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Results:

Table	👤	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.
1	Rosenthal	90	17	17	28	28					0
	Hamman*	135	32	30	32	41					0
2	Zhang*	70	17	33	5	15					0
	Ge	136.80	42.80	12	52	30					0

Cross IMP's

1.	Amber Lin - Kevin Rosenberg	Ge	1.90	57.00	30
2.	Kerri Sanborn - Steve Sanborn	Hamman*	0.87	39.33	45
3.	Kristen Onsgard - Mike Passell	Hamman*	0.63	28.33	45
4.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Ge	0.38	22.67	59
5.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Xin Ge	Ge	0.21	6.33	30
6.	Chris Willenken - Olivia Schireson	Rosenthal	0.08	3.67	45
7.	Geoff Hampson - Janice Molson	Zhang*	-0.17	-7.67	45
8.	Bob Hamman - Jill Meyers	Hamman*	-0.19	-5.67	30
9.	Eddie Wold - Susan Zhang	Zhang*	-0.21	-6.33	30
10.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	-0.38	-11.33	30
11.	Dana Berkowitz - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	-1.21	-54.33	45
12.	Daniel Korbel - Sylvia Shi	Zhang*	-1.64	-72.00	44

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Mixed Schedule:

Mixed Schedule			
Round Robin (15 or 16 TEAMS - with 15, each team has a sit out)			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Wednesday	April 22	10:00 - 11:25	Round 1 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 2 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Thursday	April 23	4:15 - 5:40	Round 3 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 4 Boards 34-44
			Round 5, Boards 45-55
Friday	April 24	10:00 - 11:25	Round 6 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 7 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Saturday	April 25	4:15 - 5:40	Round 8 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 9 Boards 34-44
			Round 10, Boards 45-55
Sunday	April 26	10:00 - 11:25	Round 11 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 12 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Monday	April 27	4:15 - 5:40	Round 13 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 14 Boards 34-44
			Round 15, Boards 45-55
Tuesday	April 28	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
Wednesday	April 29	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	April 30	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:15 - 5:15	60 minute Break
		5:30 - 7:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Mixed Entries:

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Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Steve Garner Adam Wildavsky	Uday Ivatury Shawn Quinn Pam Wittes
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Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Joe Grue Zach Grossack	Anam Tebha Jenny Wolpert Giorgia Botta
Smid_Sarnow	Ariel Smid-Sarnow, Capt Philip Wang	Julie Arbit Nicole Qian
Zhang	Sylvia Shi, Capt Susan Zhang Janice Molson	Daniel Korbel Eddie Wold Geoff Hampson



Tom Swiftie: "This milk is good," Tom uttered.

Tom Swiftie: "Let's put on a small play," Tom said skittishly.

Tom Swiftie: "I just learned how to play the organ!" Tom piped up.

Tom Swiftie: "That ghost movie was horrible!" Tom boomed.

Tom Swiftie: "Don't drop that bottle of lye," Tom said caustically.

Tom Swiftie: "I have only diamonds, clubs and spades," Tom said heartlessly.

Tom Swiftie: "I'm not eating too much candy," Tom said sweetly.



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Delayed Kibitzing Throughout the USBCs on the LoveBridge site!

There will be delayed kibitzing for both of the 2026 USBCs on the LoveBridge website. Live Vugraph is delayed 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

Live video commentary of Finals

In addition to your opportunity to watch the 2026 USBC play on LoveBridge Vugraph, Rob Barrington, Ewan McNay, and Adam Parrish will be hosting full day video commentary of the 2nd day of both Finals on the USBF YouTube channel at 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM EDT, on the following dates:

- April 21, Open Final, April 30, Mixed Final.

Highlights after each stage of each event

Teams of experts, including some of the players in the USBCs, will join Rob, Ewan, and Adam for round ups of each stage of play. These BridgeCasts will be posted on the USBF YouTube channel the morning after each segment airs:

- 4/16 - Open Round Robin;
- 4/18 - Open Quarterfinal;
- 4/20 - Open Semifinal;
- 4/25 - Mixed Round Robin;
- 4/27 - Mixed Quarterfinal;
- 4/29 - Mixed Semifinal.



