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All Kidding Aside

Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games By The Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica Article History ... Atlanta has a history of hosting world competitions...

Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games, athletic festival held in Atlanta that took place July 19–August 4, 1996. The Atlanta Games were the 23rd occurrence of the modern Olympic Games.

Selected over Athens to host the Centennial Summer Games, Atlanta staged one of the most extravagant Games in Olympic history. With a five-hour opening ceremony and the creation of a “country fair” atmosphere complete with booths, amusement park rides, and concerts, the 1996 Olympics cost nearly \$1.7 billion. For the first time, the Games received no governmental financial support. Instead, corporate sponsors—including Coca-Cola, which supplied over \$300 million—and television rights were relied upon to defray costs. The result, many claimed, was excessive commercialization, and few believed that a privately funded Games would be held in the future. The Games also experienced transportation and accommodation problems, and, though extra security precautions were taken, a pipe-bomb explosion in Centennial Olympic Park caused one death. He was sentenced to multiple terms of life imprisonment in 2005.

The Olympic Games For the first time, all national Olympic committees (NOCs) invited to compete sent athletes, including each of the former Soviet republics, Burundi, North Korea, the Palestinian Authority, and Hong Kong, which won its first (and last) gold medal before its reunification with China (1997). A record 197 NOCs sent more than 10,000 contestants. The number of events reached 271 as women’s football (soccer), beach volleyball, lightweight rowing, women’s softball, and mountain biking (cross-country cycling) made their debuts.

Standouts at the Atlanta Games included Carl Lewis (U.S.), who won his 9th gold medal in track and field, and Fu Mingxia (China), who won the women’s platform and springboard diving events. The 200-metre and 400-metre sprints were swept in the men’s and women’s competitions by Michael Johnson (U.S.) and Marie-José Pérec (France). Svetlana Masterkova (Russia) won the 800- and 1,500-metre titles.

Women’s swimming was dominated by Michelle Smith (Ireland). Her 3 gold medals, came amid rumors of drug use. In the men’s events three swimmers each captured two gold medals: Aleksandr Popov (Russia), Danyon Loader (New Zealand), and Denis Pankratov (Russia). In women’s gymnastics the team event was won by the surprising U.S. squad, while the individual contests were dominated by Lilia Podkopayeva (Ukraine), who won two gold medals and one silver, including the title in the all-around. Aleksey Nemov (Russia) was the standout in the men’s gymnastics competition. His 6 medals, including two gold, were the most won at the 1996 Games.

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Teams Entered

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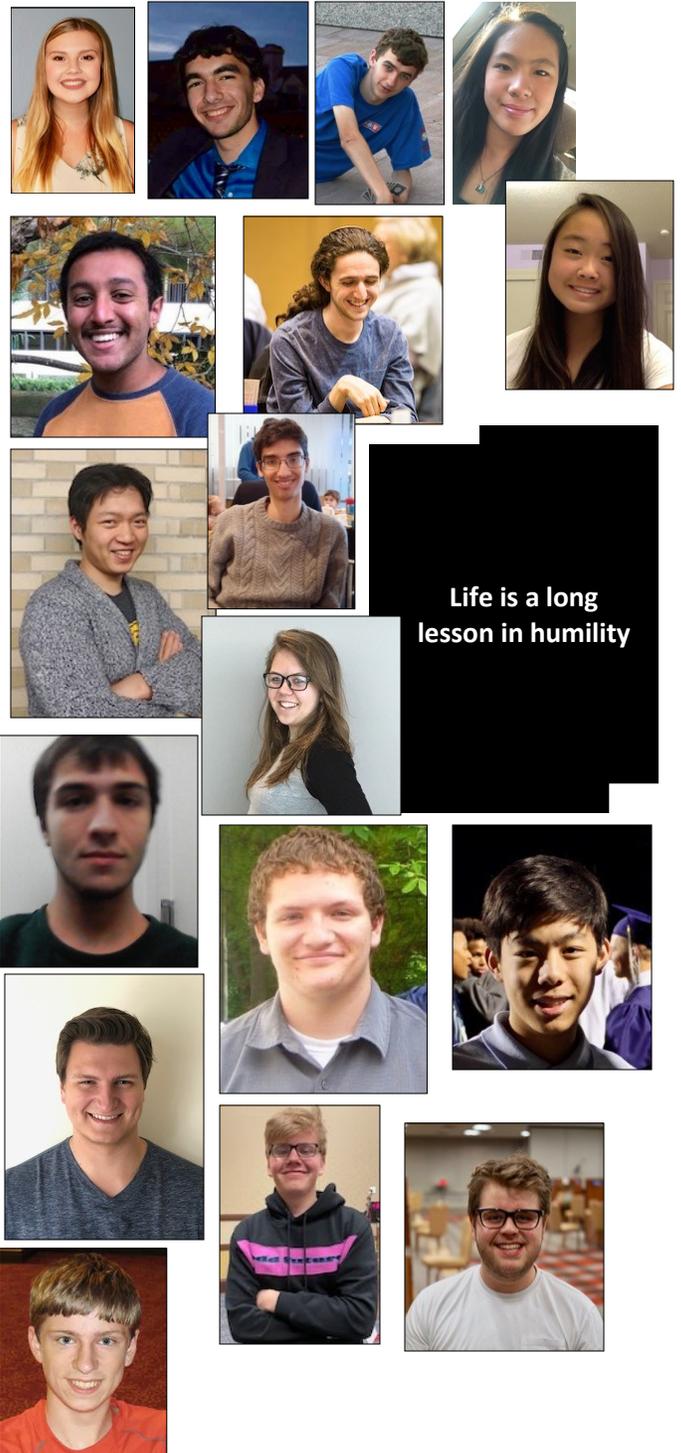
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U21:

