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MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Kidding Aside

Results...

U26 RoundRobin:

Team Name	Total	6	2	8	3	9	5	7	4	1	10
6. Kolesnik	128.59		8.65	6.01	6.01	19.68	19.29	18.19	13.99	16.77	20.00
2. Chen	125.66	11.35		9.08	20.00	16.53	10.00	6.69	14.63	18.69	18.69
8. Xiao	113.59	13.99	10.92		3.23	13.31	14.93	15.22	7.06	14.93	20.00
3. Goyal	107.25	13.99	0.00	16.77		5.68	14.32	9.53	15.50	16.53	14.93
9. Y Xu	91.07	0.32	3.47	6.69	14.32		16.04	5.37	16.99	14.93	12.94
5. Johnstone	90.88	0.71	10.00	5.07	5.68	3.96		12.18	16.29	20.00	16.99
7. Scott	87.60	1.81	13.31	4.78	10.47	14.63	7.82		13.99	4.50	16.29
4. Hallerman	68.78	6.01	5.37	12.94	4.50	3.01	3.71	6.01		8.23	19.00
1. Berk	50.20	3.23	1.31	5.07	3.47	5.07	0.00	15.50	11.77		4.78
10. Yeung	36.38	0.00	1.31	0.00	5.07	7.06	3.01	3.71	1.00	15.22	

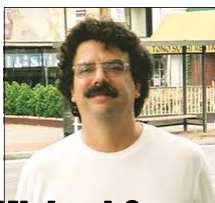
U21 RoundRobin 1st set:

Team Name	Total	6	8	2	3	5	7	1	4
6. M Xu	109.45		20.00	9.56	16.68	20.00	12.77	20.00	10.44
8. Zhou	95.77	0.00		14.68	18.04	15.75	14.96	17.11	15.23
2. Derman	89.30	10.44	5.32		15.50	9.56	10.00	18.53	19.95
3. Gong	70.92	3.32	1.96	4.50		14.68	16.00	12.77	17.69
5. Klein	66.06	0.00	4.25	10.44	5.32		19.85	17.87	8.33
7. Zhao	53.51	7.23	5.04	10.00	4.00	0.15		10.86	16.23
1. A Zhang	41.39	0.00	2.89	1.47	7.23	2.13	9.14		18.53
4. Hu	33.60	9.56	4.77	0.05	2.31	11.67	3.77	1.47	

Today's U26 USA1 Head up Matches:

Kolesnik versus Goyal
Chen versus Xiao

Good luck to all!



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- Photographer**
Peg Kaplan
- Junior Committee Chair**
Joe Stokes
- Junior Program Co-Ordinator**
Alex Kolesnik

Teams Entered

ALL KIDDING ASIDE

RONA (GIRLS):

U26:

Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Sophia Chang	David Soukup Lucy Zhang
Chen	Tianyang Chen, Capt Jiahe Shen Zhenling Wang	Fangqing Yuan Qian Sun Yifu Ouyang
Goyal	Sarik Goyal, Capt Derek Wong	Sheldon Tan Gan Yang
Hallerman	Raphael Hallerman, Capt Sean McNally	Ilan Wolff Isaac Stephani
Johnstone	Morgan Johnstone, Capt Isaac Stone	Vincent Zhu Robert West
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Ben Kristensen Emma Kolesnik	Zach Grossack Kevin Rosenberg
Scott	William Scott, Capt Luke Williams	Reese Koppel Jake Williams
Xiao	Brent Xiao, Capt Stella Wan Cynthia Huang	Richard Jeng Cornelius Duffie Amber Lin
Y Xu	Yuchen Xu, Capt Jeff Hu Nathan Finkle	Zhiyu Cheng Dingjia Mao Henry Xing
Yeung	Alan Yeung, Capt Handi Yang Jakob Reinke	Ian Dunbar Victor Xu Patrick Delos Reye

Farley	Abbie Farley, Capt Khanh Tran Nguyen	Jessica Udomsriunguang Laura Chen
Hsieh	Helena Hsieh, Capt Ava Donnellan	Jessie Cai Margot Donnellan
Linkel	Lorelei Linkel, Capt Cecilia Ehrlichman Jay Sullivan	Katie Sullivan Kyra Helmbold
Qian	Nicole Qian, Capt Katherine Hwang	Helen Chow Helen Levy

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
Gong	Nathan Gong, Capt Edward He	Arthur Gong Eric He
Hu	Michael Hu, Capt Andrew Jin Luke Tong	Jerry Yao Oliver Que
Klein	Aidan Klein, Capt Owen Jiang Cedric Xiao	Kevin Jiang Philip Wang
M Xu	Michael Xu, Capt Harrison Luba	Olivia Schireson Bo Han Zhu
Zhao	Derrick Zhao, Capt Avery Silverstein	Caroline Zhao Jack Boge
Zhou	Arthur Zhou, Capt Rory Xiao	Michael Hu Jonathan Yue

Never let the fear of striking out stop you from playing the game!

Babe Ruth

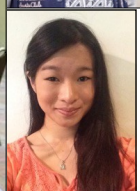
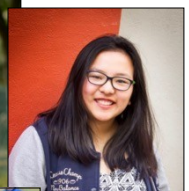
See page 9 for updated team rosters reflecting travel & Covid upsets for players. Original lists on this page!

