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2024 Senior USBC Round Robin

Team Name	Total	9	5	1	3	4	7	2	8	6	BYE
9. Wolfson	112.08		13.30	11.77	15.33	1.01	11.09	13.85	17.11	18.62	10.00
5. Lall	103.98	6.70		4.90	13.58	15.10	6.70	17.61	13.01	16.38	10.00
1. Aker	99.28	8.23	15.10		4.67	6.42	16.57	13.85	11.43	13.01	10.00
3. Goodman	90.92	4.67	6.42	15.33		13.58	11.09	4.67	8.23	16.93	10.00
4. Hamman	90.50	18.99	4.90	13.58	6.42		4.45	11.09	14.37	6.70	10.00
7. Simson	88.71	8.91	13.30	3.43	8.91	14.55		15.33	7.29	6.99	10.00
2. Cappelli	83.54	6.15	2.39	6.15	15.33	8.91	4.67		16.93	13.01	10.00
8. Tulin	76.49	2.89	6.99	8.57	11.77	5.63	12.71	3.07		14.86	10.00
6. Reynolds	63.50	1.38	3.62	6.99	3.07	13.30	13.01	6.99	5.14		10.00

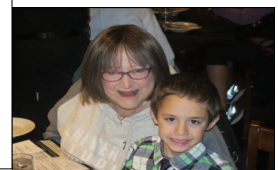
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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
"Trials" and Tribulations

1.	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	Lall	2.10	69.29	33
2.	David Berkowitz - Mike Becker	Wolfson	0.94	10.29	11
3.	David Berkowitz - Steve Garner	Wolfson	0.76	16.71	22
4.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	0.69	45.66	66
5.	Alan Sontag - Ralph Katz	Tulin	0.67	36.71	55
6.	Allan Falk - John Lusky	Aker	0.54	29.43	55
7.	Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub	Hamman	0.53	29.00	55
8.	Michael Kamil - Mike Becker	Wolfson	0.49	26.86	55
9.	Michael Rosenberg - Zia Mahmood	Lall	0.38	21.06	55
10.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	0.30	10.00	33
11.	John Schermer - Neil Silverman	Hamman	0.29	12.57	44
12.	Bob Bitterman - Mark Bendure	Cappelli	0.17	12.77	77
13.	Glenn Milgrim - Jeff Aker	Aker	0.16	8.71	54
14.	Jim Krekorian - Peter Weichsel	Simson	0.14	7.71	55
15.	Curtis Cheek - Doug Simson	Simson	-0.03	-1.43	54
16.	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith	Goodman	-0.03	-1.80	55
17.	Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell	Lall	-0.06	-3.77	66
18.	Pratap Rajadhyaksha - Venkatrao Koneru	Goodman	-0.16	-10.77	66
19.	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	Simson	-0.27	-11.71	43
20.	Gary Cohler - Stanley Tulin	Tulin	-0.39	-13.00	33
21.	Bernie Greenspan - Fred Schenker	Reynolds	-0.41	-31.71	77
22.	Bob Hamman - Neil Chambers	Hamman	-0.49	-26.86	55
23.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Tulin	-0.57	-37.51	66
24.	Barry Rigal - Ron Rubin	Aker	-0.64	-27.71	43
25.	David Berkowitz - Michael Kamil	Wolfson	-0.72	-15.80	22
26.	Bob Cappelli - Mark Aquino	Cappelli	-0.89	-68.91	77
27.	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	Reynolds	-1.11	-85.77	77

