

December 30, 2024 Volume 7, Issue 5

Results:

1	Wan - wins tie	178	65	28	33	52	
4	Zheng	99.5	6	28	35	32	-1.5
2	Kolesnik	209	25	68	48	68	
3	Chen - wins tie	74	18	22	19	15	

Penalty: Slow Play

5	Yang - wins tie	119	12	58	3	46	
8	Eckert	225	68	41	61	55	
6	Brezak - wins tie	144	19	14	40	71	
7	Yeung	191	50	57	57	27	

1	Ge - wins tie	206	36	35	70	65	
4	Xie	51	4	20	18	9	
2	Silverstein - wins tie	162	51	15	42	54	
3	He	60	26	3	5	26	

U16 STAGE 1

[Link to Live LoveBridge Results](#)

Standing	Pair #	Player	Player	TOTAL VP	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11
1	5	Jeff Xiao [NE]	Andrew Chen [SW]	146.79	14.85	18.01	16.25	9.10	6.58	12.08	9.49	10.81	9.82	17.64	10.15
Q	2	3 Kevin Wei [NE]	Arjun Chamaal [S]	123.95	14.25	9.22	11.21	10.90	8.94	12.67	13.54	2.70	14.16	16.84	9.52
Q	3	7 Chloe Chow [NE]	Eli Shuster [SW]	122.41	14.36	13.69	8.80	8.98	11.06	7.92	17.86	3.94	8.69	15.20	11.92
Q	4	4 Kyo Chen [NE]	Zinnia Meyer [SW]	119.54	15.90	15.03	14.23	11.93	15.24	10.63	5.55	14.75	5.84	2.36	8.08
Q	5	9 Adam Hemmer [N]	Kate Lee [SW]	119.14	4.10	12.97	6.04	18.79	15.44	7.33	10.51	16.06	18.61	6.59	2.70
Q	6	2 Jayson Lee [NE]	Lee Blocher [SW]	113.69	15.63	7.08	5.77	8.00	6.08	3.73	17.83	17.30	10.18	4.80	17.30
Q	7	11 Demian LJ [NE]	Brandon Wolpert	103.36	4.37	4.97	11.95	16.80	9.66	8.10	6.46	3.19	11.31	13.41	13.13
Q	8	12 Ryan Wolpert [NE]	Kainiro Sheng [S]	103.03	17.77	12.82	8.79	8.07	12.42	10.25	2.14	14.92	1.39	6.51	6.87
9	8	Alexander Xu [NE]	Derek Deschene	101.41	5.15	6.31	13.96	3.20	13.94	9.37	9.58	5.08	15.24	9.10	10.48
10	10	Joseph Hoagland Clayton Kaneko [95.93	5.75	1.99	11.20	1.21	10.34	16.27	14.45	6.89	4.76	13.49	9.58
11	6	Jeremy Zhang [N]	Ryo Chen [SW]	94.16	5.64	7.03	8.05	12.00	4.76	9.75	10.42	13.11	16.39	3.16	3.85
12	1	Ethan Wu [NE]	Beatriz Aidana [S]	76.58	2.23	10.78	3.75	11.02	4.56	11.90	2.17	5.25	3.61	10.90	10.42

U16 STAGE 2

Pair #	Player	Player	TOTAL	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	CARRYOVER
1	5	Jeff Xiao [NE]	Andrew Chen [SW]	19.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.09
2	7	Chloe Chow [NE]	Eli Shuster [SW]	11.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.28
3	3	Kevin Wei [NE]	Arjun Chamaal [S]	11.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.04
4	4	Kyo Chen [NE]	Zinnia Meyer [SW]	9.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.66
5	2	Jayson Lee [NE]	Lee Blocher [SW]	9.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.36
6	9	Adam Hemmer [N]	Kate Lee [SW]	7.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.57
7	11	Demian LJ [NE]	Brandon Wolpert	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.95
8	12	Ryan Wolpert [NE]	Kainiro Sheng [S]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

U26W STAGE 1

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Standing	Pair #	Player	Player	TOTAL VP	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11
Q	1	3 Yichen Cai [NE]	Helena Hsieh [SW]	133.92	11.15	7.07	10.00	16.23	13.30	9.73	12.04	15.14	17.74	7.42	14.11
Q	2	1 Jasmine Bakhtsh [Kyra Helmbold [SW]		132.22	10.00	12.93	9.14	12.66	13.57	17.96	11.78	15.40	4.63	12.04	12.12
Q	3	9 Cecilia Ehrlichmar Katie Hwang [SW]		114.64	5.41	2.55	16.55	14.04	6.43	10.27	14.18	18.07	10.00	14.20	2.96
Q	6	Ella Su [NE]	Sharon Chu [SW]	112.53	7.85	17.45	15.93	6.87	9.63	10.00	3.89	6.40	15.37	12.58	6.96
Q	5	Ava Donnellan [NE]	Margot Donnellan	110.72	7.51	16.11	3.45	11.71	11.41	8.96	16.11	10.00	11.61	7.97	5.99
Q	4	10 Katie Sullivan [NE]	Caroline Zhao [SW]	110.29	8.86	9.46	10.13	5.97	9.24	18.43	8.33	13.60	8.40	10.00	7.88
Q	7	4 Leyi Chen [NE]	Maiya Clouse [SW]	106.88	14.60	8.95	11.61	10.00	10.38	11.04	11.67	4.60	2.26	14.41	7.38
Q	8	5 Helen Chow [NE]	Nicole Qian [SW]	106.21	12.49	10.54	10.86	3.78	10.00	11.79	5.82	14.74	7.18	5.59	13.44
9	2	Rachel Yoken [NE]	Stephanie Bergma	105.25	6.21	10.00	8.39	13.14	8.59	1.57	8.22	4.86	12.82	14.41	17.04
10	11	Yihan Xiao [NE]	Zara Weiss [SW]	92.61	13.79	11.05	4.07	8.29	10.77	2.05	7.96	5.27	13.58	5.80	10.00
11	7	Avery Liang [NE]	Alexandra Desche	84.73	12.16	3.89	9.87	7.34	6.70	8.22	10.00	1.93	6.42	5.60	12.63
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U26W STAGE 2

