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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# “Trials” and Tribulations

## Yankees

Team Name	Total	24	22	21	30	26	31	23	25	27	28	29	BYE
24. Robinson	99.09			8.65	11.77	10.47	16.76	13.65			12.57	15.22	10.00
22. Fleisher	98.21			14.93	3.47	9.53		12.57	10.92	19.80		16.99	10.00
21. Meltzer	92.06	11.35	5.07			6.35	8.23	17.42	7.43	19.68		16.53	
30. McLaughlin	89.33	8.23	16.53			12.18	12.18		9.08	12.18	6.01	12.94	
26. Cole	89.26	9.53	10.47	13.65	7.82		10.00			12.57	15.22		10.00
31. Yates	79.41	3.24		11.77	7.82	10.00		8.65			14.63	13.30	10.00
23. Beatty	76.75	6.35	7.43	2.58			11.35		15.22	7.06	16.76		10.00
25. Lall	70.59		9.08	12.57	10.92			4.78		.85	6.35	16.04	10.00
27. Ivatury	66.09		.20	.32	7.82	7.43		12.94	19.15				8.23 10.00
28. Saxe	64.47	7.43			13.99	4.78	5.37	3.24	13.65				6.01 10.00
29. Sprung	54.74	4.78	3.01	3.47	7.06		6.70		3.96	11.77	13.99		

## Mets

Team Name	Total	5	6	7	4	3	10	2	11	1	9	8	BYE
5. Rogoff	101.82			12.57		16.04	12.94	16.04		16.29	12.57	5.37	10.00
6. Ozdil	97.94			16.53	12.94		6.35	16.76	5.07	13.30		16.99	10.00
7. Blanchard	92.56	7.43	3.47			10.47	14.93	19.15		19.29	7.82		10.00
4. Lewis	91.24		7.06			12.94	11.35		12.18	5.37	13.65	18.69	10.00
3. Weed	86.58	3.96		9.53	7.06			10.92	18.69	8.23		18.19	10.00
10. Nussbaum	82.93	7.06	13.65	5.07	8.65			7.43	17.21		7.82	16.04	
2. Schwartz	75.38	3.96	3.24	.85		9.08	12.57			16.99	18.69		10.00
11. Meckstroth	67.12		14.93		7.82	1.31	2.79			12.57	6.35	11.35	10.00
1. Cohler	66.65	3.71	6.70	.71	14.63	11.77		3.01	7.43		18.69		
9. McKellar	60.09	7.43		12.18	6.35		12.18	1.31	13.65	1.31		5.68	
8. Kahn	57.69	14.63	3.01		1.31	1.81	3.96		8.65		14.32		10.00