A Zhang	Andy Zhang, Capt Ethan Xie Tiger Li	Matthew Rippin Zach Posternak Darwin Skalski
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt Michael Haas Daniel Balof	Levi Katriel Sam Pahk Kai Eckert
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Linkel	Lorelei Linkel, Capt Cecilia Ehrlichman Jay Sullivan	Katie Sullivan Kyra Helmbold
Qian	Nicole Qian, Capt Katherine Hwang	Helen Chow Helen Levy



Tournament Schedules

Lovebridge practice sessions			
Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Wednesday	Dec. 28	9:00 PM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS
 first two will be Both in the Playing Area & on Zoom
 Rona Captains' meeting 12/29 will be in the Playing area

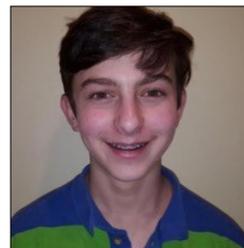
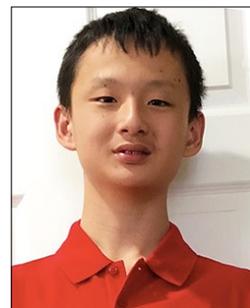
Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	9:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

U26 Schedule			
Round Robin			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Tuesday	Dec. 27	11:00 - 11:45	Match 1 - Boards 1-7
		12:00 - 12:45	Match 2 - Boards 8-14
		1:00 - 1:45	Match 3 - Boards 15-21
		2:00 - 2:45	Match 4 - Boards 22-28
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 4:45	Match 5 - Boards 29-35
		5:00-5:45	Match 6 - Boards 36-42
		6:00-6:45	Match 7 - Boards 43-49
		7:00-7:45	Match 8 - Boards 50-56
	8:00-8:45	Match 9 - Boards 57-63	
<i>Short Captains Meeting For Round Robin Winner to Choose Opponents after play Tuesday</i>			
USA1 Semifinal			
Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 5:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	6:00 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA2 Stage 1 (6 team Round Robin)			
Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:15 - 12:40	Match 1 - Boards 1-12
		12:55 - 2:20	Match 2 - Boards 13-24
			75 minute Break
		3:45 - 5:10	Match 3 - Boards 25-36
		5:25 - 6:50	Match 4 - Boards 37-48
	7:05 - 8:30	Match 5 - Boards 49-60	
USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)			
Thursday	Dec. 29	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA2 Semifinal			
Friday	Dec. 30	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA2 Final (Subject to Adjustment at Teams' Option)			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		Segment 4 Boards 46-60	



Tournament Schedules... continued from page 3

U21 Schedule			
<i>Round Robin</i>			
<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Boards</i>
Tuesday & Wednesday	Dec. 27	11:30 - 12:25 12:40 - 1:35	Match 1 - Boards 1-8 Match 2 - Boards 9-16
	Dec. 28	1:50 - 2:45 4:15 - 5:10 5:25 - 6:20 6:35 - 7:30 7:45 - 8:40	Match 3 - Boards 17-24 90 minute Break Match 4 - Boards 25-32 Match 5 - Boards 33-40 Match 6 - Boards 41-48 Match 7 - Boards 49-56
Each player must play against each other team			
<i>Short Captains Meeting For Round Robin Winner to Choose Opponents after play Wednesday</i>			
<i>USA1 Semifinal</i>			
Thursday	Dec. 29	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
<i>USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal</i>			
Friday	Dec. 30	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
<i>USA2 Final</i>			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Rona Schedule			
<i>Round Robin</i>			
Thursday & Friday	Dec. 29 & Dec. 30	11:15 - 1:30 3:00 - 5:15 5:30 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-20 90 minute Break Segment 2 Boards 21-40 Segment 4 Boards 41-60
<i>KO</i>			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60



ALERT!!! Earn a Berth in an Exhibition Match against ACBL Staff ...

Amy Casanova at ACBL and Dave Caprera are arranging a match between the juniors who qualify to represent the USA next year in each of the four categories (26, 21, Rona and 16) and representatives of the ACBL staff and management. The event will occur on Sunday, January 8th, at 8 pm eastern time on RealBridge. George Jacobs and Larry Cohen have agreed to do the commentary (none better). There will be four tables and ~16 boards (2 hours). It should be fun for the participants and a great show for the kibitzers. Watch for more information in later bulletins this week!