Kibitzing Schedule (EDT) For all KO days of the 2026 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

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.

To view a Single Table, click on the blue arrow on the scores page. It provides the largest view of one table, with buttons to get to other information.

Match View will show the two tables of a match side by side on your screen;

Split View will give you 4 panes of your window and you can put whatever you want in each of them to watch 2 side-by-side matches at once, or one match and the scores of others.

Click on Buttons to get interesting information:

- The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board;
- the arrow in the bottom right corner takes you to the scoresheet
- the DDS shows the double dummy analyses. Besides 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.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Written commentary will show in a large area on the left of the screen in Single Table view and at the top of the screen in Match View. If you are interesting in providing written commentary, please email Jan and she will get you authorized.

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”. 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.

When they make a bad
play,
It makes me laugh.
That's what I love
About the VuGraph!

Helpful Information for Players On Site!

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.



MASSAGES

Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, will come to the hotel whenever there are enough people who want a massage. Hopefully, she will be coming on Sunday, April 12.

Please let Jan Martel (on site) know if you want a massage that Sunday or on any other day and Jan will arrange it.

HOSPITALITY

The hospitality suite (room 2321) will be open most of the day. You may watch Vugraph or get a snack when there. We are providing breakfast and lunch each day of play. **Marie France Benoit** will be our lead hostess, with help from **Jacob** and **Marge Morgan**. If you can volunteer to help with hospitality (mainly picking up last-minute things at Costco and other local stores) please let Jan Martel or Marie France know and they will put you to work!!

Breakfast: From 8:00-10:00 am. There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Keurig coffee will be available in the hospitality suite. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there.

Lunch: On the first three days of the Open and Mixed USBCs we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. The hotel is unwilling to have people take food out of the restaurant to eat someplace else. Lunch will be served from 12:30-2:30. The second Round Robin match each day is scheduled to end at 1:10 and the third match starts at 2:30.

After the first 3 days of each event, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 1:45-3:45. 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.

There is a water dispenser in the hospitality suite. Please bring a water bottle to use. 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: please make our hosts aware of your needs and they will do their best to accommodate you.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We have a water dispenser in the Office/Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We ask that you recognize that we are working in that room, and others are playing in the rooms next door and across the hall, so please try to keep voices low.

NEW: The hotel has requested we use coupons for the in restaurant lunches we are providing. Please see your team captain to get a coupon on days when meals are being provided in the hotel dining room.

Puzzle Page ...

Deserts of the World

Find and circle all of the deserts that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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

ARABIAN
 ARCTIC
 ATACAMA
 ATLANTIC COASTAL
 BAYUDA
 BLACK ROCK
 BLUE
 CHALBI
 CHIHUAHUA
 COLORADO
 DANAKIL
 DEATH VALLEY
 DJURAB
 EMPTY QUARTER
 ERITREAN COASTAL

GIBSON
 GOBI
 GRAND BARA
 GREAT BASIN
 GREATSANDY
 GREAT VICTORIA
 GUBAN
 INDUS VALLEY
 JALAPAO
 JUDAEAN
 KALAHARI
 KARAKUM
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 KHARAN
 KYZYLKUM

LAGUAJIRA
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 SIMPSON
 SINAI
 SONORAN
 TABERNAS
 TAKLAMAKAN
 TANAMI
 TENERE
 THOMPSON PLATEAU
 WAHIBA SANDS
 WHITE



If you want a happy face,
Do not ruff your partner's ace!

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

Sudoku 1

If you're working on a desktop or laptop, make sure to put on a mask. You wouldn't want to catch one of those computer viruses.

I like to wrap myself in a blanket when I work from home. You could say I now work undercover.

What kinds of books do planets usually like to read?
Comet books.

How do you know that Saturn has been married multiple times? Because she has a lot of rings!

When is the moon out of money? When it goes down to its last quarter.

What did one leaf say to another? "I'm falling for you."

Why do plants hate math? Because it gives them square roots.

What's a tree's least favorite month? Sep-timber!