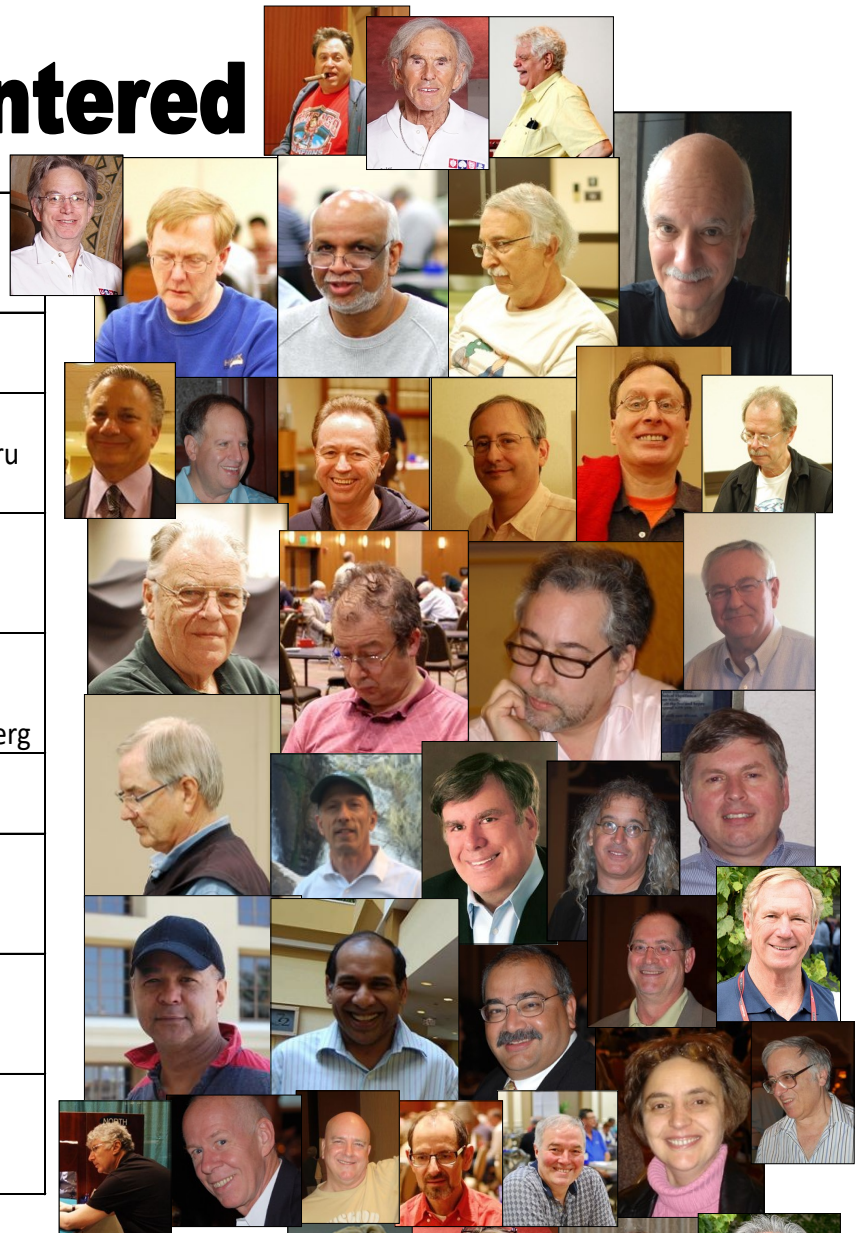
Cross IMPs ↑

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a particularly interesting hand, please send me the board # & match # with any important details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to stansubeck@prodigy.net.
Thank you!



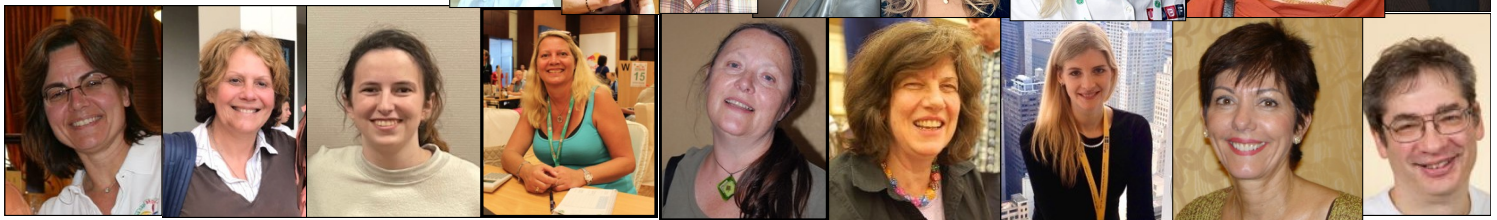
Senior Teams Entered

Aker	Jeff Aker, Capt John Lusky Barry Rigal	Allan Falk Glenn Milgrim Ron Rubin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Bob Bitterman	Mark Aquino Mark Bendure
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Pratap Rajadhyaksha Ron Smith	Mike Passell Venkatrao Koneru Billy Cohen
Hamman	Bob Hamman, Capt Doug Doub John Schermer	Neil Chambers Adam Wildavsky Neil Silverman
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Eric Rodwell Zia Mahmood	Reese Milner Bobby Levin Michael Rosenberg
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Fred Schenker
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Jim Krekorian Steve Beatty	Curtis Cheek Peter Weichsel Fred Stewart
Tulin	Gary Cohler, Capt Alan Sontag Kit Woolsey	Stan Tulin Ralph Katz Bart Bramley
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Mike Becker	Steve Garner Michael Kamil



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker Kerri Sanborn Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt Sam Dinkin, NPC	Olivia Schireson Jill Meyers Sandra Rimstedt
Cooper	Kitty Cooper, Capt Linda Lewis Rozanne Pollack	Lynne Feldman Disa Eythorsdottir Cheri Bjerkan



"People who sell fancy foods should be careful with knives," said Tom delicately.

"I won't believe that you're the resurrected Jesus until I've felt the nail-holes in your wrists," said Tom doubtfully.

"Oh, goody! Another blackout!" said Tom delightedly.

"That was a sad one-man Broadway show," said Tom, downcast.^{OK}

"Welcome to the Annual Meatcutter's Convention!" delivered Tom.

"I tried to set my broken orbital bones with feathers, but failed," said Tom with downcast eyes.

"The censors took all the dirty bits out of my show," said Tom deludedly.

"I dropped my brace over the balcony," said Tom downcastly.

"This is how to put an imp in a restraining jacket," Tom demonstrated.

"All actors must die!" proclaimed Tom dramatically.

"This, that, these, those, and such," said Tom demonstratively.

"I'm pretty good at basketball," said Tom, dribbling.

"Wouldn't just gold and frankincense do?" the Magi demurred.

"All I ever do is work," Tom droned.

"I CAN'T be drowning in African waters!" pleaded Tom, deep in denial.

"There's too much vermouth in my martini," said Tom dryly.

"I have to insert this wooden spatula in your mouth," said Tom depressingly.