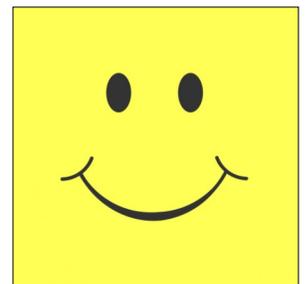
7 Boards (Blitz is 40 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20.00	0.00
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

7 Board VP Scale (under 26)

8 Boards (Blitz is 43 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56	16	15.50	4.50	31	18.53	1.47
2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32
3	11.27	8.73	18	16.00	4.00	33	18.83	1.17
4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03
5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89
6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.24	0.76
7	12.77	7.23	22	16.90	3.10	37	19.37	0.63
8	13.12	6.88	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.50	0.50
9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38
10	13.78	6.22	25	17.50	2.50	40	19.74	0.26
11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15
12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.95	0.05
13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20.00	0.00
14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79			

8 Board VP Scale (under 21)

What did Harry Potter do when he went bald? Got a Hedwig!
 What do you call a rash on a pig? Hogwarts
 Why are there no ponies in choirs? Their voices are a little too horse.
 What rock group has four members that can't sing or play instruments? Mt. Rushmore
 What do you call a cow without a GPS? Udderly lost.
 What are the most popular perfumes for ages 12 to 18? Adolescents
 What do you call an old snowman? A puddle.
 Why do pirates have to learn the alphabet? If they don't, they'll be lost at C.
 What did the baby corn say to the mom corn? "Where's popcorn?"



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.



12 Boards (Blitz is 52 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	20	15.58	4.42	40	18.78	1.22
1	10.36	9.64	21	15.79	4.21	41	18.90	1.10
2	10.71	9.29	22	15.99	4.01	42	19.02	0.98
3	11.05	8.95	23	16.18	3.82	43	19.13	0.87
4	11.38	8.62	24	16.37	3.63	44	19.24	0.76
5	11.70	8.30	25	16.55	3.45	45	19.34	0.66
6	12.01	7.99	26	16.73	3.27	46	19.44	0.56
7	12.31	7.69	27	16.91	3.09	47	19.54	0.46
8	12.61	7.39	28	17.08	2.92	48	19.64	0.36
9	12.90	7.10	29	17.24	2.76	49	19.74	0.26
10	13.18	6.82	30	17.40	2.60	50	19.83	0.17
11	13.45	6.55	31	17.56	2.44	51	19.92	0.08
12	13.71	6.29	32	17.71	2.29	52	20.00	0.00
13	13.97	6.03	33	17.86	2.14			
14	14.22	5.78	34	18.00	2.00			
15	14.46	5.54	35	18.14	1.86			
16	14.70	5.30	36	18.28	1.72			
17	14.93	5.07	37	18.41	1.59			
18	15.15	4.85	38	18.54	1.46			
19	15.37	4.63	39	18.66	1.34			

12 Board VP Scale (under 26 USA2)

I'm a photographer of myself. You could say I'm selfie-employed.

What do a coder and a plant have in common? STEM

What should you do when no one laughs at your chemistry jokes? Keep going until you get a reaction.

Why was the math book bummed? It had a lot of problems.

20 Boards (Blitz is 68 IMPs)											
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	18	14.20	5.80	35	16.93	3.07	52	18.82	1.18
1	10.28	9.72	19	14.39	5.61	36	17.06	2.94	53	18.91	1.09
2	10.55	9.45	20	14.58	5.42	37	17.19	2.81	54	19.00	1.00
3	10.82	9.18	21	14.76	5.24	38	17.32	2.68	55	19.09	0.91
4	11.08	8.92	22	14.94	5.06	39	17.44	2.56	56	19.17	0.83
5	11.34	8.66	23	15.11	4.89	40	17.56	2.44	57	19.25	0.75
6	11.59	8.41	24	15.28	4.72	41	17.68	2.32	58	19.33	0.67
7	11.83	8.17	25	15.45	4.55	42	17.79	2.21	59	19.41	0.59
8	12.07	7.93	26	15.61	4.39	43	17.90	2.10	60	19.49	0.51
9	12.30	7.70	27	15.77	4.23	44	18.01	1.99	61	19.57	0.51
10	12.53	7.47	28	15.93	4.07	45	18.12	1.88	62	19.65	0.35
11	12.76	7.24	29	16.08	3.92	46	18.23	1.77	63	19.72	0.28
12	12.98	7.02	30	16.23	3.77	47	18.33	1.67	64	19.79	0.21
13	13.20	6.80	31	16.38	3.62	48	18.43	1.57	65	19.86	0.14
14	13.41	6.59	32	16.52	3.48	49	18.53	1.47	66	19.93	0.07
15	13.61	6.39	33	16.66	3.34	50	18.63	1.37	67	19.99	0.01
16	13.81	6.19	34	16.80	3.20	51	18.73	1.27	68	20.00	0.00
17	14.01	5.99									

20 Board VP Scale (Rona)

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? Don't know, don't care.

Why can't you give Elsa a balloon? Because she'll let it go!

