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**UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**“Trials” and Tribulations**

**USA1**

**Round of 16**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
3	Diamond	84	39	10	21	14
14	Rogoff	91	40	29	18	4
4	Jacobs	84	49	18	0	17
13	Ozdil	128	11	40	37	40
5	Cohler	113	10	53	7	43
12	Fleisher	127	39	20	41	27
6	Strul	94	20	31	2	41
11	Robinson	111	52	19	12	28
7	Meltzer	138	6	76	24	32
10	McKellar	75	38	15	10	12

**QuarterFinals**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30
2	Welland	66	35	31
7	Meltzer	30	29	1
3	Rogoff	47	34	13
6	Robinson	75	44	31
4	Ozdil	52	5	47
5	Fleisher	95	54	41

**USA2**

Team Name	Total	6	5	2	3	1	4	7	BYE
6. Nussbaum	84.51		13.89	15.97	5.00	15.97	15.26	8.42	10.00
5. Beatty	81.81	6.11		7.37	17.03	6.11	19.22	15.97	10.00
2. Lewis	72.61	4.03	12.63		7.04	14.18	10.00	14.73	10.00
3. Blanchard	72.18	15.00	2.97	12.96		12.63	7.04	11.58	10.00
1. Cole	63.50	4.03	13.89	5.82	7.37		11.58	10.81	10.00
4. McLaughlin	59.53	4.74	.78	10.00	12.96	8.42		12.63	10.00
7. Yates	55.86	11.58	4.03	5.27	8.42	9.19	7.37		10.00

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"The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory."  
- Paul Fix

<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>
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<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 Gabel</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>
<b>Ozdil</b>		<b>Melih Ozdil, Capt</b> <b>Jiang Gu</b> <b>Xiaodong Shi</b>	<b>Mark Lair</b> <b>Jonathan Weinstein</b> <b>David Yang</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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<b>McKellar</b>		<b>Arch McKellar, Capt</b> <b>Warren Rosner</b> <b>Franco Baseggio</b>	<b>Chuck Lamprey</b> <b>Stephen Sanborn</b> <b>Andrew Stark</b>

## Great psych from the Jacobs/Ozdil match...

Board 34  
 Dealer: E  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ K9764  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ AKJ985  
 ♣ Q

West	North	East	South
Lair	Grue	Ozdil	Cheek
		2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

♠ QT  
 ♥ AJ7542  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ T74



♠ J3  
 ♥ KQT96  
 ♦ 632  
 ♣ AT3

Mark Lair, sitting West, was pleasantly surprised when his partner opened a weak two in his six card suit. Things got even better when his RHO passed. Mark knew the opponents had to be cold for game or even slam in one of the other three suits.

♠ A852  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ K98764

He decided to take his chances and see if he could really PRE-EMPT them out of game. He bid four spades!! This was passed out.

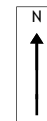
With the advantage of the opening lead, North/South were able to make slam ... down NINE! for a gain of 5 IMPs and a LOT of shtick value!

## From the Welland/Meltzer Quarterfinal...

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Garner	Larsen	H Weinstein
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠ (artificial)	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Board 4  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ QJ942  
 ♥ KQ84  
 ♦ AKQ  
 ♣ K

♠ 76  
 ♥ A9765  
 ♦ T862  
 ♣ Q7



♠ AT83  
 ♥ J3  
 ♦ 9543  
 ♣ A82

Early in the quarterfinals, the Welland Team gained 13 IMPs on this board when Howard Weinstein made a no-play 3NT with a "bluff" trick.

At both tables, West led a small heart and East won the jack.

Against Weinstein, Larsen shifted to a spade. (Note that a diamond would be better, but the contract could still be defeated.) Howard made the key play of the club king. He could never get to his hand to enjoy the clubs. But you never know what will happen. Larsen DUCKED!

♠ K5  
 ♥ T2  
 ♦ J7  
 ♣ JT96543

Now the contract was cold. As long as Weinstein played a spade toward his king, the defenders couldn't separate their tricks (2 hearts, 2 clubs and 1 spade). But, no one is perfect; Howard led a heart to his ten and Meltzer's ace. Of course Rose couldn't envision the ace of clubs in Kyle's hand so she continued spades and all's well that ends well.