Why was the equal sign so humble? Because it knew it wasn't less than or greater than anyone else.

Why should you never talk to Pi? Because he'll just go on forever.

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Hard Sudoku

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Sudoku 2

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



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



World Bridge News...

Bridge and Confidence

Scott D S, and Punch S. The Physicality of Mindsports Through Elite Bridge Players' Sensorial Experiences: Presence, Confidence, and Bodies, *The Sociological Review*.

Summary

A mindsport such as bridge involves high levels of thought, stamina, emotional investment and practice, rather than physical effort. This paper explores from an academic viewpoint how the mind and body are intertwined. It discusses the findings from a sociological point of view, and studies the implications of focusing on the body in bridge players' training, repercussions for mindsports practitioners, and the evolving understanding of how sports and physical activity are understood in society.

The paper then describes the factors that players consider when asked what helps them to play well. It uses data from in-depth interviews with 52 elite players from the USA and Europe. There are many supporting quotes from the players.

Findings

Although bridge is primarily a mental activity, there is a physical element as well. Players expend energy and experience fatigue during a long event. How they prepare for and deal with this is partly on a personal level, and partly as a partnership. The paper identifies several themes:

- **Physical preparation:** It is important to be physically prepared to compete in long events. Everyone has their own view of what 'preparing well' for a tournament involves, to improve sharpness while playing. Some players have to balance bridge with their working lives. The players often did not differentiate their 'physical' preparations from their 'mental' preparations, but instead discussed the two as being interconnected.

Sleep is often mentioned as being a vital component of preparation. Many players feel the importance of diet, exercise and sleeping aids as part of preparing well for competing, as well as maintaining their performance throughout long tournaments. Properly preparing for an event involves an interlacing of both physical and mental elements.

- **Concentration/focus:** Players use many different terms when describing what helps them to perform well at the table, many of which are related to preparing well. Concentration and focus are seen as vital components of high-level bridge performance. Being able to relax in between competition times is something that many players both recognise as being important and that they struggle to achieve. Players mention the need to be a bit nervous in advance, then once playing, for the nerves to disappear. Discipline, adrenaline and energy are also mentioned.

- **Confidence:** In a similar way to other sports, bridge players can feel in or out of form. This affects confidence, and can result in players getting more close decisions wrong. Confidence can be affected by competition pressure or by physical environment (e.g. temperature or uncomfortable clothing). This leads to anxiety, nerves, and discomfort. Players counter this by arriving early at an event to acclimatise and by attempting to relax when not playing.

Players' ability to master their bodily sensations within a competitive environment is a crucial factor. Diet, sleep, travel and atmosphere influence the level of physical dis/comfort or 'confidence through the body'.

- **Partnerships:** Confidence is not restricted to a player's own actions, but also partnerships. How individuals interact as a partnership is an inescapable component of their own performance. Players frequently refer to the challenges and opportunities involved in playing competitively with another player. As well as technical discussions, players need to consider how to cater for partner's needs.

Body language is important, both in behaving appropriately to partner and reading their mood. This means that players need to control their emotions and also understand how best to deal with partner, e.g. when they have made a clear mistake. It might be necessary for one player to adjust their game according to how partner is feeling (and so how well they are likely to play). The need to be attuned to partner's physical state is often linked to being key to a successful partnership.

Some players feel more confident (and therefore tend to play better) when playing with a partner who is equal or weaker than their own standard.

Conclusions

In sport in general, and bridge in particular, it is not possible to separate 'mind' from 'body' when considering how to perform at optimum level. As well as physical sensations of travel, time and temperature affecting players' perceptions of their performances, confidence provides an additional component within and between partnerships. It is important to have an awareness of others such as partner and the opposition to perform optimally. This paper has the potential to contribute to bridge being recognized as a sport.

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Tom Swiftie: "Ow! I cut myself!" Tom said sharply.

Tom Swiftie: "You like to sew!" Tom needled his brother.

Tom Swiftie: "Can I open a checking account?" Tom asked with interest.

Tom Swiftie: "I love meat and potatoes," Tom said heartily.