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**In Seeding Order**

**"I have not lost my mind - it's backed up on disk somewhere."  
- Unknown and the Editor!!**

<b>Nickell</b>	Bye to SemiFinals	<b>Frank Nickell, Capt</b> <b>Robert Hamman</b> <b>Jeff Meckstroth</b>	<b>Richard Freeman</b> <b>Zia Mahmood</b> <b>Eric Rodwell</b>
<b>Welland</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>Roy Welland, Capt</b> <b>Steve Garner</b> <b>Billy Cohen</b>	<b>Chris Willenken</b> <b>Howard Weinstein</b> <b>Ron Smith</b>
<b>Jacobs</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>George Jacobs, Capt</b> <b>Bobby Levin</b> <b>Joe Grue</b>	<b>Ralph Katz</b> <b>Steve Weinstein</b> <b>Curtis Cheek</b>
<b>Diamond</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>John Diamond, Capt</b> <b>Eric Greco</b> <b>Fred Gitelman</b>	<b>Brian Platnick</b> <b>Geoff Hampson</b> <b>Brad Moss</b>
<b>Strul</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Aubrey Strul, Capt</b> <b>David Berkowitz</b> <b>Chip Martel</b>	<b>Michael Becker</b> <b>Larry Cohen</b> <b>Lew Stansby</b>
<b>Cohler</b>		<b>Gary Cohler, Capt</b> <b>Jacek Pszczola</b> <b>Mike Passell</b>	<b>Michael Rosenberg</b> <b>Sam Lev</b> <b>Jim Mahaffey</b>
<b>Meltzer</b>		<b>Rose Meltzer, Capt</b> <b>Alan Sontag</b> <b>Neil Chambers</b>	<b>Kyle Larsen</b> <b>Roger Bates</b> <b>John Schermer</b>
<b>Schwartz</b>		<b>Richard Schwartz, Capt</b> <b>Chris Compton</b> <b>Bjorn Fallenius</b>	<b>Richard Coren</b> <b>Marc Jacobus</b> <b>Fred Chang</b>
<b>Fleisher</b>		<b>Martin Fleisher, Capt</b> <b>Russell Ekeblad</b> <b>Ron Rubin</b>	<b>Michael Kamil</b> <b>Peter Weichsel</b> <b>Matthew Granovetter</b>
<b>Beatty</b>		<b>Steve Beatty, Capt</b> <b>Michael Moss</b>	<b>Bill Pollack</b> <b>Brian Glubok</b>
<b>Weed</b>		<b>Jimmy Cayne</b> <b>Chuck Burger</b> <b>Greg Hinze</b> <b>Charlie Weed, NPC</b>	<b>Michael Seamon</b> <b>Stephen Landen</b> <b>Nagy Kamel</b>
<b>Lewis</b>		<b>Paul Lewis, Capt</b> <b>Mark Itabashi</b> <b>Eddie Wold</b>	<b>Linda Lewis</b> <b>Ross Grabel</b> <b>Bart Bramley</b>
<b>Robinson</b>		<b>Steve Robinson, Capt</b> <b>Kit Woolsey</b> <b>Adam Wildavsky</b>	<b>Peter Boyd</b> <b>Fred Stewart</b> <b>Doug Doub</b>
<b>Lall</b>		<b>Hemant Lall, Capt</b> <b>Justin Lall</b> <b>Seymon Deutsch</b>	<b>Nikolay Demirev</b> <b>Kevin Bathurst</b> <b>John Kranyak</b>
<b>Rogoff</b>		<b>Bruce Rogoff, Capt</b> <b>Doug Simson</b> <b>Glenn Milgrim</b>	<b>Josh Parker</b> <b>Walter Johnson</b> <b>Jeff Aker</b>
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<b>Ivatury</b>		<b>Uday Ivatury, Capt</b> <b>Christal Henner</b>	<b>Lapt Chan</b> <b>Ari Greenberg</b>
<b>Blanchard</b>		<b>Robert Blanchard, Capt</b> <b>Gail Greenberg</b> <b>John Hurd</b>	<b>Shane Blanchard</b> <b>Jeffrey Hand</b> <b>Joel Wooldridge</b>
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## All About Kibitzing

### WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

### Screens

All of the USWBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

### USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

1. General Rules
  - a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
  - b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
2. In the Open Room:
  - a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
  - b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
  - c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
3. In the Closed Room:
  - a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
  - b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
  - c. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.

<b>Sprung</b>	<b>Danny Sprung, Capt</b> <b>Abraham Pineles</b> <b>Michael Massimilla</b>	<b>Hal Mouser</b> <b>Alex Allen</b> <b>Louis Glasthal</b>
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<b>Yates</b>	<b>David Yates, Capt</b> <b>Michael McNamara</b>	<b>Daniel Wolkowitz</b> <b>Sylwia Mcnamara</b>

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## VuGraph Information

The 2009 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 32. In the Rounds of 32 and 16 we will be covering 1, 2 or 3 of the matches being played. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer.

If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world.

Click on the button labeled EXPLORE BRIDGE and then on the button labeled VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may prefer not to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are New York times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10  
12:25-2:35  
3:45-5:55  
6:10-8:20

During the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards, unless one or more matches gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other matches, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32 & 16, all of the teams shown on Vugraph will play the same boards in the first and third segments each day. In the second and fourth segments, those matches that start on time will play the same boards.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2009 USBC.

Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

# USBF 7 Board VP Scale

## Important Message:

The Crowne Plaza Hotel will pick up anyone arriving at the White Plains train station daily if you call upon arrival at the station. The number for the front desk is: **1-914-682-0050**.

We want to accommodate the players in any way we can.

In the words of Alfred Hitchcock: "**The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.**"

**Remember: Bridge, too, is a timed event!**

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.51	4.49	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19	1
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.76	3.24	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.3	6.7	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.8	0.2
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

## Hospitality Information

The hospitality suite for the 2009 USBC is in **Rooms 1206 & 1208** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are always welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

**Lunch on Friday from 2:45-4:15**

**Lunch on Saturday from 1:35-3:30**

**Lunch, for the rest of the tournament, from 2:35-3:45**

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks and snacks at any other time, **except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon**, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

Joan and Barbara are looking forward to seeing you there!

## Best Jokes of 2008 from Time Out New York

Ritchie Duncan: When I quit smoking, this guy suggested I hit the gym every day. You can't tell me the best way to do something hard is to do something else that's hard. "You wanna know the best way to quit heroin? Get into Harvard."

Hannibal Buress: I got a fortune cookie the other day; it said I should invest in something fun on four wheels. I don't know if that meant I should get a new car or a prostitute on one roller skate.

Jay Bois: In a show on plastic surgery, the doctor said he was the Picasso of breast augmentation. Is he familiar with the works of Picasso? "I'll make your left breast jagged, while your right will be four times as large and melting into the shape of a cello."

Jackie Monahan: I hate the word *breast*. But people look at me funny in restaurants when I order grilled chicken titties.

Matt Ruby: The other day I caught a butterfly. It had a tattoo on its lower back. It was a picture of a teenage girl.

Mike Drucker: In the Old Testament, God was angry and jealous, all fire and brimstone. In the New Testament, God is happy and forgiving. Man, what a difference getting laid makes.

Joe Mande: Judaism is like *The Fast and the Furious*, while Christianity is more like *2 Fast 2 Furious*. They're basically the same thing, except in the sequel the hero is Ludacris. Don't get me wrong, I think Ludacris is very talented. I just don't think he's the son of God.

Todd Barry: I was dating a woman, and we had the sex talk. She goes, "Todd, I've had anal sex before, but don't ask me who it was with." I think if I made a list of every question I'd ask before that one, it would be a list of every question.

## Round Robin Divisions ...

The DICs have randomly assigned pairs of teams to the two Round Robin brackets as follows. The numbers listed are the numbers that will be used for the Round Robin not the teams' original seed numbers or the numbers the qualifying teams will have for the Round of 32 Knockout.

### METS

1. COHLER
2. SCHWARTZ
3. WEED
4. LEWIS
5. ROGOFF
6. OZDIL
7. BLANCHARD
8. KAHN
9. MCKELLAR
10. NUSSBAUM
11. MECKSTROTH

### YANKEES

21. MELTZER
22. FLEISHER
23. BEATTY
24. ROBINSON
25. LALL
26. COLE
27. IVATURY
28. SAXE
29. SPRUNG
30. MCLAUGHLIN
31. YATES

## Setting the Bracket for the KO

After the Round Robin, the teams will be assigned numbers that establish the bracket for all of the Knockout rounds.

We're often asked how the assignment is done, so here is what will happen. First, the team seeding points will be adjusted by adding 6 seeding points to the totals for each of the two team that won their Round Robin divisions and 2.25 seeding points to the totals for each of the two second place teams.

Then the teams qualifying from the Round Robin will be ranked based on their current seeding point totals.

The teams will then be assigned KO team numbers as follows, subject to one other adjustment - the team that scored the highest Victory Point total in the Round Robin has the right, after the assignments have been done, to request that it be "re-shuffled" with its original shuffle group.