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	

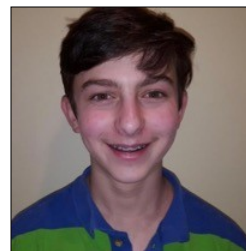
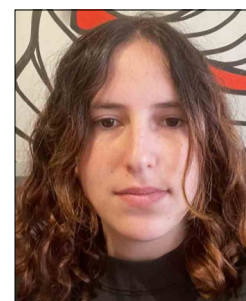
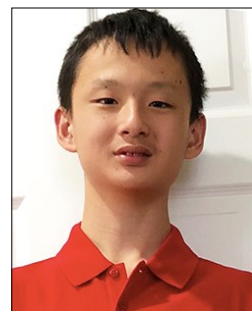
PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS			
first two will be Both in the Playing Area & on Zoom			
Rona Captains' meeting 12/29 will be in the Playing area			
Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	9:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

U26 Schedule			
Round Robin			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Tuesday	Dec. 27	11:00 - 11:45 12:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 4:45 5:00-5:45 6:00-6:45 7:00-7:45 8:00-8:45	Match 1 - Boards 1-7 Match 2 - Boards 8-14 Match 3 - Boards 15-21 Match 4 - Boards 22-28 75 minute Break Match 5 - Boards 29-35 Match 6 - Boards 36-42 Match 7 - Boards 43-49 Match 8 - Boards 50-56 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 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
USA2 Stage 1 (6 team Round Robin)			
Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:15 - 12:40 12:55 - 2:20 3:45 - 5:10 5:25 - 6:50 7:05 - 8:30	Match 1 - Boards 1-12 Match 2 - Boards 13-24 75 minute Break Match 3 - Boards 25-36 Match 4 - Boards 37-48 Match 5 - Boards 49-60
USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)			
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
USA2 Semifinal			
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
USA2 Final (Subject to Adjustment at Teams' Option)			
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



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!

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)

Last year, Santa got in a quick round of 18 holes on Christmas and hit a birdie. It was a partridge on a par 3!

Teslas do not have a “new car” smell. They have an Elon Musk.

I met a priest who went to 3rd world nations repairing cars... He was a transmissionary.

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza? Deep pan, crisp and even!

When she turned 40, she gave up delivering babies, bought a sports car, and left town. She was going through a mid-wife crisis!

Why aren't career counselors known as “occupational therapists?”

I cut my finger when changing the spark plugs on my car. This proves that is IS possible to blood from a tune-up!

My oxymoron classes are going terribly well!

I went to the psychiatrist today. She told me I had a split personality and charged me \$160! I paid her \$80 and told her to get the rest from the other guy!

Why are you wearing a bulletproof vest to use the computer? In case I get struck by a screen-shot!

I went to a Shakespearean wrestling match... it was no holds Bard!



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)

The best way to get started is to stop talking and begin doing.

Walt Disney

Meet the Players:



Excerpted from a November 20, 2020 interview between McKenzie Ross and **Isaac Stone**, past Honorsgradu scholarship winner. Isaac won his scholarship in 2018 when he created a prototype for an invisible cane. Isaac was attending Washington University in St. Louis, MO, at the time. where he worked on a double major in computer science and mechanical engineering while he kept busy with multiple projects and service opportunities throughout his time there.

Related to his project, Isaac taught students with disabilities how to code via Skype and Zoom. He has been able to assist in writing and suggesting curriculum for this program, and adjusts it to each student's particular needs.

Isaac writes, "I've been teaching a tenth grader on the spectrum for over a year now, and I have taught two other students with various obstacles and abilities in 7th and 8th grade respectively. I work as a volunteer, and have greatly enjoyed watching as my students have learned not just how to program, but also valuable computer skills, such as how to make computers accessible to them, whether it be using an editor with high contrast and dyslexia fonts, or learning how to scroll over items for alt text and learning how to intuit what different icons and buttons do."

Isaac has been working with CodeConnects which primarily serve underrepresented youth by providing one-on-one lessons. All of this was online before COVID, so he is excited to continue doing this. He found this group while doing research for his invisible cane, the project that won him our scholarship in 2018.

Isaac also writes, "As AR technology becomes more prevalent it may become easier to write simple AR apps and test them without going through licensing processes to get access to the full backend of an iPhone, and I hope that will be the case since AR technology necessarily measures distance using vision recognition software. I have certainly thought about how to expand this project. However, time and energy constraints have held me back, partly because the technology necessary already exists but it's not easily accessible yet, and partly because my other endeavors have very visible impacts on individuals."

Isaac was the aerodynamics team lead for his school's design, build, fly team. **He played bridge with fellow students.** He sang bass for a school acapella group. He was involved with a full-time internship with MITRE Corporation this summer, as well as another internship with a startup company called Apptronik the previous summer. He was a regular member of WashU composers club.

Isaac's handle on BridgeWinners is light19. He is playing here as a member of the Johnstone team.

World Bridge News...

2023 Transatlantic Senior Cup

The 2023 Transatlantic Senior Cup has been announced for January 23rd - February 9, 2023. Play will be on weekdays only. The USBF is entitled to enter 4 teams. If more than 4 teams are interested in playing, we will hold a Qualification event on RealBridge to select our 4 teams.

Because we don't yet know whether the event will be needed, we have not chosen dates for it. If you want to play in the Transatlantic Senior Cup, please enter the Transatlantic Senior Qualification event (you must be logged in to access that page) and if more than 4 teams enter, we will consult with the entered teams to schedule the competition.

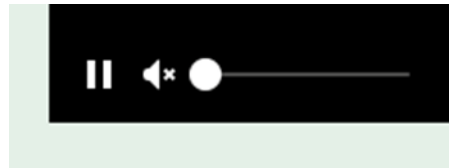
THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2022 MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR USBC ON LOVEBRIDGE

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...



U26...

Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Sophia Chang	Victor Xu Lucy Zhang
Chen	Tianyang Chen, Capt Jiahe Shen Zhenling Wang	Fangqing Yuan Qian Sun Yifu Ouyang
Goyal	Sarik Goyal, Capt Derek Wong	Sheldon Tan Gan Yang
Hallerman	Raphael Hallerman, Capt Sean McNally	Ilan Wolff Isaac Stephani
Johnstone	Morgan Johnstone, Capt Isaac Stone	Vincent Zhu Robert West
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Ben Kristensen Emma Kolesnik	Zach Grossack Kevin Rosenberg Jacob Freeman
Scott	William Scott, Capt Luke Williams	Reese Koppel Jake Williams
Xiao	Brent Xiao, Capt Stella Wan Cynthia Huang	Richard Jeng Cornelius Duffie Amber Lin
Y Xu	Yuchen Xu, Capt Jeff Hu Nathan Finkle	Zhiyu Cheng Dingjia Mao Henry Xing
Yeung	Alan Yeung, Capt Jakob Reinke	Ian Dunbar Patrick Delos Reyes

U21...