Why shouldn't you worry about passing math? Because it's easy as pi.

Meet the Players:



Nathan Finkle studied Engineering and Computer Science at Princeton, Class of 2021. He was the Captain of the school bridge team who came up through the USBF Junior Training Program. According to his BridgeWinners Profile, his favorite bridge memory is placing in the finals of the Lyon 2017 World Youth Open Championships.

His favorite conventions include kickback and modified Jacoby 2NT.

Nathan uses the BBO handle, hijunny132.

Besides having served as Captain of the bridge team at Princeton, Nathan served as President of the Yavneh (Orthodox Jewish Student Association). He was business manager of Old NasSoul a cappella group and a Petey Greene tutor (tutored incarcerated high school students.)

In his spare time, Nathan completed the first of four units of Rabbinic training.

Honors and Awards:

Winner, World Youth Teams Online Championship representing the USA

August 2019

1st All-State Team (NY) and 1st All-City Team (NYC) Ultimate Frisbee

May 2017

National Merit Scholarship Winner

May 2017

Nathan is playing in this competition as a member of the U26 Xu team.

USBF News...

The MSJUSBC does not include a U16 competition this year. The Junior Committee of the USBF has appointed the **Zhang Team (Brian Zhang, Andrew Chen, Charlie Chen, Eric Xiao, and Jeff Xiao)** to represent the USA in the U16 World Championship.

The Zhang Team has been playing together seriously for the past few years. The members of that team had great success at the transnational junior event in Salsomaggiore, Italy, this summer (silver in the U16 teams, 2 pairs in top ten in the U16 pairs, gold in the individual... and 5 players in the top 14 of the individual.)

We congratulate the Zhang team and wish them the best in the U16 2023 World event.

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2022 MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR USBC ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the MSJUSBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. Some sessions will have voice commentary. If you get to the commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute" it. When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it:



Just click on it to unmute.

If you miss that icon, you can still unmute - just move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a similar icon:



Click on the speaker to unmute.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

With 3 separate events going on at once, and both USA1 and USA2 brackets of the U26 and U21 events, the kibitzing schedule is a little confusing. In general:

Kibitzing of Round Robin matches will be delayed until each match is over, so you can watch Round 1 of a Round Robin when Round 2 is scheduled to start, etc.

On Day 1 U26 Round Robin kibitzing times will be:

- Round 1: 11:45 am;
- Round 2: 12:45 pm
- Round 3: 1:45 pm
- Round 4: 2:45 pm
- Round 5: 4:45 pm
- Round 6: 5:45 pm
- Round 7: 6:45 pm
- Round 8: 7:45 pm
- Round 9: 8:45 pm

On Days 1 & 2 U21 Round Robin kibitzing times will be:

- Round 1: 12:25 pm;
- Round 2: 1:35 pm
- Round 3: 2:45 pm
- Round 4: 5:10 pm
- Round 5: 6:20 pm
- Round 6: 7:30 pm
- Round 7: 8:40 pm

Kibitzing of KO matches will start half an hour after the start of the match.

The KO kibitzing times will be:

- Segment 1: 11:30 am
- Segment 2: 1:30 pm
- BREAK
- Segment 3: 4:30 pm
- Segment 4: 6:30 pm

NAIL BITING!

DO YOU WANT TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED? CHOOSE THE "MATCH VIEW" AT THE STARTING PAGE OF YOUR EVENT. YOUR SCREEN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SMALL SCREENS – TWO OF THEM SHOWING THE TWO TABLES OF THE MATCH YOU CHOOSE, THE OTHER TWO HAVING THE SCORESHEET FOR YOUR MATCH AND THE CURRENT SCORES OF THE OTHER MATCHES. IN THE 2X2 VIEW YOU CAN ALSO PERSONALIZE THE CONTENT IN ALL YOUR WINDOWS. (THE 2X2 VIEW IS NOT AVAILABLE ON MOBILES.)

THINK TOGETHER!

Kibitzing...



From Alex K...

