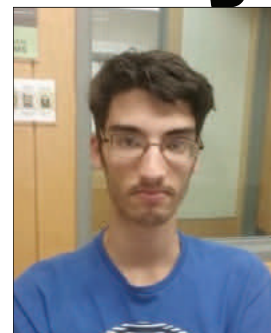
U26 SCHEDULE			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
<i>ROUND ROBIN</i>			
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:30 - 12:40 12:50 - 2:00 2:10 - 3:20 3:30 - 4:40  6:30 - 7:40 7:50 - 9:00 9:10 - 10:20	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 3 - BOARDS 17-24 MATCH 4 - BOARDS 25-32 110 MINUTE BREAK MATCH 5 - BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 6 - BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 7 - BOARDS 17-24
EACH TEAM WILL SIT OUT ONE MATCH.			
<i>USA1 SEMIFINAL &amp; USA2 ROUND OF 16 (3-WAY)</i>			
THURSDAY	DEC. 28	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00  5:45 - 7:55 8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 (1-14 IN 3-WAY) SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 (15-28 IN 3-WAY) 105 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 (1-14 IN 3-WAY) SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 (15-28 IN 3-WAY)
<i>USA1 FINAL &amp; USA2 QUARTERFINAL &amp; SEMIFINAL</i>			
FRIDAY	DEC. 29	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK
AND	&	5:45 - 7:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
SATURDAY	DEC. 30	8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
SUNDAY	DEC. 31	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00  5:45 - 7:55 8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
<b>U21 SCHEDULE</b>			
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
<i>ROUND ROBIN</i>			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:30 - 1:05 1:15 - 2:50 3:00 - 4:35	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-11 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 12-22 MATCH 3 - BOARDS 23-33 115 MINUTE BREAK
AND	&	6:30 - 8:05 8:15 - 9:50	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 1-11 MATCH 5 - BOARDS 12-22
THURSDAY	DEC. 28		
<i>SEMIFINAL</i>			
FRIDAY	DEC. 29	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00  5:45 - 7:55 8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30



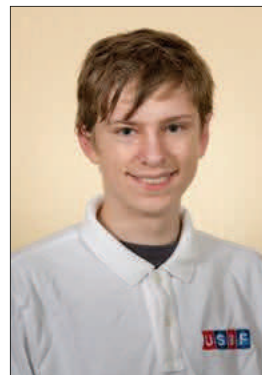
**Kaplan**



**Jolly**



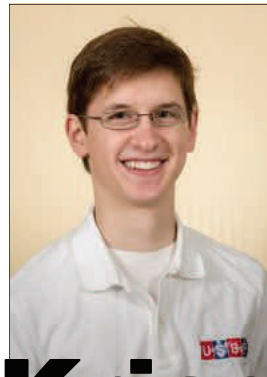
**Rosenberg**



**Kristensen**

**(Schedule continued on page 4)**

<b>FINAL &amp; PLAYOFF FOR THIRD PLACE</b>			
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 30</b>	<b>11:30 - 1:40</b>	<b>SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15</b>
		<b>1:50 - 4:00</b>	<b>SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30</b>
		<b>5:45 - 7:55</b>	<b>105 MINUTE BREAK</b>
		<b>8:05 - 10:15</b>	<b>SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15</b> <b>SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30</b>
<b>RONA SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 29</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>CAPTAINS' MEETING</b>
<b>FINAL</b>			
<b>FRIDAY</b>  <b>AND</b>  <b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 29</b>  <b>&amp;</b>  <b>DEC. 30</b>	<b>11:30 - 1:40</b>	<b>SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15</b>
		<b>1:50 - 4:00</b>	<b>SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30</b>
		<b>5:45 - 7:55</b>	<b>105 MINUTE BREAK</b>
		<b>8:05 - 10:15</b>	<b>SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15</b> <b>SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30</b>
<b>U16 SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 28</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>CAPTAINS' MEETING</b>
<b>ROUND ROBIN</b>			
<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>&amp;</b>  <b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 28</b>  <b>&amp;</b>  <b>DEC. 29</b>	<b>11:30 - 1:40</b>	<b>BOARDS 1-14</b>
		<b>1:50 - 4:00</b>	<b>BOARDS 15-28</b>
		<b>5:45 - 7:55</b>	<b>110 MINUTE BREAK</b>
		<b>8:05 - 10:15</b>	<b>BOARDS 1-14</b> <b>BOARDS 15-28</b>
<b>FINAL</b>			
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 30</b>	<b>11:30 - 1:40</b>	<b>SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15</b>
		<b>1:50 - 4:00</b>	<b>SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30</b>
		<b>5:45 - 7:55</b>	<b>105 MINUTE BREAK</b>
		<b>8:05 - 10:15</b>	<b>SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15</b> <b>SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30</b>



