

We Remember:



Round Robin Results:

Team Name	Total	6	7	8	5	10	3	11	4	12	13	1	9	2	14
6. Levine	96.67			10.44				16.46	14.96	17.50	17.31	20.00			
7. Lewis	82.69						9.56	7.58			16.90	10.44		20.00	18.21
8. Lo	70.33	9.56				2.13			17.50		14.68			9.56	16.90
5. Lall	69.45						6.55			4.77	11.67	14.68	14.09		17.69
10. Rogoff	68.51			17.87			17.87		6.55	6.22				16.23	3.77
3. Brod	62.44		10.44		13.45	2.13		4.77		17.87					13.78
11. Sprung	59.91	3.54	12.42				15.23		14.39			9.56	4.77		
4. Ge	57.06	5.04		2.50		13.45		5.61					15.50		14.96
12. Tebha	55.05	2.50			15.23	13.78	2.13					3.54		17.87	
13. Vance	49.15	2.69	3.10	5.32	8.33									18.04	11.67
1. Beatty	49.01	0.00	9.56		5.32			10.44		16.46				7.23	
9. Reynolds	43.26				5.91			15.23	4.50		1.96	12.77			2.89
2. Brines	41.78		0.00	10.44		3.77				2.13	8.33		17.11		
14. Xiao	34.69		1.79	3.10	2.31	16.23	6.22		5.04						

RR1 ROUND 1

Beatty vs Reynolds
Brines vs Tebha
Brod vs Xiao
Ge vs Rogoff
Lall vs Vance
Levine vs Lo
Lewis vs Sprung

RR1 ROUND 2

Beatty vs Sprung
Brines vs Lo
Brod vs Rogoff
Ge vs Levine
Lall vs Tebha
Lewis vs Xiao
Reynolds vs Vance

RR1 ROUND 3

Beatty vs Tebha
Brines vs Lewis
Brod vs Lall
Ge vs Reynolds
Levine vs Sprung
Lo vs Vance
Rogoff vs Xiao

RR1 ROUND 4

Beatty vs Lewis
Brines vs Vance
Brod vs Sprung
Ge vs Xiao
Lall vs Reynolds
Levine vs Tebha
Lo vs Rogoff

RR1 ROUND 5

Beatty vs Levine
Brines vs Rogoff
Brod vs Tebha
Ge vs Lo
Lall vs Xiao
Lewis vs Vance
Reynolds vs Sprung

RR1 ROUND 6

Beatty vs Lall
Brines vs Reynolds
Brod vs Lewis
Ge vs Sprung
Levine vs Vance
Lo vs Xiao
Rogoff vs Tebha

These are the pairings for day one... Day two pairings will be posted after the deadline for lineups.



**Captain's Meeting...
Some arrived late!**

- USBF President**
Aaron Silverstein
- USBF Vice President**
Tom Reynolds
- USBF COO & Secretary**
Jan Martel
- USBF CFO**
Stan Subeck
- USBF Recorder**
Jack Oest
- Director**
McKenzie Myers
- Tournament Organizer**
Jan Martel
- Software Expert**
Al Hollander
- Online VuGraph Organizer**
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- Appeals Administrator**
Suzi Subeck
- Appeals Panel:**
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Cheri Bjerkan
Mitch Dunitz
Rich DeMartino
Marty Fleisher
Ron Gerard
Marty Hirschman
George Jacobs
Ralph Katz
Kerri Sanborn
Stan Subeck
Adam Wildavsky
- Bulletin Editor**
Suzi Subeck
- Photographer**
Peg Kaplan

14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

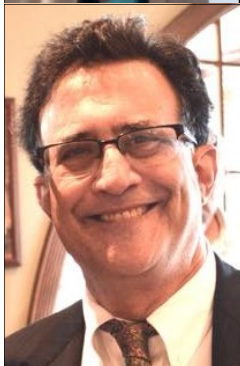
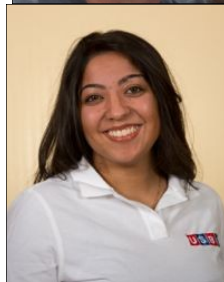
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Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Alan Watson Olin Hubert	Fred Stewart Rick Binder Kevin Collins
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Joyce Goldstein William Scott	Maureen Brines Chris Donnelly Ethan Wood
Brod	Geof Brod, Capt Doug Doub Bob Bitterman	John Stiefel Yiji Starr Bob Cappelli
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Jun Shi Wanfeng Mou	Qiang Zhang Yanong Han Steve Chen
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Michael Penick	Reese Milner Jim Krekorian
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Eric Rodwell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Iulian Rotaru	Disa Eythorsdottir Radu Nistor
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Barry Rigal Alex Kolesnik	Glenn Milgrim Ira Chorush David Chechelashvili
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Karen Allison
Rogoff	Bruce Rogoff, Capt Jeff Ferro Jerry Stamatov	Alex Ornstein Leni Holtz Jack Zhao
Sprung	Danny Sprung, Capt Bart Bramley Jacob Freeman	Phil Clayton Ira Hessel Franco Baseggio
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Ron Smith Andy Goodman	Steve Zolotow Tod Moses Kevin Dwyer
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Greg Vance Bob Munson	Jessica Lai Dmitri Shabes Bruce Tuttle
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Eric Xiao	Jeff Xiao Ming Sheng