"I never go into saloons," said Tom dryly. "I've seen too many of my friends enter them optimistically and leave them mistyoptically."

"Get off the horse," Tom derided Mary.

"I like deserts," said Tom dryly.

"No pilaf for me, please," said Tom derisively. (Or: "Get off my lap," said Gary Hart derisively.)

"Barman, three German beers," said Hans dryly.

"This is how he murdered the mystery writer," Tom described.

"I wonder what syllables I should sing these sixteenth notes to," said Ward Swingle dubiously.

"Let me improvise this part," said Tom descriptively.

"Look out for that bird!" cried Tom, ducking.

"I haven't put air in my fifth tire," said Tom despairingly.

"Why would anyone want to start an Institute for the Mute?" asked Tom dumbfoundedly.

"I've only got two of a kind," said Tom despairingly.

"I'll pay off that customs official," said Tom dutifully.

"I will never get the hang of bowling!" wailed Tom despairingly.

"Why use SI units? The old c.g.s. units are my friends," said Tom dynamically.

Tom Swifties

Why are skeletons so calm?

Because nothing gets under their skin.

Where did Captain Hook buy his hook...???

At a second hand store!

Senior Schedule

SENIOR SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Sunday	May 19		
Monday	May 20		
Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	May 21	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 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
Wednesday	May 22	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 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
Friday	May 24	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Saturday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 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
Sunday	May 26	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60

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 wad anyone entering the playing field.



Lovebridge practice sessions			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	
Tuesday	April 30	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Thursday	May 9	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Saturday	May 18	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Wednesday	May 22	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	

Location: TBD

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS			
On Zoom			
Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Open	Tuesday	April 30	9:00 PM
Mixed	Thursday	May 9	9:00 PM
Senior	Saturday	May 18	9:00 PM
Women's	Monday or Wednesday	May 20 or 22	9:00 PM

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Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
Final - 3 days, 180 boards			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Thursday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 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
Friday	May 24	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Saturday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 9 Boards 1-15 Segment 10 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 11 Boards 31-45 Segment 12 Boards 46-60

Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

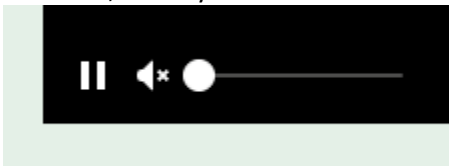
The Art of Becoming A Top Bridge Player

Samantha Punch with Tim Rees

Foreword by Jeff Meckstroth

2024 USBCs Kibitzing - There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 USBCs on LoveBridge

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. 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. Click there to unmute. If you miss that icon, move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a something like this:



Click on the speaker to unmute.

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

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

For all KO days of the 2024 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT; Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT; Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT

For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts. No voice for RR's. To listen to commentary, search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentators. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

Deep Involvement: Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into 4 small screens – 2 of them showing the 2 tables of the match you choose, the other 2 having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can 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.

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 in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, 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 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, the same buttons move you through the list.



I always like the
VuGraph show.
Watching my friends
and others I know.



Kibitzing...

2024 USBCs Hospitality

We are returning to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for socializing, Vugraph, and snacks. We will be providing breakfast and lunch each **day of play**. Marie-France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan and Julie Arbit, who makes the best guacamole. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (pick up items at Costco or nearby stores or restaurants, preparing food) please let Jan or Marie-France know.

Breakfast: From ^{8:30-10:30} There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those who prefer Keurig coffee, that will be available. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there. No masking requirement.

Lunch: On the first four days of each event we will be serving a buffet lunch in a hotel banquet room, usually the Slate and Cyan rooms at the front of the hotel; we will have signs in the Player Break Room and Hospitality Suite with daily location. The hotel will be supplying what they do best: salads and chips. We will be bringing in 2 or 3 hot dishes from a local restaurant each day. There should be enough room for you to eat in the hotel banquet room, but you are welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from about half an hour before the morning session is supposed to end until about half an hour after the afternoon session starts.

After the first 4 days of each event, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite at the break. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know if you have specific needs. Our hosts will do their very best to accommodate you.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We welcome Marge Morgan, mother of Jacob, to the venue. Marge will help Marie-France.

We will have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. Please keep your voices down in the Break Room where we are working.

Masks will be required in playing rooms **only if your screenmate asks you to wear one**. You do not have to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask for coffee, water or an escort outside to smoke.



Marie-France



Marge Morgan

Food for thought...
Wouldn't it be ironic
if Popeye's Chicken
was fried in Olive Oil

I was going to
cook alligator for
dinner but
realized I only had
a croc pot.

Why did the Oreo
go to the dentist?

Because he lost
his filling.

If you notice cows
sleeping in a field,
does that mean it's
pasture bedtime?

Today I saw a
dwarf climbing
down a prison wall.
I thought to myself
That's a little
condescending

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

Sudoku 1

Did you know Peruvian owls always hunt in pairs?
That's because they're Inca hoots.



And then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court. It was a...
...brief case.
😬

Why are hallways in psychiatric hospitals called "hallways"? Shouldn't they be called psycho paths?

I HAVE AN ELTON JOHN PUN
IT'S A LITTLE BIT FUNNY

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

Sudoku 2

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

Please be "scent" sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



Puzzle Page ...