**Kriegel**

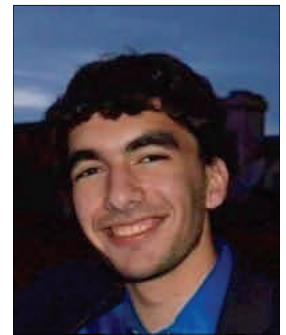


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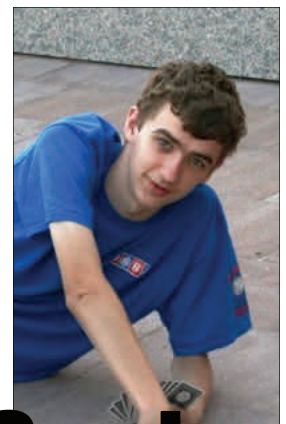
**U21 Round Robin Schedule**

**NOTES:**  
 There are 6 teams in the Round Robin. Teams have been numbered in random order:  
 Team 1 - Stephani  
 Team 2 - Xiao  
 Team 3 - Wan  
 Team 4 - Chai  
 Team 5 - Koppel  
 Team 6 - Xu  
 ORDER OF PLAY ON DEC. 28TH IS OPPOSITE OF THAT ON DEC. 27TH.  
 EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM  
 (USBF General Conditions of Contest Section VIII B).

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team*	Boards
<i>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH</i>			
11:30-1:05	1 v 4 (1 is NS @ D6), 2 v 6 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 5 (3 is NS @ C4)	1, 2, 3	1-11
1:15-2:50	1 v 5 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 4 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 6 (3 is NS @ C4)	5, 4, 6	12-22
3:00-4:35	1 v 2 (1 is NS @ D5), 3 v 4 (3 is NS @ D4), 5 v 6 (5 is NS @ C6)	1, 3, 5	23-33
<i>BREAK</i>			
6:30 - 8:05	1 v 3 (1 is NS @ C4), 2 v 5 (2 is NS @ D6), 4 v 6 (4 is NS @ C5)	3, 5, 6	1-11
8:15 - 9:50	1 v 6 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 3 (2 is NS @ D4), 4 v 5 (4 is NS @ C5)	1, 2, 4	12-22
<i>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH</i>			
11:30-1:05	1 v 6 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 3 (2 is NS @ D4), 4 v 5 (4 is NS @ C5)	6, 3, 5	1-11
1:15-2:50	1 v 3 (1 is NS @ C4), 2 v 5 (2 is NS @ D6), 4 v 6 (4 is NS @ C5)	1, 2, 4	12-22
3:00-4:35	1 v 2 (1 is NS @ D5), 3 v 4 (3 is NS @ D4), 5 v 6 (5 is NS @ C6)	2, 4, 6	23-33
<i>BREAK</i>			
6:30 - 8:05	1 v 5 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 4 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 6 (3 is NS @ C4)	1, 2, 3	1-11
8:15 - 9:50	1 v 4 (1 is NS @ D6), 2 v 6 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 5 (3 is NS @ C4)	4, 6, 5	12-22



**Berk**



**Soukup**

# VuGraph Information

The 2017 Michael Seamon Junior USBCs will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the U26 USA1 Semifinal on Thursday, Dec. 28th. We hope to cover all of the tables in the U26 USA1 Semifinals and Finals, as well as the USA2 Finals. We will also cover at least some of the U21 Semifinal & Final and the Rona & U16 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 use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general 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 the same (these are Atlanta times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the [BBO Vugraph schedule site](#))