Tom Swiftie: "You have the right to remain silent," Tom said arrestingly.

Tom Swiftie: "A storm is coming!" Tom thundered.

Tom Swiftie: "I heard a mouse!" Tom squeaked.

Tom Swiftie: "You broke my rubber band!" Tom snapped.

Tom Swiftie: "Where's my food?" Tom stewed.

Tom Swiftie: "I didn't eat ALL the lamb chops," Tom said sheepishly.

Tom Swiftie: "I like your bracelet," Tom said charmingly.

Tom Swiftie: "Let's go catch some fish!" Tom said alluringly.

Tom Swiftie: "The rope broke!" Tom snapped.

Tom Swiftie: "Let's watch 'Star Wars'!" Tom said forcefully.

Tom Swiftie: "Watch out for competing lemonade stands," Tom said tartly.

Tom Swiftie: "My stereo's only half-fixed," Tom said monotonously.

Tom Swiftie: "This boat is leaking," Tom said balefully.

Tom Swiftie: "Why do you read those tabloids?" Tom inquired.

Tom Swiftie: "Light the fuse," Tom said wickedly.

Tom Swiftie: "Didn't you see the train?" Tom steamed.

A Little Humor!



		Carter	Daniels	Stevens	Turner	West	Candy's Comet	Express Delivery	Sunday Special	Wild Side Slide	Winner's Delight	Starting Money					Ending Money					
												\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$65	
Greg																						
James																						
Jim																						
Mark																						
Ryan																						
Ending Money	\$45																					
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Sunday Special																						
Wild Side Slide																						
Winner's Delight																						

**Answer to Puzzle
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First Name	Last Name	Racehorse Name	Starting Money	Ending Money

James and four of his friends were delighted they could make the trip to Maryland to witness the Preakness race this year, the second leg of the Triple Crown races and the most sought-after prize of horse racing. To celebrate the event, each had some money put aside for betting on the races leading up to the Preakness, which was the last race of the day. Along with their enjoyment of a day at the races, they were pleased when each of them picked the winning horse in one of the races and so ended the day with more money than they started with. Determine the full name of each friend, the name of the racehorse each won on, and how much money each friend started and ended with.

1. Greg Daniels didn't win on Wild Side Slide. The man who won on Winner's Delight exactly doubled his starting money. Ryan started with \$25

- Mark was not the man who started with \$35 and ended the day with \$45. Mr. Turner, whose first name wasn't James, didn't win on Candy's Comet.
- Jim started with more money than the man who won on Express Delivery but he ended with \$10 less than Mr. Stevens.
- The person who won on Candy's Comet ended the day with more money than Mr. Carter but with less than the man who won on Sunday Special.
- Mark's last name wasn't Stevens. Mr. West didn't start with \$40 but he ended with \$15 more than he started with. The person who won on Express Delivery had \$30 to start with, but it wasn't Mark.
- The five friends were Jim, the man who started with \$50, the person who won on Candy's Comet, the man who ended the day with \$60, and Mr. Carter.

Meet the Players



Adam Wildavsky, born in 1960, grew up in Berkeley, CA and now resides primarily in New York City. A graduate of M.I.T., he pursued a career as a software engineer and in 2013 retired from a position with Google GmbH in Zürich.

Since 1983, Adam has served in administrative positions in the New England Bridge Conference, the Greater New York Bridge Association, ACBL District 17, the ACBL itself, and the USBF.

He was elected as a member of the Executive Council in 2019 and chairs the WBF Rules and Regulations Committee. He also serves on the WBF Management Committee, the WBF Technology Committee, the WBF Statutes and Bylaws Committee, the USBF Conditions of Contest Committee, and the ACBL Laws Commission. In 2022 he was unanimously elected to the position of Honorary Secretary of the WBF by the WBF Executive Council.

Adam has written articles for a number of publications, including *The Bridge World*, *Bridge Today*, and the ACBL Bulletin. He serves as an editor and panelist for the ACBL's appeals casebooks. He was a member of the winning squad in the US Bridge Championships in 2003 and 2009, earning a Bronze medal in the Bermuda Bowl 2003.