Standing	Pair #	Player	Player	TOTAL	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	CARRYOVER
1	3	Yichen Cai [NE]	Helena Hsieh [SW]	14.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.91
2	1	Jasmine Bakhtsh [Kyra Helmbold [SW]		13.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.28
3	6	Ella Su [NE]	Sharon Chu [SW]	4.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.81
4	9	Cecilia Ehrlichmar Katie Hwang [SW]		4.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.70
5	4	Leyi Chen [NE]	Maiya Clouse [SW]	2.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.18
6	10	Katie Sullivan [NE]	Caroline Zhao [SW]	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.24
7	8	Ava Donnellan [NE]	Margot Donnellan	1.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.07
8	5	Helen Chow [NE]	Nicole Qian [SW]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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All Kidding Aside

Teams Entered

U26:

Brezak	Luke Brezak, Capt Alan Hale	Chris Staszak Cade Johnson
Chen	Tianyang Chen, Capt Philip Wang Fangqing Yuan	Rory Xiao Jonathan Yue Will Duan
Eckert	Kai Eckert, Capt Matthew Rippin	Isaac Stone Levi Katriel
Jiang	Kevin Jiang, Capt Ryan Carlson Zihao Sun	Alex Safonov Andy Zhang Jingcheng Dai
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Harrison Luba Ethan Wood	Michael Xu Bo Han Zhu Michael Hu
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Yang	Yanlai Yang, Capt Ruizhe Wang	Renyu Li Eric Shao
Yeung	Alan Yeung, Capt Evan Alexis	Dan Irish Rohan Srivastava
Zheng	Lixin Zheng, Capt Vasisht Ganesh	Weilong Shen Tom Ye

U21:

Ge	Brandon Ge, Capt Brian Zhang Charlie Chen	Kayden Ge Arthur Gong Eric Xiao
He	Edward He, Capt Nathan Gong	Eric He Jason Yao
Hoagland	Michael Hoagland, Capt Owen Jiang	James Fu Eric White
Silverstein	Avery Silverstein, Capt Sam Pahk Ethan Derman	Daniel Balof Michael Haas Jack Boge
Xie	Ethan Xie, Capt Kyle Lin	Zach Posternak Keith Lin

RONA (GIRLS):

2024 Sam Amer Junior USBC - U26W PAIRS

Stephanie Bergman
Rachel Yoken

Leyi Chen
Maiya Clouse

Alexandra Deschenes
Avery Liang

Ava Donnellan
Margot Donnellan

Cecilia Ehrlichman
Katie Hwang

Kyra Helmbold
Jasmine Bakhshi

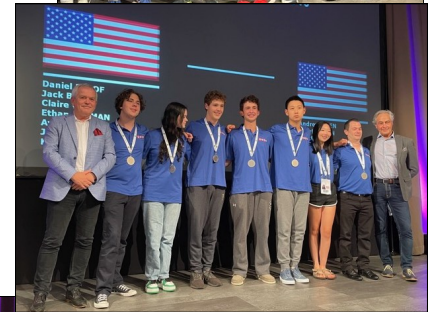
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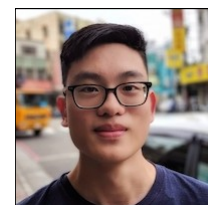
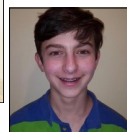
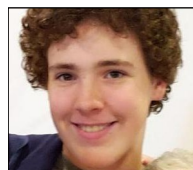
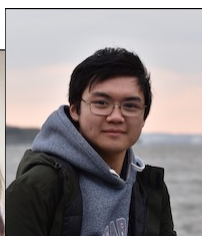
Katie Sullivan
Caroline Zhao

Yihan Xiao
Zara Weiss



2024 Sam Amer Junior USBC - U16 PAIRS

Beatriz Aldana	Ethan Wu
Andrew Chen	Jeff Xiao
Ryo Chen	Jeremy Zhang
Joseph Hoagland	Clayton Kaneko
Jayson Lee	Lee Blocher
Kate Lee	Adam Hemmer
Zinnia Meyer	Kyo Chen
Eli Shuster	Chloe Chow
Kevin Wei	Arjun Chaunal
Brandon Wolpert	Demian Li
Ryan Wolpert	Kaining Sheng
Alex Xu	Derek Deschenes



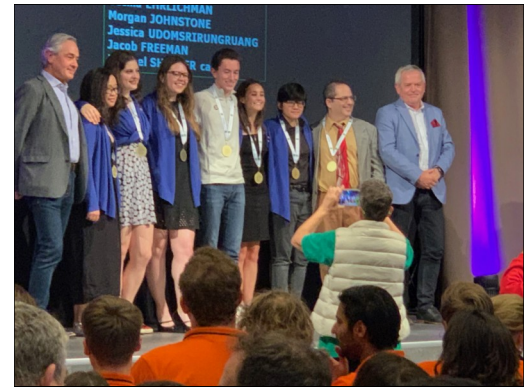
U26 Schedule:

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Day	Date	Time (EST)	Boards
Training Camp			
Thursday	Dec 26	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Optional evening session
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Details TBA
ROUND ROBIN			
Saturday	Dec 28	5:30-6:35 6:50-7:55 8:10-9:15	Match 1 Boards 1-10 Match 2 Boards 11-20 Match 3 Boards 21-30
Sunday	Dec 29	11:00-12:05 12:20-1:25 1:40-2:45 3:45-4:55 6:10-7:15 7:30-8:35	Match 4 Boards 31-40 Match 5 Boards 41-50 Match 6 Boards 51-60 60 Minute BREAK Match 7 Boards 61-70 Match 8 Boards 71-80 Match 9 Boards 81-90
USA1 Semifinal & USA2 Stage 1			
Monday	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
USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	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
USA2 Semifinal			
Wednesday	Jan 1	10:00 - 11:45 12:00 - 1:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:45	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			
Thursday	Jan 2	10:00 - 11:45 12:00 - 1:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60

All the magic I have
known / I've had to
make myself.