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|----------|---|
| 1        | Nickell   |
| 2        | Welland   |
| 3/4      | Diamond or Jacobs randomly assigned   |
| 5/6      | Strul or Highest Ranked Team from Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 7        | Second ranked team from Round Robin   |
| 8-9      | Bye (lose to Nickell in Quarterfinal)   |
| 10/11/12 | Third, Fourth & Fifth ranked teams from Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 13/14    | Sixth & Seventh ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 15-18    | Bye (lose to Nickell & Welland in Round of 16)  |
| 19/20    | Eighth & Ninth ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned   |
| 21/22/23 | Tenth, Eleventh & Twelfth ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned  |
| 24-25    | Bye (lose to 8 & 9 in Round of 32)  |
| 26/27/28 | One of these is the Bye team that loses to Strul in the Round of 32. The other 2 are the 13th & 14th teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned. |
| 29-32    | Byes (lose to teams 1-4 in Round of 32)   |

**Remember: Absolutely no Electronic Devices are Allowed in the Playing Area**

THURS. JUNE 4TH	10:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
<b>ROUND ROBIN 1</b>		
FRIDAY JUNE 5TH	10:00 - 12:15 12:30 - 2:45 4:15 - 6:30 6:45 - 9:00	BDS 1-7 & 8-14 CLUMPED BDS 15-21 & 22-28 CLUMPED BDS 29-35 & 36-42 CLUMPED BDS 43-49 & 50-56 CLUMPED
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	10:00 - 11:05 11:20 - 1:35	BOARDS 57-63 BDS 64-70 & 71-77 CLUMPED
<b>ROUND OF 32</b>		
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	3:30 - 5:40 5:55 - 8:05	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
<b>ROUND OF 16</b>		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
<b>QUARTERFINALS</b>		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY JUNE 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<b>FINALS</b>		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY JUNE 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

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**Schedule of Events**

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
ROUND OF 128 ROUND ROBIN (7 LOSING TEAMS FROM USA 1 R32)		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 7:20	BOARDS 1-9 & 10-18, CLUMPED BOARDS 19-27
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 3:45	BOARDS 28-36 & 37-45, CLUMPED BOARDS 46-54 & 55-63, CLUMPED
ROUND OF 64 ( 5 USA1 R16 LOSERS + 5 TEAMS FROM R128)		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH		EVENING OFF TO REGROUP, PARTY OR PREPARE
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 32 (3 USA1 R8 LOSERS + 5 USA2 R64 WINNERS)		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 16 (4 ROUND OF 32 WINNERS)		
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QUARTER-FINALS		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SEMI-FINALS		
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SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
FINALS (USA1 LOSING FINALIST VS USA2 SEMI WINNER)		
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 15TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90

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Schedule of Events



## Some Hands from the Mets Division First Round Robin

Board 29  
 Dealer: N  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ QJ65  
 ♥ Q62  
 ♦ AKT6  
 ♣ Q7

In the match between Schwartz and McKellar, McKellar's East/West pair tried to get lucky by playing a very aggressive 3NT from East.

When 3NT got doubled, perhaps they should have run out to their ten card club fit... but then again, at first glance, it appears that a heart lead from South will give them nine tricks: one heart, one spade and seven clubs.

♠ 2  
 ♥ KT  
 ♦ 987  
 ♣ AK65432



♠ AT93  
 ♥ 853  
 ♦ QJ2  
 ♣ T98

That would be true if East and West could trade one measly club spot.

As the cards lie, with the blocked club suit, 3NT doubled was a disaster. It was defeated 3 tricks for a 12 IMP loss.

♠ K874  
 ♥ AJ974  
 ♦ 543  
 ♣ J

This hand actually belongs to the North-South pair, and at most tables, N/S played in a spade partial.

Boards 50-56 did not look that exciting, however, the Ozdil East/West pair appeared to create their own action. This pair bid too much on the wrong boards!

Boards 50 and 52 both make slam, but the Ozdil pair stopped in four hearts on 50 and five spades on 52.