A Zhang	Andy Zhang, Capt Zach Posternak	Matthew Rippin Owen Jiang
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt Michael Haas Daniel Balof	Levi Katriel Sam Pahk Kai Eckert
Gong	Nathan Gong, Capt Edward He	Arthur Gong Eric He
Hu	Michael Hu, Capt Andrew Jin	Jerry Yao Oliver Que
Klein	Aidan Klein, Capt Cedric Xiao	Kevin Jiang Philip Wang
M Xu	Michael Xu, Capt Harrison Luba	Olivia Schireson Bo Han Zhu
Zhao	Derrick Zhao, Capt Avery Silverstein	Caroline Zhao Jack Boge
Zhou	Arthur Zhou, Capt Rory Xiao	Michael Hu Jonathan Yue

Coming Together:

What you see here are the updated Team Rosters for U26 and U21... hopefully there will be no changes in the Rona later this week.

Some U26 and U21 players were stranded in Buffalo because of the storms... others could not get viable flights through Chicago or San Francisco...

Three players took a bus to the site at the last minute from Upstate New York ... One took a bus from Chicago ...

One team gave up a player to play on another team...

One player tested positive for Covid and will not be here.

The cooperation among the players was gratifying. Thanks to the positive attitudes and great working relationship between the players and the staff, all's well that end's well and we are commencing on schedule. You are the BEST!!

Your dedication shows and we THANK YOU all!!



In addition to the above, we experienced some delay in the shipping of the Pre-Bulletins and Yesterday's Bulletins to the site because of weather around the country... even with Fed Ex Express service and shipping a full week ago. We apologize for the delay. It was beyond our control.

Dining in Atlanta...

The Iberian Pig

Another restaurant typically difficult to get into on the weekends, head to the Iberian Pig on quieter dining days, like Monday, for Spanish tapas and glass of wine or two on a weekday evening. Order a tasting of Iberico meats and selection of cheeses to kick off the meal, before diving into tapas, including pan con tomate, patatas bravas, pork cheek tacos, and braised short rib empanadas. There's also a location in Buckhead. *Outdoor seating available.*

121 Sycamore St, Decatur, GA 30030 (404) 371-8800

Han Il Kwan

Just south of Buford Highway Farmer's Market, this Korean restaurant serves up traditional meaty grilled delights in its sprawling dining room paired with plenty of banchan on the side. Make sure to keep an eye out for lunch specials here, too. The restaurant also offers a variety of other Korean fare on the menu, including kimchi-jjigae, japchae, seafood pancakes, and bibimbap.

5458 Buford Hwy NE, Doraville, GA 30340 (770) 457-3217

Matthews Cafeteria

Matthew's Cafeteria has been slinging Southern favorites since 1955. This family-owned restaurant in Tucker remains one of the best spots in metro Atlanta for meat-and-three platters and fried chicken that tastes like granny made it. Diners travel from around ATL to eat at this old school cafeteria, and it rarely disappoints with its array of Southern comfort foods. *Drive-thru service available.*

Talat Market

Parnass Savang and Rod Lassiter made a name for themselves as pop-up chefs before launching this brick-and-mortar, inauspiciously, toward the beginning of the pandemic—and proving that the robustness of their fan base could propel them through even the toughest of times. The reason for all that fuss: The chefs' ingenious combination of Thai technique with Georgia ingredients, as expressed in complexly flavored, ultrafresh salads like yong phonlamai (seasonal fruit with mint, shallot, cilantro, toasted coconut, and scallop floss) and yum khao tod (fish sauce-spiked crispy rice whose changing elements could include peach, tomato, cabbage) and bold, beautiful larger plates—red curry, whole flounder—all served in a plant-themed dining room that's about as whimsical and colorful as what's on the plate.

Summerhill, 112 Ormond Street SE 404-257-6255

Red Bird

This chic, unpretentious restaurant was launched 3 years ago by chef Zeb Stevenson and his business partner, Ross Jones. The clear culinary vision of what Indiana native Stevenson describes as "free-spirited cuisine," not bound to any old Southern shibboleths but vigilantly respectful of its ingredients, is often sourced from nearby and changing with the seasons. That vision expresses itself on a menu of mostly small plates meant for sharing, where vegetables are treated with as much delicacy as anything else—as in, over the summer, pink-eyed peas in sweet corn broth (above), or eggplant glazed with peach and tamarind, or a simple salad of local tomatoes and melons with basil dressing and ricotta salata—but where proteins aren't given short shrift either: Stevenson's chili-rubbed chicken, blackened outside, astonishingly juicy within, and doused in a satsuma vinaigrette, is a local treasure. The aesthetic matches the food—it's a pretty, thoughtful dining room—and dinner isn't the only time when Redbird shines: In addition to a daily lunch menu, on weekends, the restaurant sells biscuit sandwiches and "cinnabiscuits" under the name Birdy Biscuits.

1198 Howell Mill Road, 404-900-5172



BANSHEE**EAST ATLANTA VILLAGE**

1271 Glenwood Avenue SE

470-428-2034

Banshee remains sui generis: warm, funky, sophisticated, and ever-changing, with chef Nolan Wynn spinning seasonal produce into culinary gold—Parisian gnocchi with lamb merguez and pea pesto, grilled pork with glazed eggplant, peach kosho, and miso vinaigrette. The quality of the food is one unchanging element; the other is a starter of pepperoni butter, served to diners with frybread but so popular that the restaurant now sells it by the pint.