Shel Silverstein



Jan Kamras, Jessica Udomsriungruang, Cecilia Ehrlichman, Morgan Johnstone, Jacob Freeman, Katie Sullivan, Khan Tran Nguyen, NPC Michael Shuster, Eric Laurent



Bruce Zhu, Harrison Luba, Nathan Gong, Michael Xu, Arthur Gong, Olivia Schireson, NPC Roger Lee

'I spent the day sewing and gardening,' she hemmed and hawed.

'The fire is going out,' he bellowed.

'You can't really train a beagle,' he dogmatized.

'I've got a new game,' mumbled Peg.

'I used to be a pilot,' he explained."

'It should be *whom* not *who*,' the grammarian objected.

'I have to sweep up now,' the custodian maintained.

'This paper deserves a C, not a B,' the professor remarked.

'You owe more tax,' the IRS agent recollected.

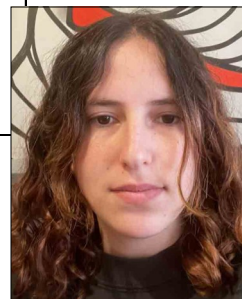
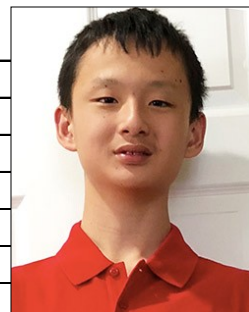
'I'll try that number again,' the operator recalled."

"I hope I can still play guitar," Tom fretted.

"I'm not afraid of horses," Tom bridled.

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U21 Schedule			
Day	Date	Time (EST)	Boards
Training Camp			
Thursday	Dec 26	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Optional evening session
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 3:15 PM	Details TBA
ROUND ROBIN			
Saturday	Dec 28	4:10-5:15	Match 1 Boards 1-10
		5:30-6:35	Match 2 Boards 11-20
		6:50-7:55	Match 3 Boards 21-30
		8:10-9:15	Match 4 Boards 31-40
Sunday	Dec 29	11:00-12:05	Match 5 Boards 41-50
		12:20-1:25	Match 6 Boards 51-60
		1:40-2:45	Match 7 Boards 61-70
			60 Minute BREAK
		3:45-4:55	Match 8 Boards 71-80
		6:10-7:15	Match 9 Boards 81-90
	7:30-8:35	Match 10 Boards 91-100 [exact board # might change]	
USA1 Semifinal			
Monday	Dec 30	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	
USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal			
Tuesday	Dec 31	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 final			
Wednesday	Jan 1	10:00 - 11:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:00 - 1:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:00 - 4:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	5:00 - 6:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60	



More About Atlanta...

Georgia Aquarium in downtown Atlanta is focused to provide a fresh perspective on the vital role sharks play in the health of the ocean. Sharks face many challenges, like overfishing and habitat loss — but humans pose the biggest threat to sharks. In this immersive new gallery, you'll learn more about these top predators and their importance to our world.

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U26W SCHEDULE			
Training Camp			
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
STAGE 1			
Sunday	Dec 29	10:30 - 11:30	Round 1 Boards 1-9
		11:40 - 12:40	Round 2 Boards 10-18
		12:50 - 1:50	Round 3 Boards 19-27
			70 MINUTE BREAK
		3:00 - 4:00	Round 4 Boards 28-36
		4:10 - 5:10	Round 5 Boards 37-45
		5:20 - 6:20	Round 6 Boards 46-54
Monday	Dec 30	10:30 - 11:30	Round 7 Boards 55-63
		11:40 - 12:40	Round 8 Boards 64-72
		12:50 - 1:50	Round 9 Boards 73-81
			70 MINUTE BREAK
		3:00 - 4:00	Round 10 Boards 82-90
		4:10 - 5:10	Round 11 Boards 91-99
STAGE 2			
Tuesday	Dec 31	10:30 - 12:15	Round 1 Boards 1-15
		12:30 - 2:15	Round 2 Boards 16-30
			75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:15	Round 3 Boards 31-45
		5:30 - 7:15	Round 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	Jan 1	10:30 - 12:15	Round 5 Boards 1-15
		12:30 - 2:15	Round 6 Boards 16-30
			60 MINUTE BREAK
		3:15 - 5:00	Round 7 Boards 31-45

U16 SCHEDULE			
Training Camp			
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
STAGE 1			
Sunday	Dec 29	10:30 - 11:30	Round 1 Boards 1-9
		11:40 - 12:40	Round 2 Boards 10-18
		12:50 - 1:50	Round 3 Boards 19-27
			70 MINUTE BREAK
		3:00 - 4:00	Round 4 Boards 28-36
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Monday	Dec 30	10:30 - 11:30	Round 7 Boards 55-63
		11:40 - 12:40	Round 8 Boards 64-72
		12:50 - 1:50	Round 9 Boards 73-81
			70 MINUTE BREAK
		3:00 - 4:00	Round 10 Boards 82-90
		4:10 - 5:10	Round 11 Boards 91-99
STAGE 2			
Tuesday	Dec 31	10:30 - 12:15	Round 1 Boards 1-15
		12:30 - 2:15	Round 2 Boards 16-30
			75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:15	Round 3 Boards 31-45
		5:30 - 7:15	Round 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	Jan 1	10:30 - 12:15	Round 5 Boards 1-15
		12:30 - 2:15	Round 6 Boards 16-30
			60 MINUTE BREAK
		3:15 - 5:00	Round 7 Boards 31-45

Tournament Schedules... continued

No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area. This applies to both 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 randomly wand attendees as they enter the playing field.



Pun-ctuality!

Do you know why I'm not worried about passing math? Because it's as easy as pi.