Tournament Schedule

Round Robin			
Day	Date	Time - EDT	Boards
Saturday	Sept 17	11:45 AM	Captains' meeting with DIC (on Zoom)
Saturday	Sept 17	12:00 - 12:55 1:15 - 2:10 2:30 - 3:25 4:30 - 5:25 5:45 - 6:40 7:00 - 7:55	Round 1 - Boards 1-8 Round 2 - Boards 9-16 Round 3 - Boards 17-24 60 Minute Break Round 4 - Boards 25-32 Round 5 - Boards 33-40 Round 6 - Boards 41-48
Sunday	Sept 18	12:00 - 12:55 1:15 - 2:10 2:30 - 3:25 4:30 - 5:25 5:45 - 6:40 7:00 - 7:55 8:15 - 9:10	Round 7 - Boards 1-8 Round 8 - Boards 9-16 Round 9 - Boards 17-24 45 Minute Break Round 10 - Boards 25-32 Round 11 - Boards 33-40 Round 12 - Boards 41-48 Round 13 - Boards 49-54
Beacket 1 KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
Sunday	Sept 18	9:00 PM	Tentative Time
Bracket 1 Quarterfinal			
Monday	Sept 19	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Stage 1 Round Robin (top 4 qualify)			
Monday	Sept 19	12:00 - 1:10 1:30 - 2:40 3:30 - 4:40 5:00 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:40	Round 1 - Boards 1-10 Round 2 - Boards 11-20 50 Minute Break Round 3 - Boards 21-30 Round 4 - Boards 31-40 Round 5 - Boards 41-50
Bracket 1 Semifinal & Bracket 2 Stage 2 KO (8 teams)			
Thursday	Sept 22	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 1 Final & Bracket 2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)			
Friday	Sept 23	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Semifinal			
Saturday	Sept 24	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Final			
Sunday	Sept 25	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60



USBF 8 Board victory Point Scale

		8 Boards (Blitz is 43 IMPs)																																														
		Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser																																	
Margin	0	10.00	10.00	15	10.44	9.56	16	10.86	9.14	17	11.27	8.73	18	11.67	8.33	19	12.05	7.95	20	12.42	7.58	21	12.77	7.23	22	13.12	6.88	23	13.45	6.55	24	13.78	6.22	25	14.09	5.91	26	14.39	5.61	27	14.68	5.32	28	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79
	1	15.23	4.77	30	15.50	4.50	31	15.75	4.25	32	16.00	4.00	33	16.23	3.77	34	16.46	3.54	35	16.68	3.32	36	16.90	3.10	37	17.11	2.89	38	17.31	2.69	39	17.50	2.50	40	17.69	2.31	41	17.87	2.13	42	18.04	1.96	43	18.21	1.79			
	2	18.37	1.63	31	18.53	1.47	32	18.68	1.32	33	18.83	1.17	34	18.97	1.03	35	19.11	0.89	36	19.24	0.76	37	19.37	0.63	38	19.50	0.50	39	19.62	0.38	40	19.74	0.26	41	19.85	0.15	42	19.95	0.05	43	20.00	0.00						

NOTES:

In accordance with the USBF General Conditions of Contest, each player must play at least one 8 board segment against each other team.

There are no seating rights - teams must submit their lineups before seeing their opponent's lineup.

Lineups for the first match each day will be due by 11:00 am; lineups for subsequent matches will be due at the start of the preceding match.

The tournament organizer will send an email to the team captain with the lineup of their opponent for the next match as soon as all lineups

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

The schedule will be the same both days:

Round 1: 1:15 pm

Round 2: 2:30 pm

Round 3: 4:30 pm

Round 4: 5:45 pm

Round 5: 7:00 pm

Round 6: 8:15 pm

Round 7: 9:15 pm (Sunday only)

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm

Quarter 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 5:00 pm

Quarter 4: 7:00 pm



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!

To kibitz, go to **kibitz.realbridge.online**. Select JLall Online Teams#7. You will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table. There will also be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). At the table, you will see a hand diagram with the bidding and play as it happens.

There is a chat window on the right. You can type into that window.

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" play using the slider underneath the table with the hand diagram.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----Click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is completed.

The KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board.