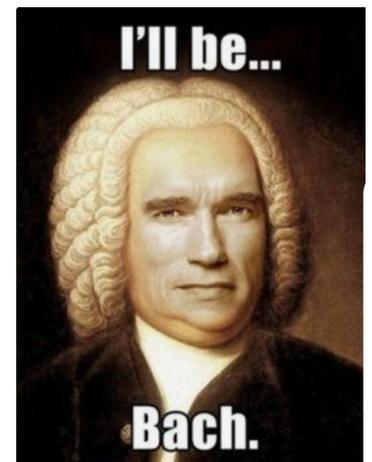
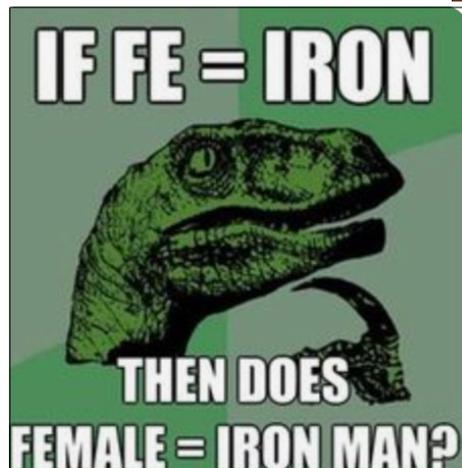
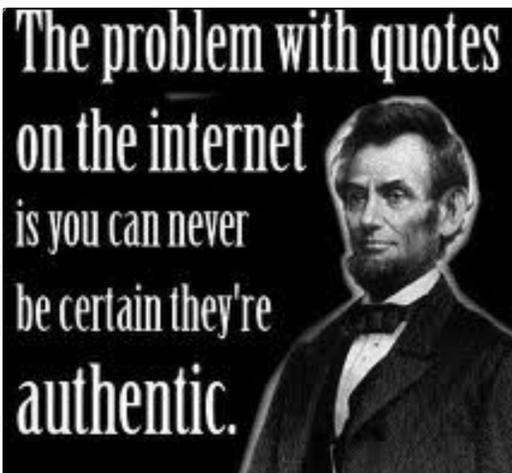
I want to thank all of the mentors for their hard work with their teams. If any mentors would like to help with Vugraph commentary, please let me know. Adam Grossack will coordinate the Vugraph. The play will be on tablets using LoveBridge software, and Adam plans to broadcast the delayed show on Twitch. Even if you can't help with the commentary, I hope you will be able watch the kids.

We will restart training in about a month. I will be sending out Google Forms to both the kids and mentors to see what everyone's plans will be for next year. The teams going to the world championships will continue to train together, along with their NPC.

Alex Kolesnik
Junior Training Co-Ordinator
(beynon_kolesnik@msn.com)



**Knock, knock.
Who's there?
To.
To who?
No, to whom.**



**If Cinderella's shoe fit perfectly,
Then why did
It fall off??**



Dining in Atlanta...

Eater breaks down a variety of restaurants open on Mondays throughout Atlanta serving everything from coursed-out dinners and Korean barbecue to hearty pasta dishes, Southern comfort foods, and crab leg specials.

Muss & Turner's

Muss and Turners is now considered a staple on the Smyrna-Vinings dining scene, and a restaurant typically crowded on weekends with casual date nights and families enjoying a meal together after a long week. But head here on Mondays for a quiet bite to eat, before slipping behind the cooler door for a drink after dinner at Eleanor's, the restaurant's intimate cocktail bar. *Outdoor seating available.*

1675 Cumberland Pkwy SE Suite 309, Smyrna, GA 30080 (770) 434-1114

Virgil's Gullah Kitchen & Bar College Park

People seeking Gullah- and Lowcountry-style dishes on a Monday, like crab rice, Gullah egg rolls stuffed with red rice, cabbage, and shrimp, and bowls of she-crab soup, can now find it all and more at Virgil's Gullah Kitchen in College Park. Make sure to finish a meal here with the Chucktown Chewie sundae. *Outdoor seating available.*

3721 Main St, College Park, GA 30337 (404) 228-4897

Bole Ethiopian Restaurant

Open daily in College Park for lunch and dinner, this area favorite is a great option for vegetarians seeking a hearty, meatless meal on a Monday. However, Bole is still accommodating for meat lovers. Order lamb and beef to scoop into injera and a glass of honey wine here.

1583 Virginia Ave, College Park, GA 30337 (404) 549-9111

Hot Cafe

Located just south of town, Hot Cafe serves up a comforting mix of Laotian, Thai, and Chinese dishes in its modest dining room. But, the Laotian fare here really shines. Make sure to order any of the larb — a meat salad tossed with scallions, cilantro, red onions, and toasted rice — along with the fiery papaya salad paired with sticky rice. Regulars also swear by the wings, pad Thai, and tom yum soup.

5286 Riverdale Rd, Atlanta, GA 30349 (770) 996-6544

Busy Bee Cafe

Lines for fried chicken and other soul food classics tend to get long at this Vine City restaurant institution, especially on the weekends. The move is to head here on a Monday for some of the city's best fried chicken, alongside an assortment of other Southern meat-and-three staples. The fried chicken at Busy Bee is marinated for 12 hours, hand-breaded, and fried. If that isn't enticing enough, get the smothered version, which is topped with pan gravy.

810 M.L.K. Jr Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30314 (404) 525-9212

Miller Union

Getting a reservation at chef Steven Satterfield's award-winning west side restaurant can be challenging on busy dining days. Head in on a Monday for a quieter meal filled with fresh Southern cooking using locally grown vegetables and sustainable meats. The farm egg baked in celery cream with grilled bread is a must-try Atlanta dish. Miller Union also has one of the best vegetable plates in town and offers a killer wine list, too. *Reservations encouraged. Outdoor seating available.*

999 Brady Ave NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 (678) 733-8550



Aziza

Located at bustling Westside Provisions District, Tal Baum's modern Israeli restaurant Aziza tends to be a hot spot for dining on Fridays and weekends. Grab a seat at the bar on a Monday or make a reservation in the dining room or on the new covered patio and kick off a meal with kubaneh and schug or hummus and braised duck. Then indulge in wood-fired shrimp or octopus with couscous and an entree of grilled lamb shoulder with fava beans and herb rice. Make sure to order wine and cocktails here, too. There's also Turkish coffee service. *Reservations encouraged. Outdoor seating available.*