1:30-1:40

1:50-4:00

5:45-7:55

8:05-10:15



**Weingarten**

## Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile BBO users]

a 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 the event

a 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: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

Video from the event will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

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 older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2017 MSJUSBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for MSJUSBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2017MSJUSBC followed by U26, U26USA2, U21, U16, or Rona under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page

**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.**

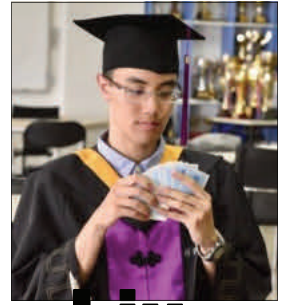
**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

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

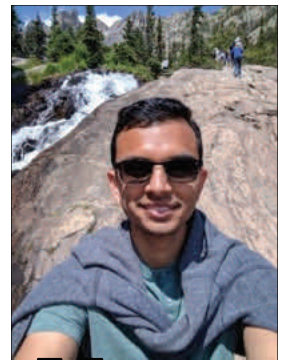


# USBF 22 Board VP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	21	14.04	5.96	42	16.83	3.17	63	18.77	1.23
1	10.23	9.77	22	14.20	5.80	43	16.94	3.06	64	18.85	1.15
2	10.45	9.55	23	14.35	5.65	44	17.05	2.95	65	18.92	1.08
3	10.67	9.33	24	14.50	5.50	45	17.16	2.84	66	18.99	1.01
4	10.89	9.11	25	14.65	5.35	46	17.26	2.74	67	19.06	0.94
5	11.10	8.90	26	14.80	5.20	47	17.36	2.64	68	19.13	0.87
6	11.31	8.69	27	14.95	5.05	48	17.46	2.54	69	19.20	0.80
7	11.52	8.48	28	15.09	4.91	49	17.56	2.44	70	19.27	0.73
8	11.72	8.28	29	15.23	4.77	50	17.66	2.34	71	19.34	0.66
9	11.92	8.08	30	15.37	4.63	51	17.75	2.25	72	19.41	0.59
10	12.11	7.89	31	15.50	4.50	52	17.84	2.16	73	19.47	0.53
11	12.30	7.70	32	15.63	4.37	53	17.93	2.07	74	19.53	0.47
12	12.49	7.51	33	15.76	4.24	54	18.02	1.98	75	19.59	0.41
13	12.67	7.33	34	15.89	4.11	55	18.11	1.89	76	19.65	0.35
14	12.85	7.15	35	16.02	3.98	56	18.20	1.80	77	19.71	0.29
15	13.03	6.97	36	16.14	3.86	57	18.29	1.71	78	19.77	0.23
16	13.21	6.79	37	16.26	3.74	58	18.37	1.63	79	19.83	0.17
17	13.38	6.62	38	16.38	3.62	59	18.45	1.55	80	19.89	0.11
18	13.55	6.45	39	16.50	3.50	60	18.53	1.47	81	19.94	0.06
19	13.72	6.28	40	16.61	3.39	61	8.61	1.39	82	19.99	0.01
20	13.88	6.12	41	16.72	3.28	62	18.69	1.31	83	20.00	0.00