Have you seen the constellation Orion's belt? No, it's just a waist of space.

What do you do if life gives you melons? Get tested for dyslexia.

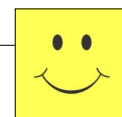
How do you communicate with a fish? Drop it a line.

What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but its flag is a huge plus.

Why can't T-rex clap their hands? Because they're extinct.

Why did Harry Potter suddenly go bald in his teens? He lost his Hedwig.

What did the villain say when he saw three holes filled with water?
"Well, well, well..."



From U26 on Sunday...

Board 86 was lively in the Eckert/Jiang match. Eckert picked up 11 IMPs when Carlson/Zhang bid to 3NT trusting Stone to lead one of the two suits his side bid in the auction.

Surprise! Stone led a club and North/South was down two before they gained the lead!

Had Isaac led either a heart or a spade, declarer could have claimed 10 tricks!

Hand 1 (North): ♠ A975, ♥ K65, ♦ K82, ♣ T43
 Hand 2 (South): ♠ 2, ♥ QT973, ♦ 9, ♣ QJ7652
 Hand 3 (North): ♠ QJT83, ♥ J2, ♦ 76, ♣ AK98
 Hand 4 (South): ♠ K64, ♥ A84, ♦ AQJT543, ♣

Bidding: N: Ryan Carlson, S: Andy Zhang, E: Kai Eckert, W: Isaac Stone. Contract: 3NT.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP	NS		EW	
						Home	Visiting	Home	Visiting
A1 Brezak	Wan	Open	6♦	S	♠2	-1		50	
		Closed	5♦	S	♠2	+1	420		10
A2 Chen	Kolesnik	Open	5♦	S	♠2	=	400		
		Closed	5♦	S	♠2	=	400		
A3 Eckert	Jiang	Open	5♦	S	♠2	=	400		
		Closed	3N	S	♣Q	-2		100	11
A4 Yang	Zheng	Open	3N	N	♠Q	+2	460		2
		Closed	5♦	S	♠2	=	400		

Note that as the traveler reflects, there was also action in the Brezak/Wan match. In the Open Room, Brezak/Staszak bid to 6D. Staszak could have made the slam but it took very, very careful play. Schireson, West, led a small spade won by declarer's king. Declarer pulled 2 rounds of trump ending in dummy and ruffed a club in hand. He played a heart to the king and ruffed another club coming to this position:

At this point, declarer can lead a spade to the ace and ruff another club, cash the HA and exit a heart to Schireson who will be endplayed into leading either a club or a heart, yielding a ruff and sluff to declarer for 12 tricks.

At the table, Staszak played the DJ followed by the DQ, discarding a heart from dummy on the DQ. He played a spade to the ace and a spade to Wan's queen. Wan had the safe exit of the CA which declarer ruffed. All Staszak had left was the HA8. He cashed the HA and was forced to concede a heart to Schireson for down 1. 10 IMPs to Wan

Ed. Note: finding strip and endplays gets easier with age and experience!

Hand 1 (North): ♠ A975, ♥ K65, ♦ K82, ♣ T43
 Hand 2 (South): ♠ 2, ♥ QT973, ♦ 9, ♣ QJ7652
 Hand 3 (North): ♠ QJT83, ♥ J2, ♦ 76, ♣ AK98
 Hand 4 (South): ♠ K64, ♥ A84, ♦ AQJT543, ♣

Bidding: N: Luke Brezak, S: Chris Staszak, E: Stella Wan, W: Olivia Schireson. Contract: 6♦.

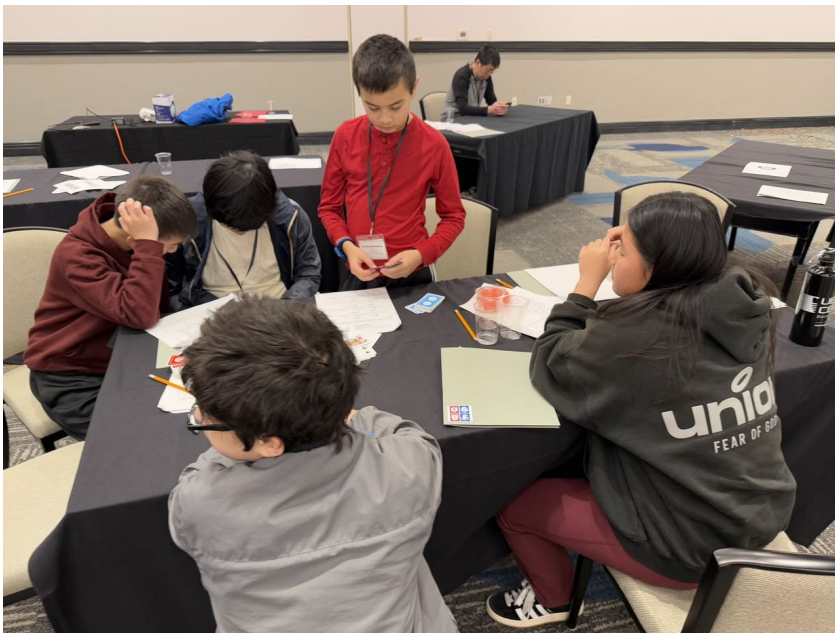
Trick-taking diagram: Trick 1: ♣4 (North) vs ♣6 (South). Trick 2: ♣8 (North) vs ♣8 (South). Trick 3: ♦5 (South).



About Bridge Camp in Atlanta from Michael Shuster on Facebook

Says Michael: Special thanks to Amber Lin for running a fantastic camp here in Atlanta. There were workshops, problem solving, bridge matches and even a session of "crazy bridge" where every deal came with a envelope changing the rules for that hand.

Michael says his son, Eli, is having a great time!



Michael and Eli
(this photo not from Atlanta)



From Jan Martel:
There are LOTS of kids.
Everything is going very well!

Observation: It looks like Bridge Camp at the USBC's may become an integral part of the USBF training program going forward!