Board 4
Dealer W
All Vul

♠ K1083
♥ 9
♦ Q8643
♣ 1098

♠ 954
♥ AKJ2
♦ KJ92
♣ AQ

♠ AJ762
♥ Q763
♦ A7
♣ J4

♠ Q
♥ 10854
♦ 105
♣ K76532

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	1	2	1	3	5
S	1	2	1	3	5
E	12	11	12	10	7
W	12	11	12	10	7

Par -1440 6NT=EW

NS: 5 + 5 =10HCP
EW:12+18=30HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Geoff Brod & John Stiefel	Jeff Xiao & Victor Xiao	6♥-2 W	♣10	200
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	6♥-2 W	♣10	200
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	6♥-1 W	♣9	100
Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	William Scott & Chris Donnelly	4♥-1 W	♣10	100
Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	4♥-1 W	♣9	100
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♥= W	♣10	620
Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♥= E	♦10	620
Qiang Zhang & Jun Shi	Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	3NT+1 W	♥9	630
Eric Xiao & Ming Sheng	Bob Bitterman & Bob Cappelli	4♥+1 W	♥9	650
Lerry Stamatov & Jack Zhao	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	4♥+1 E	♥4	650
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	4♥+1 W	♣9	650
Maureen Brines & Tracy Brines	Ron Smith & Tod Moses	3NT+2 W	♦4	660
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	3NT+2 W	♦4	660
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	3NT+3 W	♣10	690

Board 4 in Round 1 presented an interesting play problem for several declarers in 4H. Some pairs played 6H, which while double dummy is cold, is unlikely to succeed at the table. To make six, declarer needs to backwards finesse the diamond suit and pick up the spade suit for one loser. Three declarers tried 6H and all were defeated. Four pairs disdained their 8-card major suit fits and rested in 3NT where overtricks were readily available.

The remaining seven East/West pairs played game in hearts where the play is not trivial. Two declarers received the "normal" club lead, but were defeated when they mistimed the play. There are a variety of plays available, including ruffing a diamond in dummy or setting up the spades.

Jacob Freeman, West, in Lewis v Sprung, found what appears to be the most flexible line of play. Jacob won the CQ in hand, crossed to the HQ in dummy, played a second heart to the ace, learning of the bad split. If hearts had been 3-2, he could have drawn trumps and ruffed a diamond in dummy for his 10th trick. Rather than banking on the diamond suit, Jacob played a spade to the ACE!! When the SQ fell, he crossed to hand in hearts and played a spade toward dummy's jack to establish a tenth trick.

Lewis won the spade and played a club. Jacob won his ace and played a spade to the jack. Disa ruffed and exited with a small diamond. Freeman took the remainder of the tricks.

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				♠ K1083 N Maureen Brines																					
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Tracy Brines S																									

Smith and Moses, in Brines/Tebha, stopped in 3NT. 3D was checkback and Moses showed 3 spades, presumably not denying 4 hearts. Smith's 3NT offered Moses a choice of all games. With his strong minor suit tenaces, Moses opted for the 9-trick game.

Maureen Brines led her 4th best diamond and Tod easily collected 11 tricks.

				♠ K1083 N David Chechelashvili																					
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After a similar auction (see right), Mike Passell in Lo/Levine, also chose to play 3NT. The auctions are largely analogous, however, Levine actually confirmed both 8-card major suit fits before Passell chose 3NT.

Chechelashvili led the unbid suit, clubs. Passell won his queen, cashed four rounds of hearts on which North discarded two clubs and a diamond. Passell saw a possibility for extra tricks. He played the S4 to the deuce at trick five in case he could benefit from what looked from North's pitches, like a helpful spade/diamond position.

Ethics Statement

Ethics - The provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

USBF Ethics Investigation Committee:

Dana Berkowitz
 Eugene Hung
 Roger Lee
 Chip Martel
 Steve Weinstein
 Jenny Wolpert

System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the 2022 USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

Norwegian-style Meatballs

(Ed. Note: Having just returned from the World Championships and a pre-cruise around Norway and through Scandinavia, spending five nights in Stockholm, this recipe is near and dear to my heart!)

Ingredients:

1 lb lean ground beef
½ lb ground pork
1 large egg
¾ cups panko
1 tsp salt
½ tsp pepper
¼ tsp nutmeg
¼ tsp ginger
⅛ tsp allspice
½ cup milk
1 cup yellow onion, minced
¼ cup fresh parsley, chopped
6 tbsp butter, divided
¼ cup flour
4 cups low sodium chicken broth
¼ cup red wine



Be sure to serve with mashed potatoes, lingonberries, and pickled cucumbers as is traditional in Sweden!

Instructions:

- Combine beef, pork and egg in a large bowl; make a well in the center and add breadcrumbs, salt, pepper, ginger, allspice and milk; let stand 2 minutes.
- Add onion and parsley and mix together with your hands until completely incorporated; form into 1-inch balls.
- Place 2 tbsp butter in a large skillet over medium high, and working in batches, brown meatballs on all sides until cooked through, about 8 minutes per batch.
- Transfer to a serving bowl; cover loosely to keep warm.
- Reduce heat to medium, place remaining butter in skillet, add flour and stir to form a thick paste.
- Cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes; then whisk in broth and wine. Bring to a boil, reduce heat; simmer until thickened, about 7 minutes.
- Pour over meatballs, tossing to coat. Serve immediately.

Serves six.