BASTONE**WESTSIDE**

887 Howell Mill Road NW

404-252-6699

The latest from Pat Pascarella (White Bull, Grana) is built on cheese: He bills this buzzy Westside eatery as a “mozzarella bar” and offers a generous handful of varieties for sampling, from earthy mozzarella di bufala to fatt’ a mano—a pleasingly chewy version pulled by hand at a dedicated station behind the Bastone bar. They can be enjoyed as part of a mozz flight, and/or with salumi, and/or with focaccia, taralli, little dishes of olives—and definitely with wine and cocktails, and as a forerunner to some of the more substantial handmade pastas on the menu. This isn’t a quiet, candlelit Italian restaurant—it’s bustling and light-filled, with a personality as big as its flavors.

BIGGERSTAFF**OLD FOURTH WARD**

537 Edgewood Avenue SE

404-796-9919

With Slutty Vegan at one end and Staplehouse at the other, the stretch of Edgewood between Boulevard and Howell is shaping up into a regular restaurant row—and this brewpub is one of its finest recent additions. Even if the beer were lousy, a trip would be in order just to dig into chef Davis King’s hearty, veg-forward menu, which feels like the next generation of bar food: raw oysters, smart salads, housemade pimento cheese, fries with garlic aioli, and a few more substantial sandwiches and dinner plates that change with the seasons. Perks: a daytime coffee bar and one of the chilliest patios around.

BIRRIERIA LANDEROS**DULUTH**

2400 Satellite Boulevard

678-373-3657

Atlanta diners’ passion for birria has not really abated, with the spicy Mexican stewed meat available around town in forms more traditional (birria tacos, quesabirria) and less (birria ramen, birria pizza). One of the most exciting renditions to hit the scene recently is the birria de borrego at this family-run joint: dissolvingly tender lamb, served in a velvety, lightly spiced tomato broth and based on a recipe that an earlier generation of Landeroses served at a restaurant in the Mexican state of Aguascaliente. The heirloom preparation is nothing short of stunning; various other dishes, including weekends-only menudo, get high marks, too.

BOCCALUPO**INMAN PARK**

753 Edgewood Avenue NE

404-577-2332

The name comes from the Italian *in bocca al lupo*—literally “in the wolf’s mouth,” but its original use has to do with a wish for good luck ahead of a performance, similar to “break a leg.” Luck, though, isn’t really required when you pay a visit to this idiosyncratic little restaurant, tucked into a shady street corner, where certainties prevail: chef Bruce Logue’s peerless pastas (black spaghetti with hot Calabrese sausage, red shrimp, and scallions; a famous 20-yolk tagliatelle with mushrooms, kale kimchi, and butter) and inspired antipasti, grown-up cocktails mixed behind a funky bar, and the happy, relaxed atmosphere of a perfect neighborhood joint.

BON TON**MIDTOWN**

674 Myrtle Street NE

404-996-6177

You can’t miss the building—it’s pink—and you won’t soon forget the joyful Viet-Cajun food, either. Of particular note: blackened catfish that you can get in a banh mi or over a rice bowl with pickled veg and crispy shallots, boiled seafood by the pound, spicy jicama and papaya salad, and a Nashville hot po’boy with your choice of filling (a fried-oyster option will convert even the most recalcitrant fried-oyster skeptic). A late-night stop for local industry folks, Bon Ton is as much a drinking place as it is an eating place, so don’t skip the hurricanes—or bartender Baylee Hopings’s more adventuresome flights of fancy—either.

BREAD & BUTTERFLY**INMAN PARK**

290 Elizabeth Street

678-515-4536

Lined with green subway tile and fronted by a breezy patio, Billy and Kristin Allin’s Inman Park bistro is home to perhaps Atlanta’s most famous pancake: one giant flapjack, crisp at the edges and cakelike in the middle, served straightforwardly with butter and maple syrup. And, to go with it, whatever French cafe fare your heart desires: textbook soft omelets, scones and croissants, tarte flambee, salade Nicoise, and/or a simple toasted baguette with jam, plus wines by the glass and cocktails.

BUENA GENTE CUBAN BAKERY**DECATUR**

1365 Clairmont Road

404-907-4461

In a North Decatur strip mall notable for the diversity of its dining options (the estimable Community Q BBQ, the Caribbean brunch destination Ms. Icey’s Kitchen & Bar), Stacie Antich and Manny Rodriguez’s little sandwich counter still manages to stand out—largely on the strength of its fragrant, crunchy-gooney-salty Cubano, undoubtedly the best ham sandwich in town and probably one of the best sandwiches around, period. Everything else is about as good, from chicken empanadas to guava-filled pastelitos to batidos, aka milkshakes; in flavors like mango and soursop, they’re a balm on a hot day.

More About Atlanta...

Everyone loves Atlanta for its big city appeal with small-town charm. Atlanta has a lot to offer. It's a diverse city with a huge economy that's home to multiple Fortune 500 companies and small, local businesses. It has a robust cultural scene that offers something for everyone. So, whether you're considering moving here or already home, here are 10 fun facts about Atlanta.

1. Atlanta is home to the world's busiest airport

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. In 2019, 110.5 million passengers came through its gates. It serves as a hub for Delta airlines and international flights that connect the U.S. with countries across the Atlantic Ocean.

2. There is only one Peachtree Street

But there are over 70 drives, avenues, and lanes with a variation of the word "Peachtree" in their name. However, there aren't really any peach trees in Atlanta. Many historians believe "Peachtree" is a corruption of "pitch tree," an 18th century local term for a pine tree. Atlanta is surrounded by pine tree forests.

3. Coca-Cola, the world's most famous soda was invented and founded in Atlanta.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist, Dr. John S. Pemberton, created the distinctive soft drink we all know. Today, Coca-Cola still calls Atlanta home. Locals and tourists alike can visit the World of Coca Cola near Centennial Olympic Park to learn all about the company and sample its products from around the globe.

4. The Varsity is an Atlanta landmark.

It's the world's largest and busiest drive-in restaurant. Every day, it serves over 2 miles of hot dogs, 2,500 pounds of potatoes, and 300 gallons of chili. The Varsity also serves more Coca-Cola by volume than anywhere else in the world.