But never fear, they found a way to overbid on every other board in the set. Rarely do you see all seven boards declared from the same side...

Board 55 was the ultimate source of damage.

It would seem that most auctions would start with two passes. North would open a spade and North/South would rest in a part score or a non-making game.

Somehow, the Ozdil E/W pair entered the auction on their combined 15 HCP and no useful distribution.

The result was East declaring two hearts doubled down five for minus 1400 and 15 IMPs to Nussbaum.

On this same board, the Schwartz East/West pair found their way into the auction.

East ended up as declarer in one spade doubled. This was defeated two tricks for a nine IMP loss.

We suspect that this auction started with a strong club by North (how else could E/W end up in spades at the one level?)

Board 55  
 Dealer: S  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ AJ9432  
 ♥ A6  
 ♦ AQJ5  
 ♣ Q

♠ KQT75  
 ♥ 843  
 ♦ K63  
 ♣ 64



♠ 8  
 ♥ KJ75  
 ♦ 984  
 ♣ K9852

♠ 6  
 ♥ QT92  
 ♦ T72  
 ♣ AJT73

Baseball season has begun! Already five teams are showing real promise for having a great season this year. Both fans and analysts are already speculating how well these teams will do. However, a couple of the teams had a bumpy week - one team had some pitching problems and lost more games than they won. Another team played the most games during the week because they ended up playing a double-header (two games in one day against the same team) to make up for an earlier game that was rained out, but they did have the home team advantage for the two games. Determine the name of each team, the number of games each played this week (5 to 7), if they were at their home stadium or traveling away from home this week, the number of games each team won, and the number of games each team lost.

- The three teams that had away games were the team that won only two games, the Yankees, and the team that lost two games.
- The Blue Jays didn't play five games.
- One team had the same number of wins and losses.
- The Cardinals, who played five games, had one more win than the Blue Jays.
- The Mariners only lost one game.
- The Red Sox played at home this week.

## *Early Baseball Leaders*

		Won					Lost														
		5	5	6	6	7	Away	Away	Away	Home	Home	2	3	3	4	4	1	2	3	3	4
<b>Lost</b>	<b>Blue Jays</b>																				
	<b>Cardinals</b>																				
	<b>Mariners</b>																				
	<b>Red Sox</b>																				
	<b>Yankees</b>																				
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	<b>Home</b>																				
	<b>Home</b>																				

*Answers to Puzzle ... no Peeking!!*

Team	# Played	H/A	# Won	# Lost
Yanks	6	Away	3	3
RS	7	Home	4	1
Mariner	5	Home	4	1
Cards	5	Away	3	2
BJ	6	Away	2	4

## From Letterman's Top Ten: Signs NY has Baseball Fever:

10. 98% of New Yorkers walking around carrying bats - up from usual 94%.
9. Teams are doing so well Hillary Clinton split on whom to pretend to root for.
8. Inscription on Statue of Liberty reads "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, and we'll beat them in a best-of-seven series".
7. Sirens on ambulances play "We Will Rock You".
6. Mayor Giuliani using "baseball fever" as excuse to spray city with toxic chemicals.
5. More school absence notes mentioning "torn rotator cuff".
4. Crazy guys in subway adding infield chatter to usual rantings.
3. New Trump Tower built in the shape of Mike Piazza's well-manicured mustache.
2. Hookers offering baseball special: for \$100 they'll be the Yanker and you can be the Yankee.
1. Upsurge in newborns named "Knoblauch".

## Sorry Bart... You can't be a Sox Fan (either Sox, right Judy?) and not poke fun at the Yanks!

In honor of Roger Clemens',45, return, the Yankees have replaced the 7-th inning stretch with the 7-th inning nap and begun an early-bird special at the snack bar.

Health officials now believe the swine flu will not reach pandemic status and may not be any more dangerous than your typical flu. The swine flu is so weak and overhyped it should be renamed the Yankees flu.