Spaghetti Carbonara

Ingredients:

1 lb. spaghetti
1 lb. bacon
2 yellow onions
3/4 liter heavy cream (about 3 cups)
1 large egg
1/2 lb. grated parmesan cheese
salt & pepper to taste
4 oz. butter

Optional Garnishes:

fried oregano
more grated parmesan
fried strips of pancetta



Instructions:

- Cut bacon into small pieces and dice onion finely. Heat a large pan over medium heat and render the fat from the bacon. Once it is crispy, remove from the pan and drain on paper towels. Set aside.
- Reduce heat to medium low and sauté onion in bacon grease without coloring until tender. In a large bowl, whisk egg with cream. Season with salt & pepper.
- While onion cooks, cook spaghetti until al dente. Drain and add hot pasta to pan with onions.
- Top with cream mixture, cooked bacon and butter and toss to completely coat pasta. (Might take a few minutes to get everything well coated.) Sauce should be very light.
- Garnish as desired with fried oregano, parmesan shaves & pancetta strips

Serves four...

(Recipes, Continued on page 9)



Practice safe text... use commas!
I avoid clichés like the plague!
Grammar: The difference between knowing your shit and knowing you're shit!
How do you comfort a grammar snob? "There, their, they're."
Three intransitive verbs walk into a bar. They sit. They drink. They leave.
Metaphors be with you.
I before e, except when you run a feisty heist on a weird beige foreign neighbor.
Why do words and punctuation end up in court? To be sentenced.
Double negatives are big no-no!

Avacado Citrus Salad

Citrus Dressing Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/2 lime, juiced
- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



Avocado-Citrus Salad Ingredients:

- 4 navel oranges
- 3 ripe Hass avocados, halved and pitted
- 6 cups mixed baby lettuce

For the citrus dressing:

- Combine orange juice and lime juice in a medium bowl. Slowly drizzle in oil, salt and pepper, whisking vigorously until combined. If making in advance, re-whisk before serving.

For the avocado-citrus salad:

- Cut peel, including the white pith, from the oranges with a small knife. Cut segments free from membranes; set segments aside and discard membranes.
- Cut avocados into 3/4-inch-thick slices.
- Divide mixed greens among 4 salad bowls. Top with 5 avocado slices and 5 to 8 orange segments; drizzle lightly with dressing. Serve immediately.

Serves four.

"A woman, without her man, is nothing."
"A woman: without her, man is nothing."
Punctuation is powerful.

Autocorrect has become
my worst enema.

My life is a constant
battle between wanting
to correct grammar and
wanting to have friends.

When I was a kid,
my English teacher looked
my way and said,
"Name two pronouns."
I said, "Who me?"

WBF News...

46th WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, Wuhan Cup

13th WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Organized by the World Bridge Federation with the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Bridge



**Movenpick Mansour Eddahbi Palais des Congrès Marrakech, Marrakech, Morocco
20th August – 2nd September 2023**

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy, Wuhan Cup

Format of the Championships

All four Championships will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the first eight ranked teams will qualify for the knock-out stages; Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final.

Right to enter - Zonal Qualified teams for all four championships (in addition to the Host Teams):

- Zone 1 – 8 teams
- Zone 2 – 3 teams
- Zone 3 – 2 teams
- Zone 4 – 2 teams
- Zone 5 – 1 team
- Zone 6 – 3 teams
- Zone 7 – 2 teams
- Zone 8 – 2 teams

If any Zone does not fill its quota the 1st berth will be offered to Zone 1, the 2nd to Zone 6 and from the 3rd onwards to Zone 1.

Players competing in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy must reach at least the age of 63 during the year 2023.

13th World Transnational Open Teams Championship

The 13th World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting on Monday 28th August and ending on Saturday 2nd September.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vu-graph presentation.

Sudoku

Answers

on Page 16

	8	9				5		
	3			2	5		6	
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				3				5
		4	5			2	3	6

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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**SOLUTION to Logic
Puzzle on page 14**

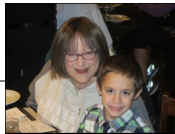


Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to find and write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



A linguistics professor was lecturing in his English class one day. "In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language in which a double positive can form a negative."
A voice from the back of the room piped up: "Yeah, right!"

"Pun"t!

My wife: "You need to do more chores around the house."

Me: "Can we change the subject?"

My wife: "Ok, more chores around the house need to be done by you."

⌂ ☰ **Board 9**
☰ **Dealer N**
EW Vul

♠ K10
 ♥ 983
 ♦ AJ2
 ♣ A8765

♠ Q9652
 ♥ 762
 ♦ 3
 ♣ QJ94

♠ AJ73
 ♥ Q54
 ♦ 1065
 ♣ 1032

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
 N 12 6 12 12 9
 S 8 6 11 11 8
 E 1 7 1 1 4
 W 1 6 1 1 4

Par +990 6NT= N
 NS: 12+16=28HCP
 EW: 7 + 5 =12HCP

♠ 84
 ♥ AKJ10
 ♦ KQ9874
 ♣ K

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
William Scott & Chris Donnelly	Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	6♦ = S	♣J	920
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	3NT+3 S	♣J	490
Jerry Stamatov & Jack Zhao	Bob Bitterman & Bob Cappelli	3NT+2 N	♠3	460
Qiang Zhang & Jun Shi	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	3NT+2 N	♠3	460
Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	3NT+2 N	♠3	460
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Jeff Xiao & Victor Xiao	3NT+2 N	♠3	460
Eric Xiao & Ming Sheng	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	3NT+2 N	♠3	460
Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	Karen Allison & Randy Howard	3NT+2 N	♠3	460
Kevin Collins & Olin Hubert	Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	5♦ = S	♠2	400
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	5♦ = S	♠2	400
Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	6♦ -1 S	♠2	50
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Maureen Brines & Tracy Brines	6♦ -1 S	♠5	50
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	6♦ -1 S	♠2	50
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	6♦ -1 S	♠5	50

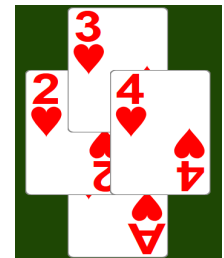
One must play a strong club system to reach a 6D from North on Board 9. Playing from North protects the SK, allowing the slam to succeed whenever the HQ is in the pocket.