The Raven

Find and circle all of the words from the poem "[The Raven](#)" that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an Edgar Allan Poe quotation.

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



ANGELS	DOOR	GRIM	NAPPING	QUOTH
BEAK	DREAMS	HEART	NEPENTHE	RADIANT
BEGUILING	DREARY	HORROR	NEVERMORE	RAPPING
BIRD	EBONY	LATTICE	OMINOUS	RAVEN
BLACK	ENTRANCE	LENORE	PALLAS	RUSTLING
BLEAK	EYES	LORE	PALLID	SHADOW
BURNING	FEATHER	MAIDEN	PERCHED	SHUTTER
BUST	FIEND	MELANCHOLY	PLACID	SOUL
CHAMBER	FLITTING	MIDNIGHT	PLUME	TAPPING
CROAKING	FLUTTER	MORTAL	PLUTONIAN	VISITOR
DARKNESS	FOWL	MYSTERY	PROPHET	WEARY
DECEMBER	GHASTLY	NAMELESS	QUAFF	WIND

I have an idea for a chain
of Elvis steak houses.
It will be for people who
love meat tender.



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**A police officer came
to my house and
asked me where
I was between 5 & 6.
He seemed irritated
when I answered:
"Kindergarten"**

**When I was a kid, bedtime
was 9pm. I couldn't wait to
be a grownup so I could go
to bed anytime I wanted.**

Turns out that is 9pm

Meet the Players

Lynn Feldman is an immigration attorney living in Southern California.

On her BridgeWinners Profile she says, "I have played bridge since my junior year in college -- many years ago.

Now that my kids are through college I hope to play more Regionals and Nationals and up my game to a higher level. I am in practice with my son Jason Feldman (also a bridge player)

My favorite bridge memory is: beating Katz and Cohen in the Spingold.

Bridge Accomplishments

4 national wins, 5 national seconds

Regular Bridge Partners

Kitty Cooper, Alex Kolesnik, Mark Perlmutter, Sam Madison-Jammal

Lynn has a son, Jason, and a daughter. She also has several adorable grandchildren.

She is playing at this USBC in the Women's as a member of the Cooper team.

Bridge:

A Sextet Fit Together Well To Fashion Upset Victories

By ALAN TRUSCOTT

April 9, 1985

Whether 26 cards fit well together is a vital question in bidding success. Whether six players fit well together is a vital question in tournament success.

The second question was answered affirmatively by a sextet that finished second in the national women's knockout team championship in Montreal last month: Roberta Epstein of South Orange, N.J.; Rozanne Pollack of Englewood, N.J.; Sue Picus of Summit, N.J.; Lynn Feldman of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Jan Martel of Davis, Calif.

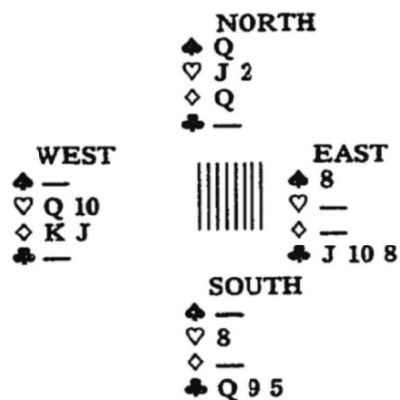
Their positive attitude and team spirit carried them to second position after victories over several higher-ranked teams.

Sidelined Defending Champions

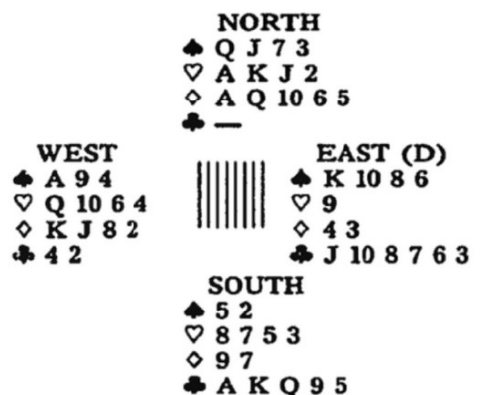
The first question was answered negatively on the diagramed deal, which helped the Epstein team to sideline the defending champions. The four-club rebid by Mrs. Pollack was a splinter, showing club shortage and interest in a heart slam. With all her high-card points representing duplication in the club suit, this was the last thing that South wished to hear. She signed off in game, and hoped to be able to make 10 tricks.

The defense began with a trivial confusion. The ace and king of spades were taken, followed by third round. As the ten and nine were both played, the seven won the third round in dummy as South discarded a diamond. The heart ace collected the nine, and Mrs. Epstein as South had some thinking to do.

She could enter her hand with a diamond ruff to take a trump finesse, and that would have succeeded as the cards lie. But there was a big risk that East would have a doubleton trump queen and defeat the contract by playing a fourth round of spades. So South cashed the heart king, revealing the split. She then cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond and cashed two club winners to reach this position:



On the club queen West threw the diamond jack. But South could count West's distribution and knew what to do. She ruffed her club winner, ruffed a diamond and scored the heart jack at the finish en passant.



Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the spade ace.