5. Did you know Georgia ranks third in the nation for US film production and first for growth?

It's true. It's also the reason Atlanta is known as the "Hollywood of the South." Black Panther, Spider Man, and the Avengers were all filmed in or near Atlanta. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. In 2018, 455 television shows and movies were produced in Georgia.

6. The Bank of America Plaza stands

At 1,023 feet tall and is the tallest building in the U.S. outside of New York and Chicago. It's the tallest building in any U.S. State capital and 125th tallest building in the world.

7. Movies aren't the only artistic industry in Atlanta.

The city also has a thriving music scene and is considered the capital of hip hop. Ludacris, Usher, Monica, Jermaine Dupri, Ray Charles, T. I., Gucci Mane, and 2 Chainz are just a handful of the artists that call Atlanta home.

8. Atlanta is also a food lover's paradise.

The Atlanta restaurant scene reflects the diversity of its people. You can find everything from fresh takes on southern cuisine to every type of Asian cuisine along the Buford Highway and everything in between. That's why Atlanta is considered the foodie capital of the American South.

9. Film, music, and food aren't the only cultural scenes in Atlanta.

The city also has a bustling, trending arts industry. It's home to over 15 art museums, 26 design schools, and hosts art shows and galleries nearly every weekend. If you love art, you'll love Atlanta.

10. Atlanta is one of the few cities that has a professional team for almost every sport.

It's home to the Falcons (NFL), Braves (MLB), Hawks (NBA), United FC (MLS), Dream (WNBA), Swarm (NLL), and Rugby ATL (MLR). And those are just the professional teams! The city is also home to the Georgia Tech and Georgia State college sports teams.

Sudoku

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 17

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Sudoku 2 Solution

**Answers to Puzzles
No Peeking!**

May	Ollie	Newt	Underwood
April	Lela	Cane toad	Walker
March	Maxine	Horned toad	Parkman
February	Darlene	Bullfrog	Kernville
January	Freda	Salamander	Quimby

Sudoku 2

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

Said Mrs. Santa to Santa Claus: The doctor said you have to stay away from chimneys. You have the flue!

We can no longer call a 30 day ban on Facebook, Facebook Jail... It must now be referred to as Metapause!

Breaking News: Scientists have today announced that they have invented a car that is fuelled by parsley. They are now working on a train that runs on thyme!

Puzzle Page

Treasure Island

Find and circle all of the words and names from the book Treasure Island.
The remaining 46 letters spell a secret message.

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

ADMIRAL BENBOW INN
APPLE BARREL
ASHORE
BEACH
BEN GUNN
BILLY BONES
BLACK DOG
BUCCANEER
BURIED GOLD
CABIN BOY
CANNON BALLS
CANNONS

CAPE
CAPTAIN FLINT
CAPTAIN SMOLLETT
CHEST
COAST
COMPASS
COVE
CREW
CUTLASS
DR. LIVESY
GUINEAS
HISPANIOLA

ISLAND
ISRAEL HANDS
JIM HAWKINS
JOLLY ROGER
LOGBOOK
LONG JOHN SILVER
MAROONED
MUSKET
MUTINY
PARROT
PIRATES
PISTOL

QUARTERMASTER
SAIL
SCHOONER
SEAFARING
SEAMEN
SHIP
SKELETON
SPY-GLASS
SQUIRE TRELAWNEY
THE BLACK SPOT
TREASURE
WALRUS

Sometimes in bridge, the score on a given hand becomes a matter of luck. Board 2 in the U26 is a clear example.

Only two pairs of the ten playing reached 6H on aggressive auctions starting with a strong NT, Stayman, a 4D splinter, and Kickback. Partner showed two without the trump queen. In both cases, the players were missing one keycard and the trump queen!

In Scott/Yeung, Jakob Reinke of Evanston, IL, won the opening SJ lead with his ace. He led the HJ from hand and took a first round finesse against South for the trump queen. This lost to North who accurately switched to a diamond to South's ace to defeat slam one trick!

Not cashing one of the high hearts before taking the finesse gives up on singleton queen in one hand or the other. There being no singleton queen, it was immaterial.

At the other table in Scott/Yeung, East/West played in 4NT making when L Williams bid keycard, his partner taking it as quantitative and passing. 10 IMPs to Scott...

In Berk/Y Xu, Jeff Hu of Maine, declared 6H. Sophia Chang led her DA. When that held, she shifted to the SJ, declarer winning in hand with the ace.

Hu led the H6 to dummy's king and ran the HT through Zhang to score up the slam.

11 IMPs to Xu ...

There is really no justification one way or another for finessing through North or through South. It is unlikely that declarer can handle a 5-0 split either way on this hand. In the "old days," there were rules(?) like finessing through the opponent you liked most or liked least when faced with a 2-way that was essentially even ...

The moral of the story and a lesson for youth: Go either way but if you use the "old rules," don't tell anyone if you are finessing your favorite or not. You might hurt their feelings!! (And next time, they will know who you will finesse and double accordingly when possible!! Just kidding...)

Out of the Box... U26...

		Darlene	Freda	Lela	Maxine	Ollie	bullfrog	cane toad	horned toad	newt	salamander	Kernville	Parkman	Quimby	Underwood	Walker
Months	January															
	February															
	March															
	April															
	May															
Towns	Kernville															
	Parkman															
	Quimby															
	Underwood															
	Walker															
Amphibians	bullfrog															
	cane toad															
	horned toad															
	newt															
	salamander															

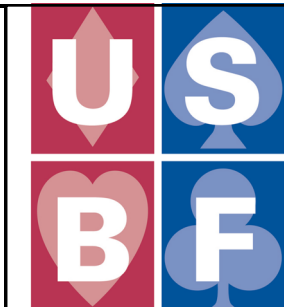
Fiendishly Hard Logic Puzzle...