**Liu**



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**Yin**



**Fan**

# USBF 56 Board VP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	30	14.20	5.80	60	17.04	2.96	90	18.98	1.02
1	10.17	9.83	31	14.31	5.69	61	17.12	2.88	91	19.03	0.97
2	10.34	9.66	32	14.42	5.58	62	17.20	2.80	92	19.08	0.92
3	10.50	9.50	33	14.53	5.47	63	17.28	2.72	93	19.13	0.87
4	10.66	9.34	34	14.64	5.36	64	17.35	2.65	94	19.18	0.82
5	10.82	9.18	35	14.75	5.25	65	17.42	2.58	95	19.23	0.77
6	10.98	9.02	36	14.86	5.14	66	17.49	2.51	96	19.28	0.72
7	11.13	8.87	37	14.96	5.04	67	17.56	2.44	97	19.33	0.67
8	11.28	8.72	38	15.06	4.94	68	17.63	2.37	98	19.38	0.62
9	11.43	8.57	39	15.16	4.84	69	17.70	2.30	99	19.43	0.57
10	11.58	8.42	40	15.26	4.74	70	17.77	2.23	100	19.48	0.52
11	11.73	8.27	41	15.36	4.64	71	17.84	2.16	101	19.53	0.47
12	11.88	8.12	42	15.46	4.54	72	17.91	2.09	102	19.58	0.42
13	12.02	7.98	43	15.56	4.44	73	17.98	2.02	103	19.63	0.37
14	12.16	7.84	44	15.66	4.34	74	18.05	1.95	104	19.67	0.33
15	12.30	7.70	45	15.76	4.24	75	18.11	1.89	105	19.71	0.29
16	12.44	7.56	46	15.85	4.15	76	18.17	1.83	106	19.75	0.25
17	12.58	7.42	47	15.94	4.06	77	18.23	1.77	107	19.79	0.21
18	12.71	7.29	48	16.03	3.97	78	18.29	1.71	108	19.83	0.17
19	12.84	7.16	49	16.12	3.88	79	18.35	1.65	109	19.87	0.13
20	12.97	7.03	50	16.21	3.79	80	18.41	1.59	110	19.91	0.09
21	13.10	6.90	51	16.30	3.70	81	18.47	1.53	111	19.95	0.05
22	13.23	6.77	52	16.39	3.61	82	18.53	1.47	112	19.99	0.01
23	13.36	6.64	53	16.48	3.52	83	18.59	1.41	113	20.00	0.00
24	13.48	6.52	54	16.56	3.44	84	18.65	1.35			
25	13.60	6.40	55	16.64	3.36	85	18.71	1.29			
26	13.72	6.28	56	16.72	3.28	86	18.77	1.23			
27	13.84	6.16	57	16.80	3.20	87	18.83	1.17			
28	13.96	6.04	58	16.88	3.12	88	18.88	1.12			
29	14.08	5.92	59	16.96	3.04	89	18.93	1.07			

# Meet the Players: Emma Kolesnik



Emma is from Ventura, CA and currently a first year student at Scripps College in Claremont, CA, majoring in Math and Computer Science. She is a member of the Harvey Mudd College bridge team.

Emma learned bridge from her parents when she was 8 or 9 years old, but has only been playing more seriously in the last few years.

When she's not playing bridge or studying, Emma enjoys baking and doing volunteer work with local underprivileged students.

# Morgan Johnstone



Morgan Johnstone, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is in her second year of pursuing a B.A. in Earth Science at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, and will be volunteering in a Hydrogeology Lab spring semester.

Since April, when she played in her first duplicate match, much of her free time has shifted to time spent playing bridge. She is currently a co-president of the new UMN Bridge Club and is working towards developing a team to represent the University in the College Bowl next spring.

## The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy



Both Emma and Morgan are playing to represent the USA in the Rona Cup competition in China from August 8th to 18th.

*2016, Salsomaggiore - ITALY*

*2014, Istanbul - TURKEY*

*2012, Taicang - CHINA*

*2010, Philadelphia - USA*

**The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy corresponds to the World Girls Teams Championship. This competition is for players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place.**

# Trip Advisors Ten Best Pizza Places in Atlanta

1. Amalfi Pizza  
\$\$ Pizza, Italian, Venues & Event Spaces  
17 Andrew Young International Blvd NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Phone number(470) 735-0544

2. Rosa's Pizza  
\$ Pizza, Desserts, Italian  
62 Broad St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

3. Max's Coal Oven Pizzeria  
\$\$ Pizza, Salad, Italian  
300 Marietta St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30313  
Phone number(404) 974-2941

4. Antico Pizza  
\$\$ Pizza  
1099 Hemphill Ave NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
Phone number (404) 347-3874