Logic Puzzle Page

		Directors							Titles							Countries						
		Ben Barrera	Don Daugherty	Gus Guzman	Keith King	Lionel Lowe	Sid Saunders	Tim Tucker	Arctic Visions	Dreams of July	Harvest Sun	Jacky Steel	Milton Vale	Tearful Night	West of Eden	Estonia	Finland	Hungary	Iceland	Lithuania	Norway	Sweden
Lengths	80 minutes																					
	85 minutes																					
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	Dreams of July																					
	Harvest Sun																					
	Jacky Steel																					
	Milton Vale																					
	Tearful Night																					
	West of Eden																					

**Answer
on page12**

Lengths	Directors	Titles	Countries
80 minutes			
85 minutes			
90 minutes			
95 minutes			
100 minutes			
105 minutes			
110 minutes			

- Keith King's film was made in Lithuania.
- Tim Tucker's film isn't Arctic Visions.
- The movie with a running time of 95 minutes wasn't made in Finland.
- Tim Tucker's film doesn't have a running time of exactly 95 minutes.
- The movie with a running time of 80 minutes was made in Iceland.
- The film produced in Hungary isn't Milton Vale.
- The seven films are Gus Guzman's film, Jacky Steel, the movie with a running time of 100 minutes, the film produced in Iceland, the film produced in Lithuania, the film with a running time of 95 minutes and the movie with a running time of 85 minutes.
- The movie with a running time of 110 minutes isn't Milton Vale.
- The film with a running time of 100 minutes is either

- the film produced in Iceland or Dreams of July.
- Sid Saunders's film is shorter than Lionel Lowe's film.
- West of Eden is 10 minutes shorter than the film produced in Sweden.
- Sid Saunders's film is 15 minutes longer than Harvest Sun.
- Ben Barrera's film doesn't have a running time of exactly 80 minutes.
- The movie produced in Finland isn't Milton Vale.
- Of the film with a running time of 95 minutes and the movie with a running time of 90 minutes, one was made in Lithuania and the other is Tearful Night.
- Of the movie with a running time of 80 minutes and Lionel Lowe's film, one is Arctic Visions and the other was made in Estonia.

Playing Procedures Reviewed For Those Arriving for the Seniors, Womens

You will be playing on Chromebooks using LoveBridge software. The Chromebooks all have wired mice, which you may choose to use or not. They also have touch screens if you prefer that, and of course integrated keyboards. You will not be able to go to any websites other than the LoveBridge playing site from the playing room Chromebooks.

There will be 2 players in each room, one from each team in the match - North & East together and South & West together. All of the NE rooms are on the first floor; all of the SW rooms are on the second floor.

Because some of you have said that you prefer the opponents' system information on paper in addition to being available on the Chromebooks, we are asking each player to bring a copy of their SSF, convention card, and if relevant the ACBL Multi defense to the table for their opponent. If you need help printing anything, come to room 1321 before you play and one of us will print for you.

After you have finished a segment and scored with your teammates, please check the score on LoveBridge and if you disagree with it, come to room 1321 and so we can sort it out.

Line-Up Procedures

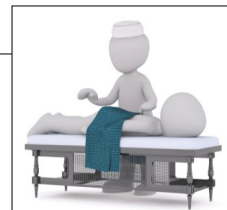
Your lineup sheet has been shared with you. It should be self-explanatory. If you can't open it, or don't understand something about it, or want it shared with someone else (either as an editor or viewer), please let us know. Your lineup sheet shows your sit out round.

The Round Robin has blind lineups. That means you must tell us your lineup before you know which team you are going to play. You may tell us your lineup either by entering it on the lineup sheet or by telling Jan, who will enter it on your lineup sheet. We need it to be on the lineup sheet because we are going to try something slightly new - as soon as all of the teams have entered their lineups, we will be showing a spreadsheet on the television in 1321 that shows the lineup for each team, including the room number of each player's seat, and the opponent for the match. You will then be able to consult with your partner for a few minutes about defenses to the opponents' methods before going to your separate seats. We'll also have individual assignment pages for you which you may pick up for each match after you have finished the previous match and submitted your lineup for the new match.

For those of you who are interested, Ela has agreed to come to the Hyatt to provide massages any day that we have 3 or more people who want her. So if you want a massage, please let me know a day or two in advance, including what your timing is, and I'll try to make things work.

For now, Ela said she could come on April 30th for anyone who wants a post-flight, pre-tournament massage. So if you want one, please let me know and tell me what time(s) would work for you.

I think Ela still charges \$100 for an hour. She'll be setting her table up in



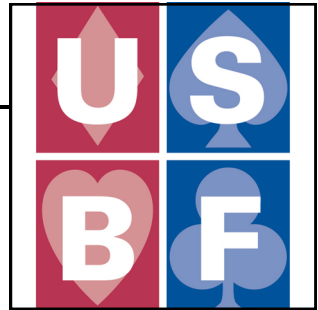
**Massage Therapist
message from Jan**

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2	8	7	9	4	3	6	1	5

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



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.

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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.