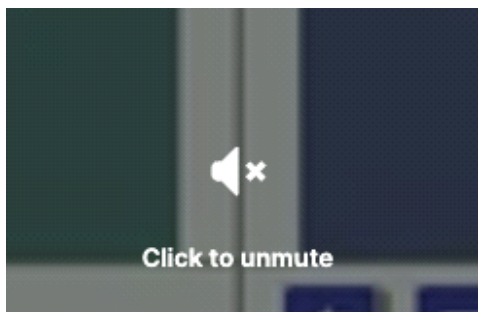
Kibitzing...

Our site is undergoing a migration and some things may not work as expected. We appreciate your patience.

There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 Sam Amer JUSBCs on LoveBridge

You can follow the Sam Amer JUSBC on the [LoveBridge website](#). There will often be voice commentary, which you can access by clicking on the TV icon.

If you get to the voice commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute." 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:

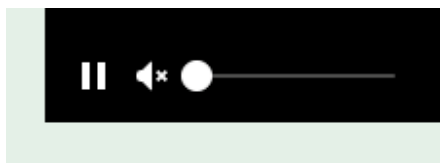


Just click on it to unmute.



They bid to a grand
On a really great hand.
But alas at a cost
When the spade
finesse lost.
It looked like smooth
cruising
But now they are
losing!

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



Click on the speaker. It should unmute your machine.

Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

[LoveBridge website](#)

(Kibitzing, continued on page 9)

Battle of Atlanta, (July 22, 1864)

American Civil War engagement that was part of the Union's summer Atlanta Campaign. Union Major Generals William Tecumseh Sherman and James B. McPherson successfully defended against a Confederate offensive from Lieut. Gen. John Bell Hood on the eastern outskirts of Atlanta, Ga. The Union victory inflicted heavy casualties on Hood's army, but the city would not fall to Sherman until September.

Of the 34,863 Union troops engaged at the Battle of Atlanta, 3,722 were killed, wounded, captured, or reported missing. Confederate forces suffered an estimated 5,500 casualties of the 40,438 engaged. The battle had special significance for Abraham Lincoln, who was seeking a second term as U.S. president. The war had been dragging on longer than either the Union or the Confederacy expected, and war dissatisfaction was already threatening Lincoln's chances of reelection.

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

For all KO days of the 2024 Sam Amer JUSBCs, kibitzing times will be :

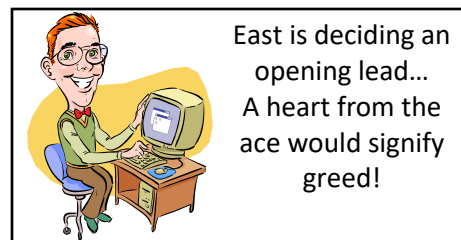
Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:30 pm EDT

BREAK

Segment 3: 4:30 pm EDT

Segment 4: 6:30 pm EDT



For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts. There will not be voice commentary during the Round Robins.

More information

Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

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!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see the result.

More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you to the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!

Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

Answers to Sudokus on Page 14

More About Cards ...

To calculate the probability of drawing either a face card or a spade from a standard deck of 52 cards, we can use the principle of inclusion-exclusion.

Step 1: Count the Total Outcomes

The total number of cards in a standard deck is 52.

Step 2: Count the Face Cards

There are 3 face cards (Jack, Queen, King) in each of the 4 suits: -

Total face cards = 3 face cards/suit × 4 suits = 12 face cards

Step 3: Count the Spades

There are 13 spades in a deck.

Step 4: Count the Overlap (Face Cards that are Spades)

Among the face cards, there are 3 face cards that are also spades (Jack of Spades, Queen of Spades, King of Spades).

Step 5: Use Inclusion-Exclusion

Using the inclusion-exclusion principle, we calculate the total number of favorable outcomes: Total favorable outcomes = (# of face cards) + (# of spades) - (# of face cards that are spades)

Substituting the values: Total favorable outcomes = 12 + 13 - 3 = 22

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 13

196 points	Lillian	3rd	Foxtrot
193 points	Hannah	8th	Jitterbug
190 points	Ashley	7th	Boogie-woogie
187 points	Ollie	5th	Samba
184 points	Willie	4th	Charleston

Sudoku 2

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

Step 6: Calculate the Probability

Now, we can calculate the probability:

$P(\text{face card or spade}) = \frac{\text{Total favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total outcomes}} = \frac{22}{52}$

Step 7: Simplify the Fraction

$P(\text{face card or spade}) = \frac{22}{52} = \frac{11}{26}$

Final Answer

The probability of drawing either a face card or a spade is $\frac{11}{26}$

Disclaimer: This is taken off the internet... The bulletin staff makes no claim as to its veracity!!

Puzzle Page

Look Up!

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

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

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

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

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

SMOG
SOLAR ECLIPSE
STARS
STREET LIGHT
THE SUN
TREETOP
UNIVERSE
VENUS

Riddles!

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries? A towel.

Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh? Meat.

There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it? Watermelon.

What kind of room has no doors or windows? A mushroom.

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand? A palm.

Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly? Incorrectly.

If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I? A Secret.

What gets broken without being held? A promise.

Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die. Fire.

A man is pushing his car along the road when he comes to a hotel. He shouts, "I'm bankrupt!" Why? He was playing Monopoly.

How many of each species did Moses take on the ark with him? None, Moses wasn't on the ark Noah was.

What do you call a nose that is 12 inches long? A foot

What has three feet but cannot walk? A yardstick

If you throw a blue stone into the Red Sea, what does it become? Wet

What do the letter "t" and an island have in common? They're both in the middle of water.

What type of cheese is made backward? Edam

What has 13 hearts but no other organs? A deck of cards

Where is the only place where today comes before yesterday? The dictionary

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand? A palm

What starts with T, ends with T, and has T in it? A teapot

What month of the year has 28 days in it? All of them

What building has the most stories? A library

When is a door no longer a door? When it's ajar

What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat? Chicago

Where do you take a sick boat? To the dock-tor

How can you drop a raw egg from a height onto a concrete floor without cracking it? Concrete floors are very hard to crack.