Months	Names	Amphibians	Towns
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			

1. Maxine's pet is the horned toad..
2. Darlene's pet was bought in February..
3. Ollie's pet isn't the cane toad..
4. The amphibian purchased in Quimby is the salamander..
5. Of Lela's pet and the animal bought in May, one was purchased in Walker and the other is the newt..
6. Darlene's pet was purchased in Kernville..
7. The animal purchased in Quimby was bought 1 month before the bullfrog..
8. Neither the amphibian bought in January nor Ollie's pet is the bullfrog..
9. The bullfrog was bought 1 month before the amphibian purchased in Parkman..
10. The animal purchased in Kernville was bought sometime after the animal purchased in Quimby..

Answers to puzzle on page 14

USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.

English is a Crazy Language...

There is no EGG in EGGPLANT, nor HAM in HAMBURGER; neither APPLE nor PINE in PINEAPPLE.

ENGLISH MUFFINS weren't invented in England.

QUICKSAND can work slowly.

BOXING RINGS are SQUARE! GUINEA PIGS are neither from GUINEA nor PIGS!

If VEGETARIANS eat VEGETABLES, what do HUMANITARIANS eat??

In what other language do people RECITE at a PLAY and PLAY at a RECITAL?

We SHIP by TRUCK but send CARGO by SHIP!

We have NOSES that RUN and FEET that SMELL.

We PARK in a DRIVEWAY and DRIVE in a PARKWAY.

And how can a SLIM CHANCE and a FAT CHANCE be the same thing while a WISE MAN and a WISE GUY are opposites??

You have to appreciate the unique craziness of a language where your house can burn up as it burns down... in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

Berk	Y Xu		Open	4♠	N	♣J	=	420	-	-
			Closed	4♠	N	♣J	=	420	-	-
Chen	Hallerman		Open	6N	S	♠K	=	990	11	
			Closed	4♠	S	♣9	+1	450		11
Goyal	Kolesnik		Open	4♠	N	♣J	=	420		11
			Closed	6♠	S	♣9	-2		100	
Johnstone	Xiao		Open	5♠	N	♣J	-1		50	
			Closed	4N	N	♣J	=	430		10
Scott	Yeung		Open	4♠	N	♣J	+1	450	-	-
			Closed	3N	S	♥9	+2	460	-	-

On Board 6, two U26 pairs bid slam. Interestingly, both auctions involved a quantitative bid opposite which partner accepted with a minimum (or in one case, a subminimum.)

In Kolesnik/Goyal, North/South played 6S on their 5-3 spade fit. Goyal led his singleton C9, dummy winning the queen. Grossack tried a spade to the jack, losing to the king with

West and a small heart came back. Grossack won the king in dummy and played the S4 to the ace, getting the bad news. In the fullness of time, he lost the two high spades and a stray trick for down two. Note: the 2NT opening showed 19 or 20. Zach held 18! When Finn invited with 4NT, is the fifth diamond or the third spade enough to accept on the subminimum?

11 IMPs to Goyal whose teammates stopped in game and made it.

A very different ending in the Chen/Hallerman match:

Table: CL A3, Round: 1
N-S: Kolesnik 5 IMP
E-W: Goyal 10 IMP

OTHER ROOM: N 4♠ = 420

Hand cards:
N Finn Kolesnik: ♠ T8542, ♥ KJ6, ♦ KT, ♣ KQ4
W Sarik Goyal: ♠ KQ97, ♥ 9432, ♦ Q765, ♣ 9
E Sheldon Tar: ♠ 3, ♥ QT75, ♦ 98, ♣ JT8763
S Zach Grossack: ♠ AJ6, ♥ A8, ♦ AJ432, ♣ A52

Bidding history:
W: PASS
N: PASS
E: 2NT
S: 3♥, 3♣, 4NT, 6♣

Shen opened 1D and Sun responded 1S. Shen bid 2NT showing 18-19. When Sun bid 4NT quantitative, his partner did not know he held five spades, taking 6S out of the picture. Shen accepted on his minimum as Zach did!! Stephani had to choose a lead. Spades was his strongest suit and 3 of his suits were four cards in length. Leading into the strong hand, it is most reasonable to lead a heart from weakness so as not to blow a trick. Assuming the declaring side has 32 HCP, West cannot expect their partner to hold more than a jack. Stephani chose an often correct stance in IMPs: He made the most attacking lead of the SK, hoping his partner's jack was in that suit. Shen

Table: OP A2, Round: 1
N-S: Chen 16 IMP
E-W: Hallerman 13 IMP

OTHER ROOM: S 4♠ +1 450

Hand cards:
N Qian Sun: ♠ T8542, ♥ KJ6, ♦ KT, ♣ KQ4
W Isaac Stephani: ♠ KQ97, ♥ 9432, ♦ Q765, ♣ 9
E Ilan Wolff: ♠ 3, ♥ QT75, ♦ 98, ♣ JT8763
S Jiahe Shen: ♠ AJ6, ♥ A8, ♦ AJ432, ♣ A52

Bidding history:
W: PASS
N: 1♠, 2NT, 4NT, 6NT
E: PASS
S: 1♦, 2NT, 6NT

won the ace, played a club to the king and a spade toward the jack. Stephani won his queen. The hand was cold at this point if declarer guessed correctly which way to take the diamond hook. As it was, he never needed that. On the run of the spades and clubs, Wolff pitched one diamond and Stephanie pitched two and declarer played the ace and king, bringing down the queen for twelve winners. 11 IMPs to Chen

Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

Greetings from Merry Olde. Limey Jack is here to make some serious bob for you whilst Howie Dung is lost in his own blather.

In USA1 it is Kolesnik-Goyal. Kolesnik stands out like a 3 year old winner at Cheltenham racing against a field of Maidens. This one may not go the full fifteen rounds.

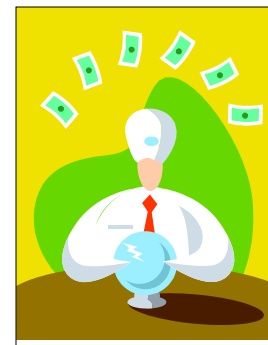
On the other side it is Chen-Xiao: Close call but Chen remains.