**What if they close
grocery stores
and we have to
hunt for our food?**

**I don't even know
where Little
Debbie lives.**



Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

Estonia	Jacky Steel	Lionel Lowe	110 minutes
Norway	Milton Vale	Gus Guzman	105 minutes
Sweden	Dreams of July	Sid Saunders	100 minutes
Hungary	Tearful Night	Ben Barrera	95 minutes
Lithuania	West of Eden	Keith King	90 minutes
Finland	Harvest Sun	Tim Tucker	85 minutes
Iceland	Arctic Visions	Don Daugherty	80 minutes

BOARD: 36
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ AJ76
♥ Q3
♦ Q986532

♠ QT9
♥ T8654
♦ KJ97
♣ T

♠ 854
♥ Q72
♦ 8652
♣ J74

♠ K32
♥ AKJ93
♦ AT4
♣ AK

Par: 2220

NS	13	9	10	13	13
EW	0	3	3	0	0

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	IMP
Aker	Hamman	Open 4♠ N ♣4	+2	680
		Closed 4N S ♠T	+3	720
Cappelli	Reynolds	Open 6♣ S ♥8	+1	1390
		Closed 6♣ S ♦7	+1	1390
Goodman	Lall	Open 6♣ S ♥4	+1	1390
		Closed 6♣ S ♦7	+1	1390
Tulin	Wolfson	Open 6♣ S ♣T	+1	1390
		Closed 7♣ N ♦5	=	2140

Looking at the traveler for Board 36 of the 4th match on Sunday, it is interesting to note that 5 pairs played in 6C. Two pairs missed slam in Aker/Hamman, avoiding a large swing. One pair only ventured into grand creating a 13 IMP swing for Wolfson in Tulin/Wolfson.

At six tables, North passed in second seat and South opened 2C.

At one table, North passed in second seat and South opened 1C strong, artificial and forcing.

Jeff Wolfson was the only North player to open in second seat. That certainly made it easier for Garner/Wolfson to bid the grand slam.

Bramley led the D5. Wolfson won the ace in dummy. Jeff ruffed a heart and cashed dummy's ace and king of trump. He ruffed another heart and pulled the last trump.

He cashed the C9, eliciting discards of a diamond from Bramley and a heart from Woolsey. He cashed his last club, Bramley again discarding a diamond and Woolsey again discarding a heart.

Wolfson played a spade to the king and followed by cashing the HA. When the HQ fell, he had all 13 tricks!

The auctions where the players avoided slam entirely...Lusky/Falk playing in their Moysian spade fit in game:

LoveBridge interface showing cards and player names:

- North: Jeff Wolfson (♠ AJ76, ♥ Q3, ♦ Q986532)
- West: Kit Woolsey (♠ QT9, ♥ T8654, ♦ KJ97, ♣ T)
- East: Bart Bramley (♠ 854, ♥ Q72, ♦ 8652, ♣ J74)
- South: Steve Garner (♠ K32, ♥ AKJ93, ♦ AT4, ♣ AK)

Wildavsky Lusky Doub Falk

W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	PASS	2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♥
PASS	2♠	PASS	3♠
PASS	4♠	PASS	PASS

Aker Chambers Milgrim Hamman

W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	PASS	2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	2NT
PASS	3♣	PASS	3NT
PASS	4♦	PASS	4♥
PASS	4♠	PASS	4NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

3C=puppet
4D=clubs

BOARD: 37		DEALER: NORTH		VULNERABLE: N-S		♠ Q8643		♥ A J 9 8		♦ 9 8		♣ 7 4																			
♠ T 5		♥ K 7 3		♦ A J T 4 2		♣ 9 5 3		♠ K 9 7		♥ T 5 2		♦ Q 7 5		♣ J T 8 6																	
♠ A J 2		♥ Q 6 4		♦ K 6 3		♣ A K Q 2																									
Par: 620 <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>9</td><td>7</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>:</td><td>8</td><td>10</td><td>:</td><td>:</td></tr> <tr><td>EW</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>5</td></tr> </table>														N	9	7	9	10	8	S	:	8	10	:	:	EW	4	5	3	3	5
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S	:	8	10	:	:																										
EW	4	5	3	3	5																										
Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	IMP	NS	EW	Home	Visiting																							
Aker	Hamman	Open 4♠ S ♣3 =	620																												
		Closed 4♠ S ♦T +1	650	1																											
Cappelli	Reynolds	Open 4♠ N ♦5 =	620																												
		Closed 3N S ♦4 -1	100		12																										
Goodman	Lall	Open 4♥ N ♦5 -1	100																												
		Closed 4♠ N ♣6 -1	100																												
Tulin	Wolfson	Open 3N S ♠T +1	630																												
		Closed 3N S ♦T -1	100		12																										

Sometimes the 10 trick game just fares better than its 9 trick equivalent. Board 37 is an example.

4S is the best spot. 4H is a fine spot from South... 3NT has no play.

Katz made 3NT in the Open Room of Tulin/Wolfson when Becker did not find the neutral lead of a club from three small.

Becker led the ST and Katz ducked in both hands. The S5 followed and Katz won the jack. He cashed the SA and played a heart to the jack. He took the SA and the S8 and played a club to the queen in hand. He cashed the king and queen of clubs and played the D6 toward dummy's D9. Becker won the DJ and was endplayed!

The 4-card end position:

Becker cashed his DA and had to give Katz two heart tricks!

Contract successful with an overtrick.

Well done, Ralph!