What is the longest word in the dictionary? Smiles, because there is a mile between each 's'.

What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less? A hole

What is at the end of a rainbow? The letter "w"

What has many rings but no fingers? A phone

What's always running but never gets hot? A refrigerator

What's a single-digit number with no value? Zero

What gets smaller every time it takes a bath? Soap

What is full of holes but still holds water? A sponge

What has many keys but cannot open a single lock? A piano



From the Editor:

If you find an interesting hand and want to call my attention to it, please send the board #, the names of the players, the session in which it was played and any relevant comments to me at:

stansubeck@prodigy.net

Extra eyes and ears are always appreciated! Please address any Letters to the Editor, tournament tales or fun photos to that address as well.

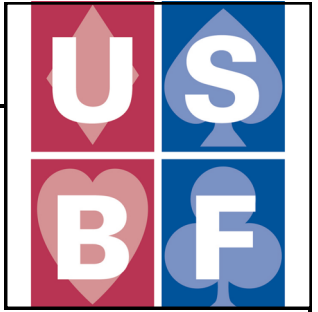
Thank you! I will include as much as I can daily! And give you credit!
Suzi

		Names					Orders					Dance Styles				
		Ashley	Hannah	Lillian	Ollie	Willie	3rd	4th	5th	7th	8th	boogie-woogie	charleston	foxtrot	jitterbug	samba
Points	184 points															
	187 points															
	190 points															
	193 points															
	196 points															
Dance Styles	boogie-woogie															
	charleston															
	foxtrot															
	jitterbug															
	samba															
Orders	3rd						Points	Names	Orders	Dance Styles						
	4th						184 points									
	5th						187 points									
	7th						190 points									
	8th						193 points									
							196 points									

- Whoever danced the foxtrot didn't dance eighth..
- The person that scored 184 points danced fourth..
- The dancer that scored 190 points didn't perform eighth..
- The dancer that scored 196 points performed the foxtrot..
- Whoever danced the charleston scored 6 points lower than Ashley..
- The dancer who did the foxtrot didn't dance seventh..
- Ollie didn't finish with 196 points..
- Lillian didn't finish with 193 points..
- The person who danced fifth scored 3 points lower than the performer who did the boogie-woogie..
- Ollie was either the person who danced the samba or the performer who did the foxtrot..
- Willie scored 9 points lower than the performer who did the jitterbug..

Hard Logic Puzzle...

Answer to Puzzle can be found on page 10



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.

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 2

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

Puzzles on Page 10

Why did the man fall in the well? He couldn't see that well.

What do you call a snowman with a 6-pack? An abdominal snowman.

Why are frogs always so happy? They eat what bugs them.

What happens when a frog's car fails? It gets toad.

Where do cats go swimming? The kitty pool.

Can you put the cat out? Why, is it on fire?

What is the wake-up time for ducks? The quack of dawn.

What did the duck say when she bought lipstick?

"Put it on my bill."

How many tickles make an octopus laugh? Ten-tickles.

What animal is worst at hiding? Leopards are easily spotted.

What do you call a cow with no GPS? Udderly lost.

Riddles

Meet the Players:

What a junior learned from Boye Brogeland

by Victor Xiao May 14, 2023

In today's friendly match between USA U-16 and Canada U-21, Eric Xiao from USA made an interesting lead.

	North	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ96 ♥ Q1097 ♦ 10 ♣ J1083	P 1♥ X XX 2♠ 3♦ P P 3♣ 4♦ P P P			
West			East		
♠ K74 ♥ KJ65 ♦ QJ432 ♣ 9		♠ Q3 ♥ 832 ♦ AK65 ♣ K652			
	South				
	♠ 10852 ♥ A4 ♦ 987 ♣ AQ74		4♦ East NS: 0 EW: 0		



Eric Xiao sit South and his brother Jeff sit North. After a very competitive auction Nicole Qian from Canada U-21 team, sitting East, became the declarer of 4♦ contract.

Noticing LHO have 4+♥ and RHO have exact 3♥ from the auction, Eric decided to underlead from ♥A4! Declarer naturally inserted ♥J and Jeff won the ♥Q and played back another ♥. Eric ♥A won, cashed ♣A, then switched to a ♠. Jeff won with the ♠A, knowing partner only have ♥A doubleton, played a third round of ♥, which Eric ruffed. So before declarer even got in lead, she was already down 2.

After the game, I asked Eric why he made such a creative lead and he told me he watched almost all the ACBL top level KO events on Youtube Channel. He noticed Boye Brogeland had made such leads several times in Providence NABC and finally was able to give it a try himself. Here is his analysis: As EW had quite some ♥s combined, his ♥A most likely could still get a trick even if he underled ♥4. What he could lose is probably just a tempo, which is not a big deal because he knew he and his partner had black suits well covered.

This reminded me the famous Bols bridge tips I read back in the 1990s, maybe "underlead from Ax" by Boye Brogeland could be one of them!

Two Juniors in this competition are featured in this post from BridgeWinner on May 14, 2023.

While the hand stars **Eric Xiao**, **Nicole Qian** is today's featured player.

Nicole attended Northwestern University. In 2022, she was a math intern and taught competitive math to national and international students through a redesigned Zoom, actively engaging with students and fostering enthusiasm, utilizing techniques such as maintaining a positive demeanor, posing thought-provoking, non-rhetorical questions, and providing constructive feedback. She and her fellow interns adapted to cover for their co-TA during technology issues by thinking on their feet, becoming proficient with equipment by practicing with fellow TA's, and discovering time-saving shortcuts to maintain a seamless learning experience.

She raised funds for kidney cancer research. She took charge of coordinating the run, planning and ordering supplies, determining the optimal route and obstacle layout, testing various obstacle course components, overseeing event setup on run day, and providing direction to volunteers.