Suite P10b, 1170 Howell Mill Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 (404) 968-9437

Food Terminal

All four locations of Malaysian restaurant Food Terminal leave no stone unturned in terms of the food offered on the multi-page menu. Order everything from chicken curry, five-spice shrimp rolls, and spicy wontons to Hainanese chicken, mango tofu, and Cheese n Cheese with tomato braised fried rice topped with cheddar and mozzarella cheeses, bacon, spam, corn, and onions. *Locations in Atlanta, Chamblee, Sandy Springs, and Alpharetta.*

1000 Marietta St NW UNIT 202, Atlanta, GA 30318 (404) 500-2695

Nan Thai Fine Dining

This Midtown staple is where owner and chef Nan Niyomkul showcases her passion for cooking the foods of her native Thailand in beautifully presented dishes. Expect panang talay with jumbo prawn, sea scallops, and calamari, Thai barbecue lamb chops (geah yang) in a kaffir lime honey glaze, and a sampler platter called Nan's Tasting Tree, which comprises nearly every appetizer offered. *Reservations encouraged.*

1350 Spring St NW #1, Atlanta, GA 30309 (404) 870-9933

Atlas

Looking for a tasting menu experience or a fancy dinner on a Monday evening? Atlas, located inside the swanky St. Regis Hotel in Buckhead, offers a tasting menu with wine pairings alongside the restaurant's a la carte dishes and decadent desserts. *Reservations highly encouraged.*

88 West Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30305 (404) 600-6471

Rumi's Kitchen Sandy Springs

Busy weekends give way to quieter Mondays and Tuesdays at this popular Persian restaurant. Start the meal off with a variety of fresh salads, along with falafel, dolmeh, and kashke bademjan (fried eggplant), before feasting on kebabs or a tender lamb shank platter served with fava beans and saffron rice.

There's also locations in Alpharetta and at Colony Square in Midtown.

6112 Roswell Rd, Atlanta, GA 30328 (404) 477-2100

Storico Fresco Alimentari e Ristorante

Storico Fresco in Buckhead is likely one of the best places in Atlanta to buy and consume fresh-made pastas. But getting a seat at this restaurant and Italian market can be difficult without a reservation, especially on the weekends. Head in on a Monday for lunch or dinner and pasta dishes like Storico's popular cacio e pepe, squid ink ravioli with salmon belly, or lasagna alla bolognese. *Outdoor seating available.*

3167 Peachtree Rd NE Suite S, Atlanta, GA 30305 (404) 500-2181

Ticonderoga Club

Mondays are likely the best day of the week to grab a seat at the bar or meet up with friends for dinner at this popular Krog Street Market restaurant. Weekends here tend to be packed with patrons and with folks waiting for seats to become available in the small dining room or at the eight-seat bar. The New England-style tavern is where to head for an Ipswich clam roll, vegan noodle bowl, veal sweetbreads, or the crowd-pleasing (and feeding) chuckwagon steak platter paired with some of the city's best cocktails or a top-notch glass of wine. *Reservations highly encouraged.*

99 Krog St NE W, Atlanta, GA 30307 (404) 458-4534

Lloyd's Restaurant & Lounge

Mondays at this DeKalb Avenue pizzeria include platters of giant crab legs on special served with butter and lemon and a side corn cobs and biscuits. Make sure to pair dinner with an ice cold martini, too. A dirty martini here often comes with extra cocktail in a shaker for topping off. *Outdoor seating available.*

900 DeKalb Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 (404) 228-7227

Argosy

Mondays might be the best day to pop over to Argosy in East Atlanta Village for dinner to take advantage of the restaurant's burger buddies special on the menu. The Monday evening meal deal is \$11 and features Argosy's plancha burger and house fries paired with a local beer, like the Czech-style pilsner Prince of Pilsen from Three Taverns Brewery. Not into the burger special? There's still pizza, meatloaf, wings, and a hot chicken thigh sandwich served on a brioche bun, along with other dinner and dessert specials. *Outdoor seating available.*

470 Flat Shoals Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316 (404) 577-0407

Gigi's Italian Kitchen & Restaurant

Chefs Eric Brooks and Jacob Armando transformed their weekly pop-up in Candler Park into a permanent restaurant in August, transforming the former Gato space into a cozy Italian bistro with tables draped in red checkered linens set off by candlelight and flowers. Serving a menu of traditional red sauce classics made with in-season produce and fresh-made pastas, expect dishes like rigatoni fazool with cowpeas replacing cannellini beans and chicken marsala served with fresh focaccia. Dessert features Gigi's popular tiramisu. A tight list of cocktails, wine, beer, and amaro round out the beverage list, which includes the Dirty Gigi martini and a rye Old Fashioned punched up with espresso and coffee bitters.