In bridge and in life, Adam follows the philosophy of Russian-American author Ayn Rand. He has written about the connection between Rand and bridge on his website, www.tameware.com

Adam is playing in Schaumburg in the Mixed as part of the Henner team with Pam Wittes, Christal Henner, Uday Ivatury, Shawn Quinn, and Steve Garner.

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Why was the obtuse angle always so frustrated? It was never right.

Why did the student do multiplication problems on the floor? The teacher told him not to use tables.

When you get older, your memory is the second thing to go. I don't remember the first.

What is a prize old people can win for aging? Atrophy.

Now that I've gotten older, everything's finally starting to click for me. My knees, my back, my neck...

What did the tree say when summer finally arrived? What a re-leaf.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. He said his summer was pretty good too.

Did you hear about the ice cream truck accident? It crashed on a rocky road.

How many blueberries can you grow on a bush? All of them.

What do you call a small pepper in the fall? A little chili.

Why did the tree giggle? It heard acorn-y joke.

What do you call a snowman in July? A puddle.

How does a penguin build a house? Igloos it together.

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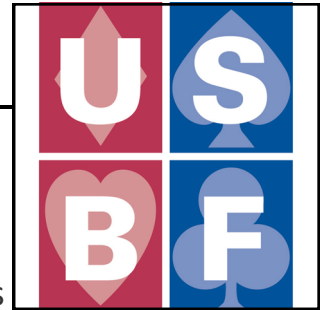
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9	5	7	2	1	4	3	6	8
6	8	1	7	9	3	2	4	5
4	2	3	5	6	8	1	7	9

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Why do birds fly south for the winter? Because it's too far to walk.

It's allergy season again? You've got to be pollen my leg.

Why are waterbeds so bouncy? They're filled with spring water.

Which month of the year is the shortest? May. It only has three letters.

What do you call an emergency in spring? May Day.



Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

Ending Money	Starting Money	Racehorse Name	Last Name	First Name
\$50	\$25	Winner's Delight	Carter	Ryan
\$65	\$50	Sunday Special	West	Mark
\$45	\$35	Wild Side Slide	Turner	Jim
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Did you hear about the pirate who became a great chef? He mastered the seven sea-sonings.

What did one plate say to the other plate? Dinner's on me.

Why do oranges wear sunscreen? So they don't peel.

What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop.

What's an egg's favorite vacation spot? New York City.

What kind of candy do astronauts like? Mars bars.

Did you hear about the spatula's hot new flame? It met the grill of its dreams.

What did one cupcake say to the other? You ain't see muffin yet.

Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens? All they ever said was, "Bach, Bach, Bach!"

What did 20 do when it was hungry? Twenty-eight.

Why is grass so dangerous? Because it's full of blades!

Funny!

BOARD: 4
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ 87
 ♥ 96
 ♦ T986
 ♣ KJ873

♠ QJ93
 ♥ K832
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ 954

♠ AK42
 ♥ AQJT754
 ♦ T2
 ♣ T2

♠ T65
 ♥ AQ75432
 ♣ AQ6

Par: -500

	♣	♦	♥	♠	
N	9	10	2	1	2
S	:	:	:	0	:
EW	4	3	11	9	7

It's the start of the SemiFinals. Between Boards 1, 2, and 3, only ONE IMP was exchanged!

Board 4 was more exciting and 18 IMP's changed hands.

Obviously 6H has no play, off the ace and king of clubs.

It does not take a club lead to thwart the slam. Any lead but a diamond will defeat it.

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP
							NS EW Home Visiting
Rosenthal	Hamman*	Open	6♥	E	♦A	=	1430
		Closed	5♥	E	♦A	+1	680
Zhang*	Ge	Open	5♥	E	♦A	+1	680
		Closed	6♦x	S	♠Q	-2	500

W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	1♥	2♦
2NT	3♦	3♣	5♦
DBL	PASS	6♥	PASS
PASS	PASS		

2NT=4 card LR
 3S=spade and diamond control

♠ 87
 ♥ 96
 ♦ T986
 ♣ KJ873
 N Andrew Rosenthal

♠ QJ93
 ♥ K832
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ 954
 W Mike Passell

Open Room

♠ AK42
 ♥ AQJT754
 ♦ T2
 ♣ T2
 E Kristen Onsgard

♠ T65
 ♥ AQ75432
 ♣ AQ6
 S Migry Campanile

OTH E 5♥
 EAST 6♥

In Rosenthal/Hamman, where Onsgard declared 6H in the Open Room, Migry was on lead.