From South, the hand makes only when the SA is onside AND the heart finesse works.

At several tables, a 4S cuebid was doubled, making a spade lead automatic. When Alex Kolesnik failed to double 4S, Ira Chorush chose to lead the CJ (Rusinow), allowing Chris Donnelly to bring home 12 tricks.

This lead is very risky given that North had bid clubs naturally. (When I do it, the club honor/ten is always in dummy!) Donnelly won the club. He played a diamond to dummy and cashed the CA, shedding a spade from his hand. He played a diamond to his queen and cashed the HA, creating a wish trick (see right!!) He played a diamond to dummy and finessed the heart. When the hearts divided evenly, he had 12 tricks.

Wish Trick!



Note that Donnelly could have improved his odds by taking a first round heart hook when he was in dummy at trick four, protecting against a 4-2 or even 5-1 heart split.

Interestingly, no one found the safer, higher scoring 6NT from North!

Fun and Games Page

Look Up!

Find and circle all of the items that you might see when you look upward.
The remaining 24 letters spell an additional item you might see.

U P L A N E T S K R O W E R I F N
G N I D J E T E X H A U S T E N N
P O M T Y R U C R E M K I T E O I
C O M E T C H I M N E Y S M O K E
R M T S T G R B T S H F P L G I S
E S E E A E L E A H D A L M N S D
V F E L E U O T T R E A Z S I O R
I L A N E R E R E I B S T E T L I
D X I S I L T P S R P R U E I A B
Y R K G L L A E I H E U N N R R I
K Y A I H R R A S E O A J N W E G
S S T I C T T E T R L W R L Y C D
R E D S N O N L W P E U E D K L I
A Y Y U H B I I R O T V I R S I P
T K N G O G O I N A P O I O B P P
S R A M H L A W S G J V E N U S E
E R E T P O C I L E H C T E U E R

AIRPLANE
BIG DIPPER
BIRDS
BLIMP
BLUE SKY
CHIMNEY SMOKE
CLOUDS
COMET
DRONE
FIREWORKS

GALAXY
HAZE
HELICOPTER
HOT AIR BALLOON
JET EXHAUST
JUPITER
KITE
LIGHTNING
MARS
MERCURY

METEOR SHOWER
MOON
PLANETS
POWER LINES
RAINBOW
SATELLITE
SATURN
SKYDIVER
SKYSCRAPER
SKYWRITING

SMOG
SOLAR ECLIPSE
STARS
STREET LIGHT
THE SUN
TREETOP
UNIVERSE
VENUS

		Names					Countries					Years				
Heights	205 ft															
	210 ft															
	215 ft															
	220 ft															
	225 ft															
	Years	1985														
1988																
1992																
1996																
2001																
Countries	Brazil															
	Jamaica															
	New Zealand															
	Switzerland															
	Tibet															

Logic Puzzle

Answers on
page 11

Heights	Names	Countries	Years
205 ft			
210 ft			
215 ft			
220 ft			
225 ft			

1. The waterfall in Jamaica is 5 ft taller than Garray..
2. The waterfall in Tibet is 5 ft shorter than Garray..
3. The fall Derrick photographed in 1996 is somewhat shorter than the fall in Switzerland..
4. Of the 205 ft tall fall and the waterfall Derrick shot in 1992, one is in Tibet and the other is Sihat..
5. Neither Irskela nor Oginao is the waterfall in Tibet..
6. Irskela is not in Brazil..
7. The 220 ft tall fall wasn't photographed in 1988..
8. The five waterfalls are the waterfall Derrick photographed in 2001, the 215 ft tall fall, Irskela, the fall in Switzerland and the fall in Jamaica..

Never leave alphabet soup on the stove and go out... It could spell disaster!

How many mystery writers does it take to screw in a lightbulb? Two! One to screw the bulb most of the way... and one to give a surprising twist at the end!!



JLALL7 RR - Round 3 of 13

Match scores

[1] Beatty 20

[12] Tebha 0

[2] Brines 1

[7] Lewis 51

[3] Brod 25

[5] Lall 16

[4] Ge 16

[9] Reynolds 0

[6] Levine 36

[11] Sprung 16

[8] Lo 29

[13] Vance 16

[10] Rogoff 3

[14] Xiao 22

Another unusual happenstance, prominent when playing online with so many stats available electronically... How often do you see an 8-board segment where two teams score NO IMPs, one team scores only ONE, and one team scores only THREE?