5. Three Cities Pizza  
\$ Pizza, Salad  
209 Edgewood Ave SE  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Phone number (404) 975-3222

6. Mellow Mushroom  
400 W Peachtree St  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
Phone number (404) 577-1001

7. Slice Downtown  
85 Poplar St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Phone number (404) 917-1820

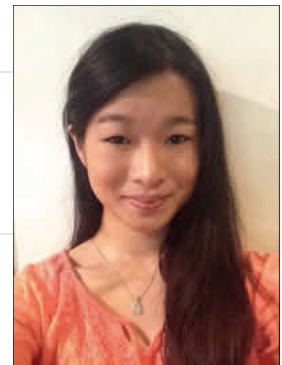
8. Atwoods Pizza Cafe  
817 W Peachtree St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
Phone number (404) 748-9577

9. Vinny's New York Pizza  
860 Peachtree St  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
Phone number (404) 872-0484

10. Nancy's Chicago Pizza  
265 Ponce de Leon Ave Ne, Atlanta, GA 30308  
Phone number (404) 881-0111



**Thapa**



**Zhang**

## Falcons Fans:

The Falcons play the Panthers at home on December 31 at 10:00 am.



## **Facts You Might Not Know About Atlanta...**

- 1.** Atlanta was originally named Terminus and Marthasville (the latter for Governor Wilson Lumpkin's daughter.)
- 2.** The city got its current name from railroad engineer J. Edgar Thompson. It's thought to be a shortened version of "Atlantica-Pacifica."
- 3.** Your GPS might be confused if you punch in "Peachtree" as your destination. There are over 55 streets with the name.
- 4.** And it's possible none of them are named for an actual peach tree. Historians suggest they're named after the Native American village of "Standing Pitch Tree." The pronunciation corrupted over the years.
- 5.** Atlanta was the only city in North American destroyed as an act of war. (General Sherman burnt it to the ground.)
- 6.** Only 400 buildings survived.
- 7.** That's why the city's symbol is a phoenix.
- 8.** Lots of airports claim to be the world's busiest. But Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport truly is the world's busiest airport.
- 9.** Why? Because Atlanta is a perfect location. It's just a three hour flight from many major American cities.
- 10.** The terminal is as big as 45 football fields!
- 11.** Atlanta is Georgia's fifth capital. Savannah, Augusta, Louisville, and Milledgeville boasted the title earlier.
- 12.** The Georgia State Capitol building is gilded with 43 ounces of locally-mined gold.
- 13.** The Continental Divide out west gets all the love, but Atlanta is home to the Eastern Continental Divide, which separates water draining into the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic.
- 14.** One of the largest Hindu temples outside of India is located in the Atlanta metro area.
- 15.** It was once illegal to put an ice cream cone in your back pocket in Atlanta.
- 16.** Atlanta also outlawed tying a giraffe to a telephone pole.
- 17.** Want to ride your bike to Alabama? The Silver Comet Trail starting in Smyrna will get you there.
- 18.** In 1996, Terry Hitchcock ran from Minneapolis to Atlanta in just 75 days. He covered over 2100 miles!
- 19.** Stone Mountain outside Atlanta is one of the largest blocks of exposed granite in the world.
- 20.** Stone Mountain's etching of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Jefferson Davis is the largest bas relief in the world, too!
- 21.** Atlanta had some tough competition when it nabbed the 1996 Olympics hosting duty. The city beat out Athens, Toronto, Melbourne, Manchester, and Belgrade for the spot.
- 22.** The fastest baseball game in history happened in Atlanta, when the Mobile Sea Gulls beat the Atlanta Crackers 2-1 in just 32 minutes.
- 23.** Atlanta also played host to the greatest rout in football history—a 1916 contest in which Georgia Tech blew out tiny Cumberland College 222-0.
- 24.** When pro football moved to Atlanta, the owners considered over 500 names. A schoolteacher came up with the Falcons nickname, a bird she endorsed because it was "proud and dignified, with great courage and fight."
- 25.** Atlanta resident Margaret Mitchell wrote *Gone with the Wind* because an ankle injury kept her from walking and she was really, really bored.