12 IMPs to Tulin

**Happy Birthday
Ralph!!! May 20!**

Milner	Pratap	Lall	Koneru
W	N	E	S
	PASS	PASS	1♣
1♦	2♥	3♦	4♥
PASS	PASS	PASS	
2H=5 spades, 4+ hearts, 6-9 HCP			

On this same hand, Pratap and Koneru had an interesting auction to get to 4H in a Moysian fit as opposed to 4S in the 5-3. The explanation of 2H would seem to indicate that Koneru knew the spade fit was at least 8 cards long and the heart fit possibly only 7. There must have been a disconnect here as it would seem more likely Koneru would place the game in spades.

Because they arrived in 4H from North as opposed to South, the contract was in danger of failing. The only lead to legitimately defeat 4H is the DQ. Lall actually led the more normal D5. Milner won and shifted to clubs. Pratap took the high clubs, discarding his diamond loser. He played the HQ; Milner covered; Pratap won the ace!! He needed to duck the king, putting Milner in an equivalent uncomfortable position to Becker in the Tulin/Wolfson match. It wasn't the same position but it would have had the same effect.

BOARD: 38
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ 5
♥ AJ3
♦ AJ8543
♣ 864

♠ Q974
♥ 86
♦ 76
♣ AKJ73

♠ KJT82
♥ 75
♦ 92
♣ QT95

♠ A63
♥ KQT942
♦ KQT
♣ 2

Par: 980

NS	♣ 5	♦ 12	♥ 12	♠ 5	N
EW	♣ 6	♦ 8	♥ 8	♠ 6	8

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Aker	Hamman	Open	6♥	S	♣K	=	980	11
		Closed	4♥	S	♣A	+2	480	
Cappelli	Reynolds	Open	4♥	S	♣A	+2	480	-
		Closed	4♥	S	♣A	+2	480	-
Goodman	Lall	Open	4♥	S	♣A	+2	480	11
		Closed	6♥	S	♣K	=	980	
Tulin	Wolfson	Open	6♥	S	♣K	=	980	-
		Closed	6♥	S	♣K	=	980	-

On Board 38, half the field stayed out of the slam and half bid it.

Both bid it in Tulin/Wolfson. Neither bid it in Cappelli/Reynolds.

There were 11 IMP swings in the other two matches.

In slam, there is one club loser and that only scores on the lead of a club... It would seem that there is some conservative bidding going on here.

On Board 39, Rosenberg/Zia bid to the doomed 6S... doomed because of the 4-2 spade split.

Others played in either 4S or 3NT. Four 3NT bidders played it from South and received a heart lead. South grabbed this trick and cashed immediately to succeed.

In the lone room where 3NT was played by Sontag from North, he received the ill-fated lead of a club from Kamil.

The defense quickly cashed their five club tricks defeating the game and collecting 12 IMPs.

BOARD: 39
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ KQ642
♥ KQ
♦ T7
♣ 8754

♠ J953
♥ 7654
♦ Q54
♣ KT

♠ T7
♥ 932
♦ 862
♣ AJ963

♠ A8
♥ AJT8
♦ AKJ93
♣ Q2

Par: 620

NS	♣ 8	♦ 10	♥ 10	♠ 10	N
EW	♣ 5	♦ 3	♥ 1	♠ 2	4

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Aker	Hamman	Open	4♠	N	♥2	=	620	1
		Closed	3N	S	♥7	=	600	
Cappelli	Reynolds	Open	3N	S	♥7	=	600	2
		Closed	4♠	S	♦4	+1	650	
Goodman	Lall	Open	3N	S	♥6	=	600	13
		Closed	6♠	N	♣A	-2	200	
Tulin	Wolfson	Open	3N	N	♣6	-1	100	12
		Closed	3N	S	♥7	=	600	

BOARD: 42
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ KT52
♥ 6
♦ T6
♣ AQJ865

♠ 976
♥ AJ542
♦ A43
♣ K9

♠ AQJ
♥ 7
♦ KQJ87
♣ T742

♠ 843
♥ KQT983
♦ 952
♣ 3

Par: -600

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	3	4	4	3
E	7	10	7	8	9
W	8	:	8	:	:

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Aker	Hamman	Open	3N	W ♣Q +1	630	8		
		Closed	2♥	S ♠6 -3	300			
Cappelli	Reynolds	Open	3N	W ♠2 =	600	11		
		Closed	2♥x	S ♦A -4	1100			
Goodman	Lall	Open	2♥x	S ♠6 -4	1100	16		
		Closed	3Nx	W ♥6 -1	200			
Tulin	Wolfson	Open	2♥x	S ♣K -2	500	12		
		Closed	5♦	E ♠3 -1	100			

There were swings in every match on Board 42.

The largest swing, 16 IMPs, occurred in Goodman/Lall where Reese Milner played in 2HX from South going down 1100 while his teammates, Smith and Cohen, played in 3NTX E/W going down one.

In Reynolds/Cappelli, Reynolds also played in 2HX and suffered the same result of -1100. In the other room in this match, Schenker played in 3NT undoubled and made it. 11 IMPs to Cappelli

There were always nine tricks in NT. How did Smith take only eight?

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	1♦	1♥	
PASS	2♦	DBL	2♥
3NT	DBL	PASS	PASS
PASS			

2D=clubs

♠ KT52
♥ 6
♦ T6
♣ AQJ865

N Michael Rosenberg

♠ 976
♥ AJ542
♦ A43
♣ K9

W Ron Smith

♠ AQJ
♥ 7
♦ KQJ87
♣ T742

E Billy Coher

♠ 843
♥ KQT983
♦ 952
♣ 3

S Zia Mahmood

WE 3N

Rosenberg led the H6 to the 7,Q,A. **Smith played a spade to the jack** (remember this...) and a diamond to the ace. He ran the diamonds... Rosenberg shed three clubs.