In this segment, only two pairs reached the successful 5C on Board 22. Eight pairs played in partscores. Three pairs failed by two or three tricks in 3NT.

The play in 5C is easy with diamonds 3-2 and the CK placed favorably. The bidding was the key:

Bd 22, Dir E 5♣ = E		♠ KJ10873 ♥ 108 ♦ J103 ♣ J8	N Eric Rodwell Other table 3NT-2 E
W Jacob Freeman		♠ 6 ♥ 54 ♦ AK8542 ♣ Q754	E Franco Baseggio ♠ A2 ♥ AQJ63 ♦ 96 ♣ A932
Eddie Wold S		♠ Q954 ♥ K972 ♦ Q7 ♣ K106	W N E S 1NT 2♠ 3♣ 3♥ 4♠ P 5♣ P P P

Bd 22, Dir E 5♣ = E		♠ KJ10873 ♥ 108 ♦ J103 ♣ J8	N Bob Munson Other table 3♠X-1 N
W Glenn Milgrim		♠ 6 ♥ 54 ♦ AK8542 ♣ Q754	E Barry Rigal ♠ A2 ♥ AQJ63 ♦ 96 ♣ A932
Bruce Tuttle S		♠ Q954 ♥ K972 ♦ Q7 ♣ K106	W N E S 1NT 2♠ 3♣* 3♠ 4♠ P 4NT P 5♣ P P P

Five clubs is a pretty good contract. Assuming diamonds are 3-2, declarer makes whenever they have either one only club loser or two club losers and a successful heart finesse. 3NT requires H:Kxx in the pocket... 17.5%!

"Write a wise saying and your name will live forever."
—Anonymous

Did you know that seven days without a pun can make one weak?

When my teacher asked what I was doing over vacation, I said, "Going to Italy... Rome around, pasta time!" I am her favorite student now!

One cactus said, "You need to be less selfish. Don't forget it is Cact-US". The other cactus replied, "But sweetie, the plural is a Cact-I."

My classmate was late for class, and he said, "It was raining cats and dogs." The teacher smiled and asked, "Did you step in a poodle,?"

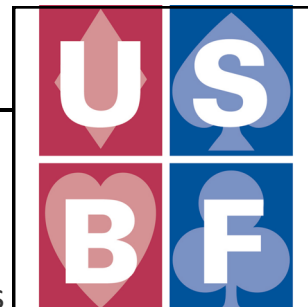
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7	9	4	5	8	1	2	3	6
6	2	8	7	3	4	1	9	5
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5	4	1	2	7	9	6	8	3
8	6	2	4	1	3	7	5	9
4	5	6	1	9	7	3	2	8
1	3	7	8	2	5	9	6	4
2	8	9	3	4	6	5	7	1

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

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2

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→ The Problem

The dastardly Sheriff of Nottingham plans to rally his troops in his fortress, protected by a large moat with only a single drawbridge. As the drawbridge begins to rise behind the Sheriff's troops, a lone figure appears on the field before the castle—the one and only Robin Hood!

The legendary archer's only chance to save the people of Sherwood Forest is to race toward the fortress on his faithful steed, leap onto the bridge before it can close, and disrupt the rally before it can even begin. With his incredible tactical acumen, Robin Hood surveys the field and begins to make a plan.

The drawbridge is **32 feet long**. It's already raised **2 feet** above the ground and seems to be lifting at a constant **2 degrees per second**. Robin Hood is **200 feet** away from the edge of the drawbridge. Without hesitating, he spurs his horse into a gallop and attempts to make the jump before it's too late.

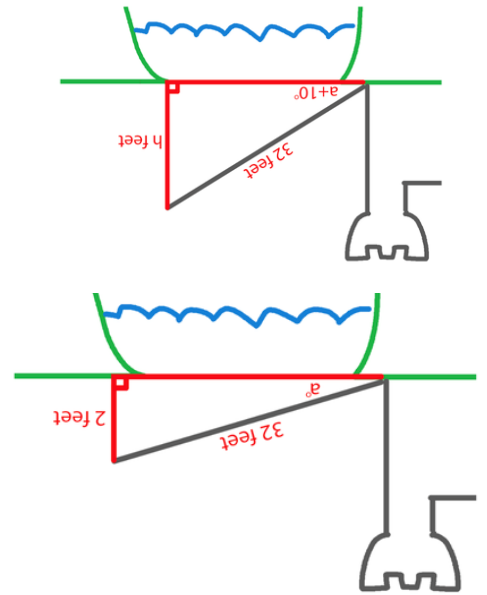
So, how does this story end? Does Robin Hood make it onto the bridge? Or does he end up pulling himself out of the moat?

Leap	Speed	Time to Run 200 ft	Height of Bridge	Success?
The Jumper	Amazing 7ft	Average 5 sec	40 ft/sec	NO!
The Cannon	Average 4 ft	Amazing 80 ft/sec	2.5 sec	NO!
The Faithful Steed	Solid 5.5 ft	Solid 60 ft/sec	3.33 sec	Plausible!

So, a horse galloping at average speed would need almost a world record leap to make it over the bridge and into the castle! But didn't we say Robin Hood likely had a faster horse? Let's consider three mounts: the Jumper, the Cannon, and the Faithful Steed.