The New York Yankees set a record by being error-free for 18 consecutive games. The closest they've come to making an error is letting Phil Hughes pitch.

The Phillies-Yankees game at new Yankees stadium will be nationally televised by Fox on May 23. Aerial shots of the new stadium will be provided by Air Force One.

A highly-respected economic forecaster, Lakshman Achuthan, said the recession is almost over. He also said he believes "Al Gore invented the Internet, Alex Rodriguez is clean, and that professional wrestling is real."

Yankees catcher Jorge Posada has been placed on the disabled list. Posada injured his hamstring while dodging questions about Alex Rodriguez.

Some Red Sox fans had brooms confiscated by security after Boston swept New York at Yankee Stadium. Security plans to use the brooms as seat fillers for the next homestand.

New York Yankee officials are keeping an eye on the effects of wind in regards to homerun totals at the stadium. They've already tried to reduce it by making sure the turn styles aren't spinning.

A teacher in a New York elementary school asks her students if they're Yankees fans. All of the hands go up except for one student. "Okay, Bobby. What team are you a fan of?"

"The Red Sox."

"Why's that?"

"Well, my parents are both Red Sox fans, so I'm a Red Sox fan too."

"That's not a good answer, Bobby. If your parents were both morons, would you be a moron too?"

"No, that would make me a Yankees fan!"

**"Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others."**

- Jonathan Winters



## The Five Level Belongs to the Opponents!!

Board 54 ♠ 98  
Dealer: E ♥ 6  
E/W Vul. ♦ K63  
♣ A985432

♠ 32 ♠ Q764  
♥ Q95 ♥ AK873  
♦ A985 ♦ Q42  
♣ KQJ7 ♣ 6

♠ AKJT5  
♥ JT42  
♦ JT7  
♣ T



In most matches, East/West reached a non-making four heart game. In some cases, they were doubled. Only two pairs took the phantom save in five clubs... Both thought they had a disaster when they were defeated three and four tricks. As luck would have it, Rogoff and Schwartz were playing one another.

Rogoff got lucky and won seven IMPs when their pair was only down three!

## Pablo Consults Natasha ...

In desperation, I called the Riviera and found Natasha on the beach... Lucky for me, she had her cell tucked neatly in her beach bag and answered on the first ring... "Bon Jour." I lamented my picks and Natasha responded, "C'est damage!"

"What a shame?" I shout... "How does that help? You don't know Jack (Limey Jack, that is!!)"

Natasha told me to cool my Jets (another NY team?) and warned me that Cohler and Schwartz are chronic underperformers ... just like the Mets! But once they get out of the Mets bracket... which they will... they will perform more like the Yankees and lead their division.

## Jack of All Trades...

Gracious me, but I am in tremendous form so far. I believe a trip to the Punter( English Bookmaker-ed note) would be in order today. For some reason they have the brackets in the USBF round of 64 or so, glamourizing the two cretinous New York Cricket teams instead of honouring a truly worthy team such as Manchester United.

But tosh to all that as we get to what counts; not how well or poorly they play, but rather how well I pick them to perform.

As told to you previously, Robinson is winning one bracket while Rogoff and Ozdil are comfortably ahead in the other. Ozdil is clearly the team to be afraid of as these lads know how to win. And presumably Melih won't need to be playing one way transfers.

A couple of the Lassies are holding their own, including perennial contender Meltzer as well as the 3 generation Blanchard team. How about a hand for them. Never mind, they have one already.

We note an unusual name on the leader board in Nussbaum while the original 1 and 2 seeds are fighting it out for the last survivor's spot. It seems as though Weed will barely hold on to qualify, although it is a little hazy.

In the other (weaker) bracket, there are a number of unknown names, some of whom will qualify. The triple pro-am team (Fleisher) has held their own quite nicely and will Q easily.

Tomorrow, we will sort the wheat from the chaff and I will tell you who will come out of the round of 32, Really, these chaps have 14 teams in the round of 32. Colonials, will they ever become civilized?

Cheers, Limey Jack.