In USA2, four squads will survive. Xu, Johnstone, Hallerman and Berk are the lucky ones, don't you know.

Limey Jack returns forthwith to help you lighten the punter's pocket.

Ta.

Howie Doing...



I'm happy and happy and happy again,
To see Kevin R back playing with Ben!

As partners, these two were over the top.
They knew when to push and they knew when to stop.

It's gonna be tough for Goyal and crew.
They're gonna need luck all the match through.

I pick Kolesnik to go all the way.
These kids put on pressure wherever they play.

Chen vs. Xaio is tougher to choose...
One team will win and one team will lose.

'Twill be most exciting if Xaio gets the win.
Then boyfriend v girlfriend in Rosenberg/Lin!

In USA2, four teams will survive.
Two will retire whilst taking the dive!

Johnstone and Hallerman stay in the fray.
Berk will keep playing at least one more day.

The others be close, but I would tell you,
Put money on Finkle, a teammate of Xu!

To Yeung and to Scott, safe travel from here.
We'll look forward to seeing you this time next year!

Howie Doing

U26

1.	Kevin Rosenberg - Ben Kristensen	Kolesnik	2.37	97.26	41
2.	Yifu Ouyang - Fangqing Yuan	Chen	1.47	20.60	14
3.	Finn Kolesnik - Zach Grossack	Kolesnik	1.10	53.68	49
4.	Tianyang Chen - Fangqing Yuan	Chen	1.04	43.63	42
5.	Richard Jeng - Brent Xiao	Xiao	0.96	40.22	42
6.	Qian Sun - Jiahe Shen	Chen	0.89	37.50	42
7.	Emma Kolesnik - Jacob Freeman	Kolesnik	0.71	24.83	35
8.	Sheldon Tan - Sarik Goyal	Goyal	0.67	42.39	63
9.	Yifu Ouyang - Zhenling Wang	Chen	0.64	17.98	28
10.	Cynthia Huang - Amber Lin	Xiao	0.55	22.43	41
11.	Robert West - Isaac Stone	Johnstone	0.49	31.02	63
12.	Stella Wan - Cornelius Duffie	Xiao	0.33	13.43	41
13.	Gan Yang - Derek Wong	Goyal	0.25	15.87	63
14.	Jeff Hu - Henry Xing	Y Xu	0.25	10.13	40
15.	Jake Williams - Luke Williams	Scott	0.10	6.31	62
16.	Ilan Wolff - Isaac Stephani	Hallerman	0.03	1.73	62
17.	Zhiyu Cheng - Dingjia Mao	Y Xu	-0.16	-6.83	42
18.	Reese Koppel - William Scott	Scott	-0.30	-18.81	62
19.	Morgan Johnstone - Vincent Zhu	Johnstone	-0.32	-20.21	63
20.	Nathan Finkle - Yuchen Xu	Y Xu	-0.41	-17.28	42
21.	Hakan Berk - Victor Xu	Berk	-0.91	-56.73	62
22.	Sean McNally - Raphael Hallerman	Hallerman	-1.09	-68.73	63
23.	Lucy Zhang - Sophia Chang	Berk	-1.19	-74.07	62
24.	Jakob Reinke - Patrick Delos Reyes	Yeung	-1.54	-96.94	63
25.	Alan Yeung - Ian Dunbar	Yeung	-1.90	-119.42	63

Cross IMPs

1.	Olivia Schireson - Michael Xu	M Xu	2.06	115.29	56
2.	Bo Han Zhu - Harrison Luba	M Xu	1.59	89.14	56
3.	Philip Wang - Cedric Xiao	Klein	1.18	66.14	56
4.	Ethan Derman - Levi Katriel	Derman	0.90	36.14	40
5.	Michael Haas - Sam Pahk	Derman	0.76	30.57	40
6.	Daniel Balof - Kai Eckert	Derman	0.74	23.57	32
7.	Nathan Gong - Arthur Gong	Gong	0.74	41.57	56
8.	Jonathan Yue - Rory Xiao	Zhou	0.72	40.29	56
9.	Arthur Zhou - Michael Hu	Zhou	0.59	33.14	56
10.	Avery Silverstein - Jack Boge	Zhao	-0.30	-16.71	56
11.	Eric He - Edward He	Gong	-0.77	-43.00	56
12.	Andy Zhang - Matthew Rippin	A Zhang	-0.82	-45.71	56
13.	Caroline Zhao - Derrick Zhao	Zhao	-0.90	-50.14	56
14.	Oliver Que - Andrew Jin	Hu	-1.09	-61.00	56
15.	Zach Posternak - Owen Jiang	A Zhang	-1.30	-72.57	56
16.	Michael Hu - Jerry Yao	Hu	-1.58	-88.43	56
17.	Kevin Jiang - Aidan Klein	Klein	-1.76	-98.29	56

U21

Important... from Jan Martel...

1. As you probably know but may have forgotten, you are not entitled to a review of the auction after you have played to the first trick. As each player plays to trick 1, their ability to access the auction disappears. That means that if you want to ask declarer about an auction after they have played from dummy, you should do so in chat, instead of by clicking on the bid in the auction.

2. Be careful not to click the STOP button accidentally. Clicking that button stops play at both halves of your table and may slow things down. Its purpose is only if you want to stop play before calling the director about something like a misclick that you want corrected before anyone acts. The director whistle will call the director without stopping play, so use that if you want to ask about something that does not require play to stop.

3. Whenever you explain a bid, the little envelope will appear next to it. That does not mean that the bid has been alerted, but may just mean, for example, that the bidder entered 15-17 for a 1NT opening. Until you click on the envelope to see the explanation, you won't know whether there was an alert - it will look just the same if someone bids 2NT and entered "20-21" or "weak 3 club bid." If the explanation isn't clear to you, be sure to ask for clarification, don't assume you know what it is.

And 2 things about tomorrow:

1. We are rearranging the rooms to completely separate you from your teammates, so be sure to look at the signs on the door before you go to find your table.