1660 McLendon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 (404) 371-0889

Poor Hendrix

This congenial neighborhood restaurant and bar typically closes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and tends to get busy on weekends. But come in on a Monday evening for a quiet dinner of spicy peanut cold noodles, grilled cheese on sourdough with tomato jam, or marinated mussels served with a side of focaccia. If the sesame wings are on the menu here, order a basket of drums and flats immediately. Pair dinner with an ice cold tallboy, a cocktail, or a glass of wine. *Outdoor seating available.*

2371 Hosea L Williams Dr SE bldg 2, Atlanta, GA 30317 (404) 549-8756

Atlanta Georgia, United States By The Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica Updated: Nov 9, 2022
Capital city (1868) of Georgia and seat (1853) of Fulton county (but also partly in DeKalb county). Atlanta lies in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the northwestern part of the state, just southeast of the Chattahoochee River. Atlanta is Georgia's largest city and the principal trade and transportation centre of the southeastern United States. It is the center of an extensive metropolitan area that includes 20 counties and cities such as Decatur, East Point, and Marietta. Pop. (2010) 420,003; Atlanta–Sandy Springs–Marietta Metro Area, 5,268,860; (2020) 498,715; Atlanta–Sandy Springs–Alpharetta Metro Area, 6,089,815.

History

Atlanta owes its existence to the railroads, the routes of which were determined by geography. Lying as it does at the southern extremity of the Appalachian Mountains, it became the gateway through which most overland traffic had to pass between the southern Atlantic Seaboard and regions to the west. In 1837 a spot near what is now Five Points, in the center of the present-day city, was selected for the southern terminus of a railroad that was subsequently built northward to Chattanooga, Tennessee. The location was known first as Terminus and then as Marthasville; in 1845 it was renamed Atlanta for the Western and Atlantic Railroad. Several other rail lines had converged on the city by 1860.

During the American Civil War Atlanta became a supply depot, a site of Southern war industries, and the keystone of Confederate rail transportation east of the Mississippi River. It was thus the prime military objective of General William Tecumseh Sherman's invasion of Georgia from Chattanooga (see Atlanta Campaign). The city fell to his Union troops on September 1, 1864 and was converted into a military camp. On November 15 Sherman departed on his devastating "March to the Sea," but not before much of the city had been burned.

During Reconstruction Atlanta was a center of federal government activities in the South. It was the site of the convention that drew up the Georgia constitution of 1868, and under the Republican state administration it became the state capital (chosen permanently by popular referendum in 1877). Atlanta came to epitomize the spirit of the "New South," having risen from the ashes of the Civil War and become an advocate of reconciliation with the North to restore business. This spirit was dramatized by three Atlanta expositions: the International Cotton (1881), the Piedmont (1887), and the Cotton States and International (1895). At the last one, educator Booker T. Washington made his historic declaration (the Atlanta Compromise) urging African Americans to seek economic security before political or social equality with whites.

The spirit of the city has tended to be liberal within the framework of Southern conservatism, though its customs have been influenced by the Protestant church traditions of the Bible Belt. Civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., was born and raised in Atlanta; his boyhood home, Ebenezer Baptist Church (where he and his father once preached), and his grave site adjacent to the church are preserved at the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site. In 1973 Atlanta became the first major city in the South to elect an African American mayor, Maynard Jackson.

The contemporary city

Atlanta is still the focal point of an important network of rail lines and interstate highways. Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, 10 miles (16 km) southwest of downtown Atlanta, is one of the world's busiest airports. The first rapid-transit commuter rail opened in 1979, and by the early 21st century the system had expanded to include several more lines. Atlanta remains the financial and commercial capital of the Southeast and is its most important distribution centre. Printing and publishing, high-technology industries, telecommunications, airline services, military and government services, and banking and insurance are supplemented by industries producing aircraft, beverages, automobiles, electronics and electrical equipment, chemicals, processed foods, and paper products. Atlanta is also the focus of federal government activity in the Southeast and is the headquarters of the 6th Federal Reserve.

Sudoku

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

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

**Answers to Puzzles
No Peeking!**

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

Sudoku 2 Solution

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 17

1986	Harriet Holt	63	Cowbush Cove
1987	Robin Rust	61	Willow Grove
1988	Ethel Erwin	67	Spotswood
1989	Maxine Mohn	64	Juniper Hills
1990	Leslie Lane	59	Pennyfoot
1991	Pamela Peet	60	Amble Glen
1992	Denise Detz	65	Scotch Pines

Sudoku 2

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

A sign at a music shop:

"Gone chopin. Bach in a minuet."

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He will stop at nothing to avoid them.

This sentence contains exactly threee errors.

Puzzle Page

Old West 1

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 25 letters spell a George Eliot quotation.