In July, 2023, Nicole represented the USA at the 2023 World Youth Bridge Team Championships. In her words, "I collaborated with my team of 6 to optimize lineups by conducting research on opponents' strategies and aligning them with our team's best defenses, along with considering each team member's scheduling preferences and the importance of rest intervals. We designed team uniforms with mockups and managed our budget by researching various clothing options and utilizing discounts. I engaged in rigorous training with mentors, involving partnership practices and team practices for 8 hours every week."

Nicole is a remarkable young lady, playing in this competition in the U26W pairs field in partnership with Helen Chow.

Monday's Matches...U21

1	Wan (U26)	Zheng (U26)	Open	4♥	S	♦J	+1	450	-	-
			Closed	4♥	S	♦J	+1	450		
2	Kolesnik (U26)	Chen (U26)	Open	4♥	S	♦J	+2	480	7	
			Closed	1♥	S	♦J	+4	200		
3	Yang (U26)	Eckert (U26)	Open	4♠x	E	♦4	-1	200	6	
			Closed	4♥	S	♦J	+1	450		
4	Brezak (U26)	Yeung (U26)	Open	4♥	S	♦J	+1	450	1	
			Closed	4♥	S	♦6	=	420		
5	Ge (U21)	Xie (U21)	Open	4♥	S	♦8	+1	450	1	
			Closed	4♥	S	♠8	=	420		
6	Silverstein (U21)	He (U21)	Open	4♥xx	S	♦J	+1	1080	12	
			Closed	4♥	S	♦T	+1	450		

On the first Board out of the box on Monday in the U21 competition, most tables played in the 4H game. One pair missed game and played at the 1-level, an obvious oversight ... and one pair gambled on an unfavorable save in 4S. They got lucky when their opponents slipped a trick on defense and held the contract to down one (it could have been defeated 2). The result was a 6 IMP swing.

In the Silverstein/He match, things heated up quickly. Balof opened 1H (some South players chose to open 4H); Gong made a take-out double based on his hand pattern.

Silverstein passed. When Yao responded 1S, Balof jumped to the heart game. After two passes, Yao, holding an ace and two kings, doubled for penalties. It went pass-pass back to Silverstein who had never taken a call on her 9 count with Jx of hearts.

Her hand and her confidence in partner's declarer play led her to redouble! This ended the auction while creating the usual excitement that comes with a redouble!

Gong led the DJ. Yao won his ace. Yao shifted to the S2 Balof took the winning finesse. He cashed the SA and ruffed a spade in dummy. Dummy's DK provided a discard for Balof's losing club. Balof played the HJ from dummy to his queen and claimed 11 tricks, conceding the HK to East.

1080... a little seen score... 12 IMPs to Silverstein

This is what you will see on the video feed from the LoveBridge VuGraph. On Monday afternoon there were three commenters: Sriram Ganesan, Julie Arbit and Michael Berkowitz. Their commentary was more than informing, it was fun and entertaining. To access the video when being broadcast, read the directions on kibitzing (pages 8 & 9 of this newsletter) to learn what you need to do. Thanks Jan Martel for providing the clear directions.

In the U26W IMP Pairs, only two E/W pairs reached the good vulnerable 5D game on Board 10:

Cecilia Ehrlichman - Katie Hwang	Ella Su - Sharon Chu	2♠	E	♦8 -2	200	10.25	-10.25
Ava Donnellan - Margot Donnellan	Alexandra Deschenes - Avery Liang	4♥	N	♠4 -1	-100	4.25	-4.25
Caroline Zhao - Katie Sullivan	Helen Chow - Nicole Qian	3♦	E	♣9 +2	-150	2.50	-2.50
Bye1 - Bye2	Rachel Yoken - Stephanie Bergman	Not played		- / -	-1.50	1.00	
Jasmine Bakhshi - Kyra Helmbold	Helena Hsieh - Yichen Cai	5♦	E	♦8 =	-600	-8.25	8.25
Leyi Chen - Maiya Clouse	Yihan Xiao - Zara Weiss	5♦	E	♥ +1	-620	-8.75	8.75

At both tables, the auctions were identical.

East opened a weak 2S. West responded a natural 3C. East showed their second suit with 3D and West jumped to the minor suit game.

With only one club and one heart to lose, the game was successful.

Kudos to both Helena Hsieh/Yichen Cai and Zara Weiss/Yihan Xiao.

It is not easy to bid game in the third suit mentioned in an auction, especially after a weak two opening.

There were several different results across the field...

Where Deschenes was West and Liang was East, Liang opened a weak 2S and Deschenes passed. Ava Donnellan, North, balanced with 3H and her sister, Margot, raised to game. Ava basically lost one trick in each suit for down one.

Where Cecilia Ehrlichman was North and Katie Hwang was South, Ella Su, East, opened 2S and the auction passed out. It was a difficult play with S:QTxxxx opposite a void and went light 2 tricks.

And for the SECOND REDOUBLED contract of the day... (see page 16 for the first)...

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with the following elements:

- Navigation:** HOME, CARDS, SPLIT, and a back arrow.
- Bidding Table:**

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♠	2♠	DBL
2NT	PASS	3♦	DBL
RDBL	PASS	PASS	PASS
- Stage 1 1/4, Table C5, Round 2/3**
- N-S:** PERSONAL SCORE
- E-W:** PERSONAL SCORE
- Dealer:** NORTH 16 EAST SOUTH
- Frequency:** Frequency, Live tables, Scores
- DDS:** Double Dummy Solver button
- Player Cards:**
 - Sharon Chu (W):** ♠ T963, ♥ AT, ♦ KQ764, ♣ 72
 - Cecilia Ehrlichman (N):** ♠ QJ752, ♥ 962, ♦ A, ♣ KQJ3
 - Ella Su (E):** ♠ 84, ♥ QJ843, ♦ JT852, ♣ 4
 - Katie Hwang (S):** ♠ AK, ♥ K75, ♦ 93, ♣ AT9865
- Contract:** 3♦

On this Board, away from THIS table, 2 N/S pairs played in 3NT scoring overtricks and 2 N/S pairs played in 5C scoring overtricks. There were a lot of tricks available on this deal as shown on the frequency table:

At the above table, N/S got out of the auction early, choosing to penalize 3D. When Sharon Chu sent the double back, N/S did not envision the opponents' 5/5 diamond fit with their strong heart holding and chose to defend.