2. We are running a little bit low on styluses (or styli if you prefer). You are welcome to take one home as a souvenir, but if you look around your hotel room and find 5 or 6 lying around, please bring them back.

BOARD: 20
 DEALER: WEST
 VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ J9742
 ♥ T42
 ♦ 54
 ♣ 862

♠ A86
 ♥ K3
 ♦ JT9873
 ♣ Q7

♠ KQT5
 ♥ QJ98
 ♦ KQ62
 ♣ J

Par: -130

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	3	7	5	9
EW	3	10	6	8	4

♠ 3
 ♥ A765
 ♦ A
 ♣ AKT9543

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP			
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
A1	Berk	Hallerman	▶	Open	3♣	S ♦J	+1	130		
			▶	Closed	3N	E ♣A	-5	500		
A2	Chen	Kolesnik	▶	Open	3N	W ♠4	-5	500		
			▶	Closed	5♦	W ♣2	-1	100		
A3	Goyal	Xiao	▶	Open	3Nx	E ♣K	-5	1400		
			▶	Closed	5♣x	S ♠A	-1		200	
A4	Johnstone	Yeung	▶	Open	5♦x	W ♣2	-1	200		
			▶	Closed	4♦	W ♠4	=		130	
A5	Scott	Y Xu	▶	Open	3Nx	W ♥2	-5	1400		
			▶	Closed	5♦x	W ♠4	-1	200		

This board swung the most IMPs of any in USA1! Two E/W pairs played in 3NTX going down five when their opponents led either a club or a heart and South took 7 clubs, 1 diamond, and 1 heart off the top, while at the other table in both matches, N/S played in a minor suit game, once doubled, once not, going down one! 17 IMPs to Goyal and 15 IMPs to Scott.

Two other matches swung 9 IMPs when 3NT went light five tricks undoubled while 5D went down one at one table and 3C made at one table.

The remaining match swung 8 IMPs when 5DX went light one trick while 4D made in the other room.

It is interesting that so many pairs felt endplayed into bidding 3NT with a singleton CJ opposite a doubleton CQ after their opponents had overcalled two clubs. Sometimes it works but most of the time it does not. Here, it did not work at all. Even in Scott/Hu where North led a heart instead of a club, South scooped up his HA and easily shifted to a high club.

58 IMPs in five matches on one board is definitely not the expected return!!

U21...

B1	A Zhang	Derman		Open	4♣x	W	♥A	-5	1100	15
				Closed	6♥	N	♣4	-2	100	
B2	Gong	Hu		Open	6♥	N	♣2	=	980	-
				Closed	6♥	N	♣4	=	980	
B3	Klein	M Xu		Open	4♥	N	♣5	=	420	10
				Closed	6♥	N	♣9	-1	50	
B4	Zhao	Zhou		Open	4♥	N	♣5	+1	450	1
				Closed	4♥	N	♣4	+2	480	

Board 8 in the first U21 Round Robin match generated some excitement. Four pairs reached the 6H slam.

In the Gong/Hu match the board was a push, both tables bidding and making 6H. Where Nathan Gong was declarer, Oliver Que led a club, giving declarer a finesse he could not otherwise take. The result: 12 tricks... 7 hearts, 2 clubs, 2 spades and 1 diamond. At the other table where Michael Hu declared, Eric He discarded a club on the HA at trick two and declarer was able to set-up the club suit for the twelfth trick. It looked like the discard gave away the hand, however, East should not feel bad about the discard. It really didn't matter so long as declarer reads the position correctly.

In Derman/Zhang, Posternak led a spade against 6H.

Derman, won the spade lead, and led a heart to dummy's ten. He cashed the CA and trumped a club. Derman led a heart to the nine and trumped a second club.

Derman cashed the SA and trumped a spade in dummy producing this five-card end position:

If declarer decides that East has the DK (and they probably should since the diamond length is known to be in the East hand), they will lead a club from dummy and discard a diamond. East will be end-played into leading a diamond from their king.

If East exits with the DK, declarer wins in dummy and plays the thirteenth club to pick-up West's trumps.

Unfortunately for declarer on this hand, they misjudged and led a diamond toward their queen for a two trick defeat.

Note that even if Derman had found the endplay, his team would have lost IMPs on the board.

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At the other table, Michael Haas made a shapely T/O double with the East hand. West ignored South's redouble and competed to 4S. This was doubled and defeated five tricks for -1100 against the non-making slam. 15IMPs to Derman in a match where there was a swing on every board (double digits on 6 of the 8). The final score was 56 to 25 in favor of Zhang.

Only one pair reached game on Board 45 U21. Schireson opened 1NT with 14 HCP. Michael Xu bid Stayman and invited game over 2H. Even though Michael has only 8 HCP, his hand has two T's and several touching honor combinations.

Olivia accepted and bid 4H.

Matthew Rippin, South, led the D9 to Andy Zhang's ace. Zhang continued with a diamond to dummy's ten. Schireson played the SQ from dummy. Olivia won the SK with her ace. She played the DK. South ruffed with the H8 and dummy overruffed. The H2 was led from dummy and declarer inserted the ten, losing to South's ace. Rippin exited with the S4. Dummy's jack won the trick. Schireson drew the remaining trump and ran diamonds to discard 2 clubs from dummy, scoring ten tricks for +620 and winning 10 IMPs for Xu. Xu won the match 48-0 for a blitz.

M Xu	A Zhang	🔊	Open	3♥	W	♠K	+1	170	10
			Closed	4♥	E	♦9	=	620	
Zhao	Derman	🔊	Open	2♥	E	♠3	+2	170	-
			Closed	2♥	E	♠3	+2	170	
Klein	Gong	🔊	Open	3♥	W	♦A	+1	170	-
			Closed	3♥	E	♦9	+1	170	
Zhou	Hu	🔊	Open	2♦	E	♠4	+1	110	2
			Closed	3♥	E	♦9	+1	170	