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Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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			4					2
		4					7	
	3			9				
	6	8		3				7
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## Answers to Puzzles No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

# Puzzle Page

Richard works in IT support at Gadgetworks, Inc. and he noticed last Friday that he had several computers in need of updating. He arranged with each user to upgrade their computer this week. Since upgrading operating systems was rarely as simple as the programmers thought it was, Richard planned a full day for each computer and even provided loaners for the users. Determine the full name of each user, which department each worked in, which operating system each used (Windows or Apple), and which day of the week Richard worked on each computer.

1. The Windows users were, in no particular order, the user who worked in finance, Mr. Almond, and Harvey.
2. The computer that Richard took on Wednesday belonged to an Apple user.
3. John's last name wasn't Crawford but he worked in customer service. Mr. Grace didn't work in manufacturing.
4. Mr. Maxwell's Apple computer was taken the day before Elliot's Windows computer but two days after the computer in marketing, which wasn't Harvey's computer.
5. Mr. Crawford, whose first name wasn't Elliot, didn't work in engineering.
6. Michael's computer was taken on Tuesday but he didn't work in marketing. The engineering computer was taken on Friday but George Bixby wasn't the user.

	Almond	Bixby	Crawford	Grace	Maxwell	customer service	engineering	finance	manufacturing	marketing	Apple	Apple	Windows	Windows	Windows	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Elliot																					
George																					
Harvey																					
John																					
Michael																					
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## Answer to Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Department	Operating System	Day of the Week
Elliot	Almond	manufacturing	Windows	Thursday
George	Bixby	marketing	Apple	Monday
Harvey	Grace	engineering	Windows	Friday
John	Maxwell	customer service	Apple	Wednesday
Michael	Crawford	finance	Windows	Tuesday

## Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Limey Jack has been awoken from his winter slumber to foretell the fates of a gaggle of Juniors, who admittedly all look alike. While Limey Jack will give you the winners, the easiest prediction of all revolves around that cur Howie Dung. He will yet again befuddle us with his buffoonery and his nonsensical inability to rhyme. Many times during this short fortnight, you will rue the day that he emerged from the bog.

U-26: Strangely all 7 squads entered will carry on; 4 to the semis and 3 to the USA2 bracket. Kompa, Baumel and Wei will need to advance through the soft underbelly, while Dhir, Kaplan, Rockoff, and Berk have the honour of playing for USA1.

U-21: Of the 6 entered four stay at hand whilst 2 bid adieu. Obviously Limey Jack favours the Chai team, and they, along with Koppel, Wan, and Xiao will become the semi-finalists. Howie Dung will have some silly reason for whom he picks most likely related to the onesie in which he reposes.

U-16: Sadly, one set of youngsters is vanquished post haste. That is the four handed Xie team; short on members and short on letters. Xiao and Schireson advance. Howie Dung will feel as if a lorry hit him; he will be so confused.

Rona: There are but 2 distaff teams and they are quite evenly matched. Limey Jack will give the nod to the lasses from Fashingbauer over Thapa. Howie Dung is certain to bollox this one.

Limey Jack will return as needed to help you earn a few quid and enjoy the finest Junior bridge.

## Howie Doing...

I'm paid the big bucks for picking the winners.  
This task is much tougher 'cause you're all beginners.

He's spent time at the tables playing with Gram,  
He says, "That's what makes me the player I am!"

Don't be insulted when picking is through...  
Remember I really don't know most of you!

Since luck is a factor, it still can unfold,  
That Scherson or Xie brings home the gold.

In U26, I think it's no folly,  
The likeliest outcome is Kaplan and Jolly.

Two teams in the Rona... Who will it be?  
I am predicting the winner's a "she."

Rosenberg's super... like father like son.  
And having one Grossack is better than none.

Fash has the bloodlines; Thapa the skill.  
Both teams could do it but only one will.

The U21 is harder to choose.  
Any one team could win or could lose.

Who's heading to China once Fat Lady's sang!  
I think it's the squad with Zhang and with Chang,

Swami says FINAL: Stephani v Koppel  
Stephanie prevailing while Koppel will topple.