It is common practice to lead aces against slams. She is in the unusual position of holding TWO aces on lead against 6H.

In a vacuum, having longer diamonds might imply that a diamond trick is more likely to evaporate if the suit isn't led. However, knowing that declarer has diamond and spade control tilts the scales in favor of leading the CA.

Migry led the DA. Onsgard ruffed in hand and eliminated trumps, ending in dummy with the HK. She played the DK and discarded one of her club loser. She claimed her 12 tricks.

13 IMPs for Hamman when Willenken/Schireson settled in a sound 5H making with an overtrick on the same opening lead.

BOARD: 5
 DEALER: NORTH
 VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ 87
 ♥ J4
 ♦ K96
 ♣ KJT743

♠ 942
 ♥ AK975
 ♦ 5
 ♣ AQ95

♠ AQ5
 ♥ Q32
 ♦ AQJ74
 ♣ 82

Par: -980

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	4	2	1	4	2
E	8	10	12	9	11
W	:	:	:	:	10

♠ KJT63
 ♥ T86
 ♦ T832
 ♣ 6

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting	

Rosenthal	Hamman*	Open	3N	E	♠J	+1	430	1
		Closed	4♥	E	♣6	+1	450	
Zhang*	Ge	Open	4♥	E	♣6	+1	450	11
		Closed	4♥	E	♠J	-1	50	

♠ 87 ♥ J4 ♦ K96 ♣ KJT743	N Debbie Rosenberg
♠ 942 ♥ AK975 ♦ 5 ♣ AQ95	W Daniel Korbelt
♠ AQ5 ♥ Q32 ♦ AQJ74 ♣ 82	E Sylvia Shi
♠ KJT63 ♥ T86 ♦ T832 ♣ 6	S Michael Rosenberg

Three out of four E/W pairs played in 4H on Board 5. One E/W pair played in 3NT. 3NT is easy with 5 hearts, 2 diamonds and two black aces.

4H is cold but it takes careful play. In Ge/Zhang, Michael Rosenberg led the SJ. Sylvia Shi, declarer, won with the queen in hand. She cashed the DA and took the doomed ruffing finesse against the DK with South. Sylvia discarded a spade from dummy on the DQ and Debbie Rosenberg won her king. Debbie returned a spade and Sylvia won the ace. Sylvia played a small club to dummy's queen and Debbie's king. Debbie played the CJ giving Michael a ruff with the trump six and strongly suggesting a spade return.

Michael played his S3. N/S has 3 tricks in so Sylvia needs the rest. She can ruff low and hope Debbie isn't out of spades or doesn't hold the HJ or HT... or she can ruff high and play for trumps now being 2-2 in the opponents' hands. She ruffed with the H9. Debbie overruffed with the HJ! Contract failing one trick. 11 IMPs to Ge

BOARD: 10
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ Q97
 ♥ AK963
 ♦ J6
 ♣ 983

♠ AJ
 ♥ Q8
 ♦ A975
 ♣ AKQ52

♠ KT542
 ♥ JT72
 ♦ T8
 ♣ T6

Par: -620

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	5	3	2	3
EW	9	8	9	10	9

♠ 863
 ♥ 54
 ♦ KQ432
 ♣ J74

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
					NS	EW
					Home	Visiting

Rosenthal	Hamman*		Open	3N	W	♣9	=	600		
			Closed	3N	W	♥3	=	600	-	-
Zhang*	Ge		Open	3N	W	♣8	=	600		
			Closed	2♣	W	♥A	+2	130		10

Again, at three of the four tables, the cold 3NT game was bid E/W. Only Korbel/Shi in Zhang/Ge missed the mark. In a manner of speaking, this hand is a victory for simple, old-fashioned bidding. At the three tables where game was bid, West opened 2NT. East bid Stayman and revealed a 5/4 in spades and hearts. West was endplayed into bidding the NT game.