The leap isn't impossible, but it will take a trained horse that is above average in terms of both speed and jumping ability. Our Faithful Steed was closest, and they'll actually clear the jump if they just run a bit faster—**63.3 ft/sec** or about **43.2 mph**. A small but important increase for the likes of the legendary Robin Hood!

Logic Riddle...



$$\sin a = \frac{2}{32} \text{ OR } a = \sin^{-1} \frac{2}{32} = 3.58 \text{ degrees}$$

Solution:

This problem requires us to compare two things: the physical ability of Robin Hood's horse and the height of the bridge as time passes. One of these asks for estimation while the other can be calculated directly.

Like any creature, horses that are trained to jump will build muscle that lets them jump significantly better than their peers. Typical show horses start jumping over fences set anywhere from 2.5 to 3 feet, with a world record sitting at just over 8 feet.

In terms of galloping speed, the average horse clocks in between 25 and 30 mph, or roughly 40 feet per second. Let's assume that the horse can gallop and leap without meaningfully changing speed. That means that an average horse will cross the 200 foot field to the bridge in 5 seconds.

So our new task is to find out how high the bridge is after 5 seconds. We know it starts at 2 feet and that the angle of the drawbridge makes with the ground is increasing at 2 degrees per second.

After 5 seconds, we've added 10 degrees. What angle did it start at? Let's sketch it out.

Let's call the angle a . When we set up this problem with a right triangle, we see that the easiest path to a solution involves some basic trigonometry. The sine ratio compares an angle to the opposite side divided by the hypotenuse.

You're South in the Life Master Pairs at the ACBL Fall Championships, and you and North bid to six clubs. What is your line of play when West leads a spade?

When **Alex Ornstein** was declarer, he succeeded with this line: ace of spades, ace of hearts, heart ruff, A-K of trumps, heart ruff, queen of trumps, king of spades, heart conceded to set up dummy's fifth heart for the 12th trick. If hearts had split badly, Ornstein could have tried the diamond finesse.

At another table, Nikolay Demirev, who won the event, played at six clubs, and West led the queen of hearts. Demirev's line was similar: ace of hearts, heart ruff, A-K of trumps, heart ruff, king of spades, heart ruff with the queen of trumps, A-Q of spades to pitch a diamond from dummy. East got only his jack of trumps.

South could also get home by discarding a diamond from dummy on the third high spade, taking the ace of diamonds, and ruffing two diamonds with low trumps and one with the king.

N/S Vul.
 ♠ K 7
 ♥ A 10 6 4 3
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ K 8 6 2

S	W	N	E
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 S	Pass
6 ♣	All Pass		
Opening lead — ♠ 3			

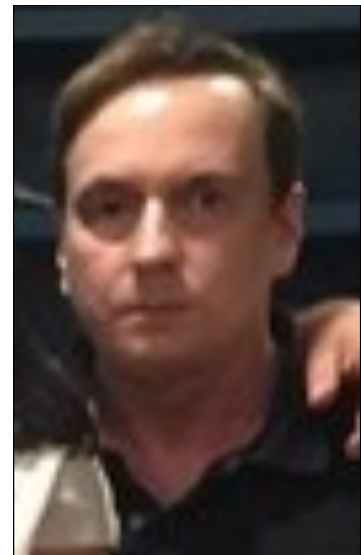
♠ J 9 6 3
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ K 9 8 5 4
 ♣ 4

N
↑

♠ 10 8 5 4
 ♥ K 8 7 5
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ J 10 7

♠ A Q 2
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A Q 7 6
 ♣ A Q 9 5 3

Meet the Players



From the NY Times (June 1991):

For bridge experts who are also students, this has always been a tricky question: Is it possible to study effectively and play serious bridge without either activity interfering with the other?

For some the answer is negative, but for one player this year the answer has been decidedly positive. **Alex Ornstein** of Roslyn, L.I., satisfactorily completed his first year at Hofstra University Law School by cutting his bridge activity to a minimum. But the little bridge he did play was most rewarding.

In April he won a special event in Miami Beach, qualifying for a national playoff in Memphis last month. Playing with Jeff Ferro of San Francisco in a strong field, he took the vital third qualifying spot, and as a result will make his world championship debut in Japan in October.

Two weeks later, with his law exams behind him, he played in the prestigious Reisinger Knockout Teams in Manhattan.

(Hand from Frank Stewart 2009)

Alex is playing in this event as a member of the Rogoff squad.

Board 26
Dealer E
All Vul

♠ J6543
♥ J
♦ 9732
♣ J54

♠ K92
♥ AQ843
♦ K5
♣ 876

♠ A10
♥ K652
♦ AJ864
♣ K2

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 2 6 1 2 6
S 2 6 1 2 6
E 11 6 12 10 6
W 8 6 11 10 6

Par -1430 6♥= E
NS: 3 +10=13HCP
EW: 15+12=27HCP

♠ Q87
♥ 1097
♦ Q10
♣ AQ1093

Both Baseggio/Freeman and Ferro/Holtz reached the heart slam from East on good auctions.