Whoever the winners, in every flight,  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good fight!

In U16, though he may be small,  
I'm betting that Harrison towers o'er all.

Howie Doing? Doing fine, thanks!!

It is easier to square the circle than to get round a mathematician.

Augustus de Morgan (1806 – 1871) English mathematician

Infinity – where no-one can get, but where all lines meet.

Anonymous

There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the monastery; but if it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

Church Bulletin

Space is almost infinite; as a matter of fact, we think it is infinite.

Dan Quayle (1947 – ) U.S. vice president & politician

My theory of evolution is that Darwin was adopted.

Steven Wright (1955 – ) comedian, actor & writer

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

Steven Wright (1955 – ) comedian, actor & writer

It was so cold... when we milked the cows, we got ice cream.

Anonymous

Quantum Mechanics: The dreams stuff is made of.

Steven Wright (1955 – ) comedian, actor & writer

Barometer: An ingenious instrument which indicates what kind of weather we are having.

Anonymous

The four building blocks of the universe are fire, water, gravel and vinyl.

Dave Barry (1947 – ) American columnist & humorist

Alcohol is a good preservative for everything but brains.

Mary Pettibone Poole

Technology is dominated by two types of people: Those who understand what they do not manage and those who manage what they do not understand.

Putt's Law

Cold Wave Linked To Temperatures

Headline

Statistics: The science of producing unreliable facts from reliable figures.

Evan Esar (1899 – 1995) humorist

1. If it is green or it wiggles – it is Biology.
2. If it stinks – it is Chemistry.
3. If it doesn't work – it is Physics.

Young's Handy Guide to the Modern Sciences

A rolling stone gathers momentum.

Anonymous

How does Teflon stick to the pan?

Anonymous

The sun has been there for 500, 600 years.

Mike Cameron American baseball player

# Practice Makes Perfect...

## from the Sunday 12/10 U16 Training Session

What are the odds of a 16 boiard team game with five makeable slams? The odds are under 2%!!! Two of the slams were particularly interesting. One created a 13 IMP swing and the other was a push. One is below and the other will be in tomorrow's bulletin.

**D**  
Open Room  
Board 9

**W** Sean9816

♠ AKQJ104  
♥  
♦ AK763  
♣ 103

Team1: 7 IMPs  
Team2: 11 IMPs  
Closed Room: 6♠ W -1 -100

**N** p531745

♠ 9532  
♥ 7  
♦ 109842  
♣ Q86

**S** Chompyfish

♠ 86  
♥ Q1098643  
♦ Q  
♣ K97

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

**E** rhallerman

♠ 7  
♥ AKJ52  
♦ J5  
♣ AJ542

	West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠		Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦		Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT		Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠		Pass	Pass	Pass

The U16 players:

P531745: Stan Subeck, team mentor

Chompyfish: Zach Posternack

Heart-jack: Ethan Xie

Michaelimp: Michael Xu

In the Open Room, Sean McNally and Richard Hallerman, West and East respectively, disdained the spade slam and played in the spade game. North led his singleton heart. Declarer won in dummy with the ace, discarding one of his small clubs.. He pulled trump, returned to dummy with the club ace, pitched a diamond on the HK, played a small diamond from dummy and when the Q popped, he easily made six. Note that the heart lead left declarer no losing options.

Meanwhile, in the Closed Room, where Calix Tang was North, Jakob Karstens was South, Michael Xu was East, and Ethan Xie was West, the auction ended in a very reasonable 6S. Calix led his fifth best diamond from T9842, playing 3rd and 5th leads. Declarer, naturally, thought the lead was from Qxxxxx or Qxx and put up the DJ. As you can see, the diamond lead gave him a losing option and, as many of us would, he took it! South covered the DJ with his singleton queen and when diamonds split 5-1, declarer came up a trick short of twelve.

The play: After winning the DA in hand, declarer played a club to the ace and discarded his other club on the HA. He pulled trump but could only come to 11 tricks! Sometimes good bidding to arrive at a good slam is sadly punished by the lie of the cards.