W	N	E	S
		PASS	PASS
1♣	1♥	PASS	PASS
2♣	PASS	PASS	PASS

1C=strong, artificial and forcing
Pass=0-5 or trap

♠ Q97
 ♥ AK963
 ♦ J6
 ♣ 983

♠ KT542
 ♥ JT72
 ♦ T8
 ♣ T6

Closed Room

♠ AJ
 ♥ Q8
 ♦ A975
 ♣ AKQ52
 W Daniel Korbel

♠ 863
 ♥ 54
 ♦ KQ432
 ♣ J74
 S Michael Rosenberg

Over the strong club, Debbie Rosenberg had the opportunity to muddy the waters... she took advantage and it was effective!

When the auction came back to Korbel, he was hard pressed to bid NT with only Q8 of Debbie's overcalled suit... it's a partial stopper but certainly no sure thing. Korbel chose 2C.

Shi had nothing to do over 2C. She did not hold a "club fit." She had 4 HCP, well within what she'd shown. She might hold a "trap" hand but she did not know it and didn't evaluate it as such. With no obvious call, Shi passed.

10 IMPs to Ge

BOARD: 15
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ Q2
 ♥ A985
 ♦ 65
 ♣ K8643

♠ 7
 ♥ KQT62
 ♦ T9872
 ♣ Q2

♠ K986543
 ♥ J4
 ♦ Q3
 ♣ T7

Par: 1440

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	12	8	9	8	12
EW	1	3	4	5	1

♠ AJT
 ♥ 73
 ♦ AKJ4
 ♣ AJ95

Home team **Visiting team** ▶ **Room** 🎴 **By** 🃏 = ★ **IMP**
NS EW Home Visiting

Rosenthal	Hamman*			Open	3N	N	♥ J	+3	690		
				Closed	3N	N	♥ J	+3	690	-	-
Zhang*	Ge			Open	2N	N	♥ J	+4	240		
				Closed	3N	N	♠ 6	+3	690		10

On Board 15, North/South can take 12 tricks in NT. They do need to pick up the CQ (and should since the 2-2 is percentage) and they do need spades and diamonds to behave in a friendly manner. The slam isn't biddable, but the game is.

In the Open Room of Zhang/Ge, something went awry and Zhang/Wold stopped in 2NT generating the seldom seen score of +240! Again, 3 out of 4 pairs bid and made the vulnerable game and one stopped short.

The auction was "alertless" with everyone at the table in the bidding.

Zhang opened 1D. Disa overcalled 1H. Wold bid 1NT which surely showed some values... if not, he could have passed!

Ge bid 2S. Zhang bid 2NT and North/South played there.

Even if she were not playing with a world class declarer, Zhang had adequate values to bid 3NT. 10 IMPs to Ge

W	N	E	S
			1♦
1♥	1NT	2♣	2NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Table: OP 2, Round: 1

N-S: Zhang*
17 IMP

E-W: Ge
30 IMP

♠ 7
 ♥ KQT62
 ♦ T9872
 ♣ Q2
W Disa Eythorsdottir

♠ Q2
 ♥ A985
 ♦ 65
 ♣ K8643
N Eddie Wold

♠ K986543
 ♥ J4
 ♦ Q3
 ♣ T7
E Xin Ge

♠ AJT
 ♥ 73
 ♦ AKJ4
 ♣ AJ95
S Susan Zhang

OTH
 N 3
 NORTH
 2NT

BOARD: 21
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ 96
 ♥ A5
 ♦ AK7653
 ♣ 843

♠ KQ53
 ♥ J8
 ♦ T984
 ♣ QJ2

♠ AT42
 ♥ QT943
 ♦ 2
 ♣ KT9

♠ J87
 ♥ K762
 ♦ QJ
 ♣ A765

Par: 300

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	9	5	5	9
EW	6	4	8	8	4

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP	
						NS EW Home Visiting	
Rosenthal	Hamman*	Open	3♦	N	♣T	= 110	10
		Closed	3N	S	♠3	= 600	
Zhang*	Ge	Open	2N	S	♠3	+1 150	6
		Closed	3♦	N	♥T	-1 100	

On Board 21, only one of the four North/South pairs found the cold 3NT game: Rosenthal/Migry stopped in 3D. Zhang/Wold stopped in 2NT. Debbie and Michael Rosenberg stopped in 3D.