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

BANKER
BARKEEP
BILLY THE KID
BOOT HILL
BRAND
CAMPFIRE
CATTLE DRIVE
CHAPARRAL
COAL
CORRAL
COWBOY
DOC HOLLIDAY

FARRIER
FORT
FURS
GOLD MINE
GOLD PANNING
GRAZE
HIRED GUN
HOGS
HOMESTEAD
HOTEL
JUDGE
LARIAT

LAWMAN
LIVESTOCK
MINER
OUTLAW GANG
PISTOL
PLOW HORSE
POSSE
RAILROAD
RANCH
RATTLESNAKE
RIFLE
SADDLE

SALOON
SHERIFF
SHOPKEEPER
SITTING BULL
STAGECOACH
TELEGRAPH
TRACKER
TRAIL
TRAIN
UNDERTAKER
WATER TANK
WELL

Even Experts (and their friends) Practice Online...

Bd 21, Dir N 6NT = N		♠ 643 ♥ AQ ♦ AQ95 ♣ K1096	N Frickell
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RalphKatz S			

Playing on RealBridge on Wednesday night, Ralph Katz and Nick Nickell held the North/South cards. On the auction shown, they reached 6NT. In the postmortem, it became apparent that 7D is a pretty good contract. But can it be bid on any reasonable auction?

1NT was 15-17
 3H was game forcing with 3-1-5-4 or 3-1-4-5 distribution
 Nick bid 3NT and Ralph made a slam try.
 Nick, being the expert he is, recognized that it would be best to play in the 4-4 fit. He was accepting slam and had good spots in both minors, but wanted the flexibility of a spade pitch in the minor in which he and Ralph were 5-4. 5NT would accept slam but it would ask for Ralph's five-card minor.

Nick tried 5S hoping that with 5C and 4D, Ralph would respond 6C and the Nick could bid 6D, clearly an attempt to reach a grand slam. Alas, Ralph thought that 5S might be a five-card suit. He raised to 6S, and Nick was endplayed into declaring 6NT. A spade was led, and Nick took twelve tricks.

Juniors Are NOT Shy Bidders...

D 21	N mathturtle ♠ AQJ83 ♥ 10932 ♦ A9 ♣ J2	W N E S 1♠ 3♦ 4♦ P 4♣ P 4NT P 5♠ P 6♠ P P P
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	S jessie cai ♠ K10764 ♥ K7 ♦ K ♣ AQ1076	6♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

At a recent Rona practice, the Hsieh team (Helena Hsieh, North; Ava Donnellan, East; Jessie Cai, South; Margot Donnellan, West) demonstrated that they are not shy!

Helena opened 1S and Ava Donnelly pre-empted 3D with the East hand. Jessie Cai cuebid 4D and eventually drove to the 6S slam. Ava led a trump and declarer took thirteen tricks when the clubs behaved well.

Obviously, the lead of the HQ would defeat 6S. But how can East reasonably find that lead?

West has a good diamond fit with partner and is willing to play in 5D, she could afford to bid 4H. Assuming West is willing to sacrifice however high is sane, it is often worth making a lead-directing bid on the way to the final contract. In this case, if West bids 4H, N/S would be faced with a total guess.

Although 6NT is playable from the South hand, this would be wild speculation. South will probably play in 5S for +650 or settle for +800 defending 5D... either way, not a BIG swing.

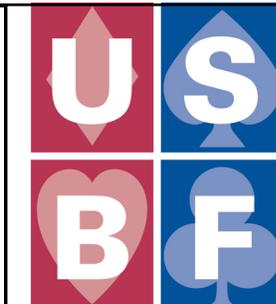
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Scores	59																						
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**Fiendishly Hard
Logic Puzzle...**

Years	Golfers	Scores	Courses
1986			
1987			
1988			
1989			
1990			
1991			
1992			

Clues to Puzzle can be found on page 18
Answers to puzzle on page 14

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It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs. They always take things literally.

A photon is going through airport security. The TSA agent asks if he has any luggage.

The photon says, "No, I'm traveling light."

Clues for Puzzle on Page 17:

1. The person who scored a 67 won her tournament sometime after Robin Rust.
2. Neither the person who scored a 65 nor the golfer who won in 1991 was the woman who won at Pennyfoot.
3. The golfer who won at Amble Glen didn't shoot a 61.
4. The person who won at Willow Grove didn't shoot a 64.
5. The seven golfers were the golfer who won in 1991, Robin Rust, Leslie Lane, the woman who scored a 65, Ethel Erwin, the person who won at Cowbush Cove and the woman who won at Juniper Hills.
6. Pamela Peet didn't win in 1989.
7. Robin Rust was either the woman who won at Cowbush Cove or the woman who won at Willow Grove.
8. Of the golfer who won in 1987 and the woman who scored a 59, one was Robin Rust and the other was Leslie Lane.
9. Ethel Erwin won her tournament 4 years before Denise Detz.
10. The woman who won in 1989 didn't win at Cowbush Cove.
11. The golfer who scored a 64 won her tournament sometime after Harriet Holt.
12. The golfer who won at Spotswood was either the golfer who scored a 67 or Maxine Mohn.
13. Ethel Erwin won at Spotswood.
14. The woman who won at Amble Glen won her tournament 1 year before the golfer who won at Scotch Pines.
15. The person who won in 1989 didn't shoot a 59.
16. The woman who won in 1991 didn't shoot a 64.
17. The golfer who won at Willow Grove won her tournament sometime after the golfer who scored a 63.