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	11	4	6	11	11
S	12	:	:	12	12
EW	0	9	5	1	1

Par: 990

The part score was cold from the start. Hwang led the SK followed by the SA. She cashed the CA producing this wish trick:



The CT was ruffed with Su's D2. A diamond to the king and ace followed. Ehrlichman played the SQ and Su carefully ruffed high. The last trump was extracted.

Su took a successful finesse in the heart suit and claimed her 9 tricks.

Another unfamiliar score: +840 E/W
Well played!

Note that this wish trick went around the table in order!



In this episode of Table Talks, Steve Raine sits down with 16-year-old U.S. junior bridge star, Avery Silverstein, a silver medalist at the World Championship and the daughter of professional bridge player, owner and operator of the Cavendish Bridge Club in New York, and President of the USBF, Aaron Silverstein. Her mom, Gennifer Binder, is an excellent player in her own right.

Avery shares her journey to winning silver with the USA 2 junior team, her love for playing behind screens, and the joy of partnering with her dad in major events.

Young Bridge Star Avery Silverstein on Her World Championship Journey - Table Talks #5

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Along the way, she gives tips for new partnerships, and reflects on the challenges of fast play in junior events. She discusses past

NABCs, her early days at bridge tournaments, and her plans for more competitive events. Watch until the end to see Steve get "beer-ed"—by Avery's expert play... well, actually his own!

Avery is playing in this JUSBC as part of the U21 Silversten squad. Her teammates include: Daniel Balof, Sam Pakh, Michael Haas, Ethan Derman and Jack Boge.

On Board 37 of the U26W, only Jasmine Bakhshi and Kyra Helmbold stopped short of the doomed heart game.

It is common, especially in IMP scoring, to take the aggressive route and four of the five N/S pairs did just that, all playing 4H from N receiving the lead of the D3, all succumbing to down one or two, losing four or five black suit tricks.

At Bakhshi/Helmbold's table, 1NT showed 15-17 and 2D was a transfer to hearts.

When Helmbold bid 2NT showing exactly 5 cards in hearts, invitational to either

4H or 3NT, Bakhshi chose the 5-4 heart fit at the lowest possible level. Her anemic holdings in both clubs and spades may have swayed her. No question Jasmine was correct on this hand, achieving the only N/S plus.

Bakhshi won the diamond lead and pulled trump. She played a spade to the king, losing to the ace. The S4 went to the queen and the CK and CA were cashed. The 3rd club went to Bakhshi's queen. At this point, Jasmine had 9 tricks in the bag, and claimed her contract.

The defense could have defeated 3H had they played a diamond rather than a club after cashing the CK. Declarer could not successfully play clubs for only one more loser on her own.

Cross IMPs

1.	Brian Zhang - Kayden Ge	Ge (U21)	1.95	58.64	30
2.	Bo Han Zhu - Finn Kolesnik	Kolesnik (U26)	1.73	26.00	15
3.	Arthur Gong - Brandon Ge	Ge (U21)	1.50	67.36	45
4.	Finn Kolesnik - Michael Xu	Kolesnik (U26)	1.28	38.36	30
5.	Brent Xiao - Richard Jeng	Wan (U26)	1.16	52.27	45
6.	Michael Haas - Sam Pahk	Silverstein (U21)	1.09	49.09	45
6.	Ethan Wood - Michael Hu	Kolesnik (U26)	1.09	49.09	45
8.	Bo Han Zhu - Harrison Luba	Kolesnik (U26)	0.95	28.36	30
9.	Isaac Stone - Kai Eckert	Eckert (U26)	0.95	57.27	60
10.	Olivia Schireson - Stella Wan	Wan (U26)	0.87	39.36	45
11.	Evan Alexis - Rohan Srivastava	Yeung (U26)	0.84	50.27	60
12.	Charlie Chen - Eric Xiao	Ge (U21)	0.80	35.91	45
13.	Levi Katriel - Matthew Rippin	Eckert (U26)	0.77	46.27	60
14.	Avery Silverstein - Daniel Balof	Silverstein (U21)	0.66	29.73	45
15.	Ethan Derman - Jack Boge	Silverstein (U21)	0.60	18.00	30
16.	Lixin Zheng - Weilong Shen	Zheng (U26)	0.36	21.82	60
17.	Alan Yeung - Dan Irish	Yeung (U26)	0.05	2.91	60
18.	Alan Hale - Cade Johnson	Brezak (U26)	-0.05	-2.91	60
19.	Edward He - Eric He	He (U21)	-0.11	-6.64	60
20.	Cornelius Duffie - Jacob Freeman	Wan (U26)	-0.18	-5.45	30
21.	Tianyang Chen - Will Duan	Chen (U26)	-0.61	-18.18	30
22.	Eric Shao - Renyu Li	Yang (U26)	-0.78	-46.91	60
23.	Chris Staszak - Luke Brezak	Brezak (U26)	-0.84	-50.27	60
24.	Ruizhe Wang - Yanlai Yang	Yang (U26)	-0.94	-56.64	60
25.	Ethan Xie - Zach Posternak	Xie (U21)	-1.05	-63.00	60
26.	Fangqing Yuan - Philip Wang	Chen (U26)	-1.21	-54.27	45
27.	Jason Yao - Nathan Gong	He (U21)	-1.50	-90.18	60
28.	Jonathan Yue - Rory Xiao	Chen (U26)	-1.54	-69.36	45
29.	Keith Lin - Kyle Lin	Xie (U21)	-1.65	-98.91	60
30.	Tom Ye - Vasisht Ganesh	Zheng (U26)	-1.80	-108.00	60