Both declarers took the best line of play to collect their 12 tricks.

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Jeff Xiao & Victor Xiao	4♥+1 E	♠7	650
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Eddie Wold & Eric Rodwell	4♥+1 W	♦3	650
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Barry Rigal & Glenn Milgrim	4♥+1 E	♥7	650
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	4♥+2 E	♠7	680
Tracy Brines & Joyce Goldstein	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	4♥+2 E	♥10	680
Jessica Lai & Dmitri Shabes	William Scott & Chris Donnelly	4♥+2 E	♥10	680
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	Geof Brod & John Stiefel	4♥+2 E	♥10	680
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♥+2 W	♠3	680
Karen Allison & Randy Howard	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	4♥+2 E	♥10	680
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Ron Smith & Tod Moses	4♥+2 E	♥9	680
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♥+3 E	♥7	710
Eric Xiao & Ming Sheng	Qiang Zhang & Jun Shi	4♥+3 E	♥10	710
Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	6♥= E	♥7	1430
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	6♥= E	♥7	1430

The H7 was led at both tables. Both declarers pulled trump and played the DK and DA falling South's queen.

Had the queen not come down, they would have ruffed a diamond, hoping to ruff out the queen in three rounds for two club pitches. If that failed, declarer would ruff a 4th round of diamonds and lead up to the CK, hoping the CA was onside.

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♥ 1097
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♣ AQ1093

W Jacob Freeman
Franco Baseggio E

Other table
4♥+2 E

1NT=14-17
2D=H
3H=4H, minimum
3S=cue
4S=RKC
4NT=1 or 4
5C=Q ask

1NT=15-17
2D=H

♠ J6543
♥ J
♦ 9732
♣ J54

♠ K92
♥ AQ843
♦ K5
♣ 876

♠ Q87
♥ 1097
♦ Q10
♣ AQ1093

W Leni Holtz
Jeff Ferro E

Other table
4♥+1 E

W N E S
1NT* P
2♦* P 3♥* P
3♠* P 4♣* P
4NT* P 5♠* P
5♦ P 6♥ P
P P

jlall7 - Round Robin Stage 1 (thru R6 possible boards = 48)

played at least 40% of boards

<i>rank</i>	<i>partnership</i>	<i>totalimps</i>	<i>#boards</i>	<i>avg</i>
1	Eddie Wold - Eric Rodwell	71.31	32	2.23
2	Jeff Ferro - Leni Holtz	63.92	32	2.00
3	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	62.85	39	1.61
4	Disa Eythorsdottir - Linda Lewis	70.31	48	1.46
5	Hemant Lall - Michael Penick	32.47	24	1.35
6	Joyce Goldstein - Tracy Brines	30.15	24	1.26
7	Franco Baseggio - Jacob Freeman	38.00	32	1.19
8	Alex Kolesnik - Ira Chorush	33.85	32	1.06
9	Andy Goodman - Kevin Dwyer	19.23	24	0.80
10	Barry Rigal - Glenn Milgrim	22.54	32	0.70
11	Doug Doub - Yiji Starr	18.99	32	0.59
12	Iulian Rotaru - Radu Nistor	28.40	48	0.59
13	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	18.38	32	0.57
14	Jim Krekorian - Venkatrao Koneru	22.84	48	0.48
15	Bob Bitterman - Bob Cappelli	11.92	32	0.37
16	Bob Munson - Bruce Tuttle	8.16	24	0.34
17	Mike Levine - Mike Passell	7.93	24	0.33
18	Alex Ornstein - Bruce Rogoff	9.69	32	0.30
19	Bart Bramley - Ira Hessel	2.77	32	0.09
20	Jun Shi - Qiang Zhang	0.61	40	0.02
21	Wanfeng Mou - Yanong Han	-3.23	24	-0.13
22	Steve Chen - Xin Ge	-8.46	32	-0.26
23	Grant Vance - Greg Vance	-10.92	40	-0.27
24	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	-9.08	32	-0.28
25	Anam Tebha - Steve Zolotow	-14.08	40	-0.35
26	Geof Brod - John Stiefel	-17.92	32	-0.56
27	Eric Xiao - Ming Sheng	-34.93	48	-0.73
28	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	-29.54	40	-0.74
29	Maureen Brines - Tracy Brines	-18.01	24	-0.75
30	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	-20.00	24	-0.83
31	Dmitri Shabes - Jessica Lai	-26.85	32	-0.84
32	Karen Allison - Randy Howard	-20.39	24	-0.85
33	Ai-Tai Lo - David Chechelashvili	-28.31	32	-0.88
34	Ron Smith - Tod Moses	-28.61	32	-0.89
35	Alan Watson - Rick Binder	-30.23	32	-0.94
36	Danny Sprung - Phil Clayton	-39.77	32	-1.24
37	Jack Zhao - Jerry Stamatov	-40.46	32	-1.26
38	Jeff Xiao - Victor Xiao	-63.92	48	-1.33
39	Kevin Collins - Olin Hubert	-46.76	32	-1.46
40	Chris Donnelly - William Scott	-100.62	40	-2.52

Cross IMPs through 6 matches...