Smith played a club off dummy to the NINE! Rosenberg won the queen. At this point, Rosenberg could cash his two clubs and exit a spade but Smith would win it and cash the then good CT with no risk of repeating the spade finesse.

Being the great player he is, Rosenberg recognized this and led the S5, giving Smith a chance to go wrong... Smith knew Zia was good enough to have ducked his SK earlier. He took the bait and did not repeat the spade finesse. Instead, he rose with the ace and played the SQ to Rosenberg's king for down one!

16 IMPs to Lall

BOARD: 46
 DEALER: EAST
 VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ K74
 ♥ A
 ♦ AJ65
 ♣ K7542

♠ J53
 ♥ KQ8652
 ♦ 9
 ♣ QT3

♠ T98
 ♥ J9743
 ♦ QT32
 ♣ A

Par: 420

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	11	9	5	10	7
EW	2	3	8	3	5

♠ AQ62
 ♥ T
 ♦ K874
 ♣ J986

On Board 46, again we see swings in all four matches.

The frequency chart tells us that games in spades and clubs are cold but being that the chart is double dummy, keep in mind that many (maybe most) would not play for the singleton CA.

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP	
								NS	EW Home Visiting
Cappelli	Wolfson	Open	4♠	S	♦9	-2		100	11
		Closed	4♠	S	♦9	=	420		
Goodman	Tulin	Open	5♣	N	♥3	-2		100	12
		Closed	5♥x	W	♥A	-3	500		
Hamman	Simson	Open	4♠	S	♦9	-1		50	8
		Closed	4♥x	W	♥A	-2	300		
Lall	Reynolds	Open	5♥x	E	♥T	-3		500	12
		Closed	4♠	S	♦9	-3	150		

Steve Garner was the only declarer of the four in 4S to take ten tricks.

Aquino led the D9 to the J, Q, K. Garner pulled three rounds of trump ending in his hand. He played the CJ; Aquino covered with the queen. Garner played dummy's king and Cappelli won his ace:



HIGH WISH TRICK
 Happy Birthday
 Ralph!

Cappelli played the H3, Garner winning the ace in dummy. Garner led a club from the dummy to his nine and Aquino's ten. Aquino played his HK but Garner was down to one trump to ruff the heart and all good diamonds and clubs to cash.

Contract making... 11 IMPs to Wolfson when Bendure went down in 4S in the other room. Becker, like Aquino, led the D9. Bendure won but before pulling trump, he led the C9 to the 3, K, A. Kamil gave Becker a diamond ruff. Becker cashed the CQ and gave Kamil a club ruff... Kamil gave Becker another ruff ... 5 tricks for the defense... contract down two! 11 IMPs to Wolfson

Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

The Senior Moments are afoot and Limey Jack is perplexed. Hamman has broken up a perfectly serviceable pair in Chambers-Schermer and has them partnering others. Tulin has found Sontag after a long absence. Levin and Rodwell are saddled up on a very powerful team but neither would doff his cap to the other from across a trunk road. Ron Rubin, an original Beastie Boy, is on a squad with no partner 'tall. Weichsel has given Casen the boot and taken his regular partner. Only 2 group of lads appear to genuinely want this trophy; Lall and Wolfson. Others cannot be discounted as is Howie Dung, the blithering wretch.

Of course Limey Jack gave you these 8 participants. Naught can outperform his prowess when making the punter part with a bob or two.

Wolfson-Capelli: Much like the 303rd Infantry Brigade chewed up Rommell's forces in Africa, Wolfson will make short order of Cappelli, a 4 handed quartet.

Lall-Aker: In years gone by the Aker team could beat Lall 2 out of 10, but as Lall has Zia and some worthy foot soldiers, Aker will crumble.

Goodman-Hamman: Goodman refuses to go all out, and in spite of the misfits therein, Hamman will prevail.

Tulin-Simson: Simson often plays with Rodwell, but let him escape to another team. Tulin should be able to hang on by a head in a close match.

Cheerio, Blokes.

Howie Doing...

Wolfson has five. They're all MVP's.
They'll trounce poor Cappelli with greatest of ease.

If Cappelli all drove or flew open jaw,
It won't be surprising if they should withdraw.

Lall versus Aker is tougher to call.
Both with strong lineups, could rise or could fall.

Lall has Levin and that is a tilt.
He recently won the great Vanderbilt!

Hamman v Goodman again all good guys.
But Hamman's all pros and that is a prize.

I always think that I'm being silly
To pick against Ronnie when playing with Billy...

But this is a case where Hamman's just stronger
Whatever we think, they will hang around longer.

Tulin v Simson is easy to pick.
Tulin's got Katz though Katz don't got Nick.

Cohler is awesome unless he's in trouble
And then you remove his double/redouble!

Woolsey and Bramley want preemps galore
They like to take chances to better their score.

Tulin prevails; Simson heads out.
That's what this game is just always about.

Till the Finals...
I remain Howie Doing!