Only Kerri and Steve Sanborn bid and made the game. Steve did well to accept the invitation on the strength of his good 6-card diamond holding.

Gino led the S3 and East/West cashed 4 rounds of spades. Kerri was no doubt relieved to see the even split.

From there she was home free with 6 diamonds, 2 hearts and the CA! 10 IMPs to Hamman

W N E S

	1♦	1♥	2NT
PASS	3NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Table: CL 1, Round: 2

N-S: Hamman* 32 IMP

E-W: Rosenthal 22 IMP

♠ 96
 ♥ A5
 ♦ AK7653
 ♣ 843

N Steve Sanborn

♠ KQ53
 ♥ J8
 ♦ T984
 ♣ QJ2

W Eldad Ginossar

♠ AT42
 ♥ QT943
 ♦ 2
 ♣ KT9

E Dana Berkowitz

♠ J87
 ♥ K762
 ♦ QJ
 ♣ A765

S Kerri Sanborn

OTHER N 3

SOUTH 3NT

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DDS

BOARD: 30
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ T72
 ♥ AJ6
 ♦ QJ85
 ♣ A83

♠ 53
 ♥ T92
 ♦ A973
 ♣ KQJ5

♠ AQ98
 ♥ K73
 ♦ K2
 ♣ 9642

♠ KJ64
 ♥ Q854
 ♦ T64
 ♣ T7

Par: -110

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	4	6	6	6	6
EW	9	6	6	6	7

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP
NS	EW	Home	Visiting					
Rosenthal	Hamman*	Open	1N N ♠8	+1	120		5	
		Closed	1N E ♠4	=	90			
Zhang*	Ge	Open	1N W ♦5	=	90		-	-
		Closed	1N E ♥4	=	90			

W	N	E	S
		1♣	PASS
PASS	1NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

1C=2+
1NT=11-14

DDS

♠ T72
 ♥ AJ6
 ♦ QJ85
 ♣ A83
 N Andrew Rosenthal

♠ 53
 ♥ T92
 ♦ A973
 ♣ KQJ5
 W Mike Passell

Open Room

♠ AQ98
 ♥ K73
 ♦ K2
 ♣ 9642
 E Kristen Onsgard

♠ KJ64
 ♥ Q854
 ♦ T64
 ♣ T7
 S Migry Campanile

OTHER
E 11

NORTH
1NT

It is unusual to see the same contract played both directions successfully.

1NT could have been defeated in the Open Room of Rosenthal/Hamman. There were many ways but to underscore one: After a club lead, E/W can take 3 clubs, 2 diamonds, 1 heart, and 1 spade.

So how was Andrew successful?

Onsgard led the S8 which rode to Andrew's ST. Andrew played the HJ, ducked around. He played the S2, won by Onsgard's SA. Onsgard played the DK and a diamond to Passell's ace. Passell shifted to the CK but it was too late! Andrew won his ace and played a spade to dummy's jack. He cashed the SK, played the DT to his jack and cashed the DQ and the HA for eight tricks... contract making with an overtrick! He conceded the last two tricks.

When 1NT was played by E/W in the Closed Room of this match, Kerri Sanborn also led a spade. Berkowitz won her SQ and played 2 rounds of clubs, Steve Sanborn taking his CA on the second round. Steve shifted to diamonds. Declarer let Kerri win her DT. Kerri followed with a diamond to Dana's king. A club went to the jack and the DA cashed. The C5 cashed and a spade went to Dana's ace for 7 cashers! Since 2NT made N/S for Rosenthal and 1NT made E/W for Rosenthal, should he not get the game bonus?? (Just kidding!!)