At the other table, Willenken shifted to a pedestrian diamond at trick two. Declarer attacked hearts and then spades ... going down two tricks.

## 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.

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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

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			

## 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!**

## 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.

**FYI: There is an extensive restaurant guide available in the Hospitality Suite. Come anytime the suite is open and take one!!**

Joan and Barbara are looking forward to seeing you there!

## Where There's a Will, There's a Way...

In a tiny village on the Irish coast lived an old lady, a virgin and very proud of it. Sensing that her final days were rapidly approaching, and desiring to make sure everything was in proper order when she dies, she went to the town's undertaker (who also happened to be the local postal clerk) to make it proper "final" arrangements. As a last wish, she informed the undertaker that she wanted the following inscription engraved on her tombstone: "BORN A VIRGIN, LIVED AS A VIRGIN, DIED A VIRGIN"

Not long after, the old maid died peacefully. A few days after the funeral as the undertaker/postal clerk went to prepare the tombstone that the lady had requested, it became apparent that the tombstone she had selected was too small for the wording that she had chosen. He thought long and hard about how he could fulfill the old maid's final request, considering the limited space available on the small piece of stone.

For days, he agonized over the dilemma. But finally his experience as a postal worker allowed him to come up with what he thought was the appropriate solution to the problem. The virgin's tombstone was finally completed and duly engraved, and it read as follows: "RETURNED UNOPENED"

# From the Meltzer/Nussbaum Round of 32 from Jeff Miller

Board 54     ♠ 9842  
 Dealer: E     ♥ 8754  
 E/W Vul.     ♦ Q6  
                  ♣ J95

♠ 3  
 ♥ K9  
 ♦ JT75432  
 ♣ KT2



♠ A65  
 ♥ JT62  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ 8764

♠ KQJT7  
 ♥ AQ3  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ AQ3

West	North	East	South
Heitzman	Sontag	Prahn	Bates
		Pass	1♣ (strong)
2♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Matches turn on finesses and suit breaks. Sometimes the hands are well-suited to one team's methods or style.

Long matches help to even out the breaks, putting the emphasis back on skill.

The Meltzer team needed a big rally in the final quarter, and needed a few breaks. The players knew the score, and luck was with them on a crucial hand or two. The Nussbaum team was quite impressive.

Here is a hand where the crucial finesse was not a winner – a chance for Sonty to show his technique. He did.

Playing a strong club, Sontag/Bates arrived at a 4♣ contract played by the weak hand. The opening lead was a diamond, in response to the jump overcall. There was a spade loser, a club loser, and two possible heart losers. Losing the first trump lead to LHO, Sonty got the return of the heart Jack. Some might think that this play was revealing, but that is a superficial view. At this level, the lead might be from anything. Moreover, the correct technique is the same.

Sonty stepped up with the heart ace. If the King is onside, it will still be there later. He next stripped the diamonds, drew trumps, and lost the club trick to RHO. Hearts could not be attacked from that side. Two rounds of clubs later, he was in his hand, ready to lead toward the heart queen, knowing that RHO had only one heart and the rest diamonds.

The finesse no longer mattered. If RHO had the King, he would deliver a ruff-sluff on the return. Who needs finesses?

At the other table, the declarer did not have a diamond bid, but perhaps had similar inferences from the carding. At this table an early heart finesse doomed the contract. This was one of many hands that marked the difference in the match.

**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)		
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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

USA2  
Schedule of Events

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	3		1		4		5	
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# Sudoku

Two men are out just fishing quietly and drinking beer.

Almost silently, so as not to scare the fish, Bob says, 'I think I'm gonna divorce my wife. She hasn't spoken to me in over 2 months.'

Earl continues slowly sipping his beer then thoughtfully says, 'You better think it over, Bob . Women like that are hard to find.'

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

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

# Thoughts on Life!

Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with 'Guess' on it. So I said 'Implants?' She hit me.

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America ?

Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into my own pants.

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

When I was young we used to go 'skinny dipping,' now I just 'chunky dunk.'

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over? AMEN, AMEN !!

Wouldn't you know it.... Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.

And remember: life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

## **UNDERSTANDING WOMEN (A MAN'S PERSPECTIVE)**

I know I'm not going to understand women. I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your upper thigh, rip the hair out by the root, and still be afraid of a spider.

## **THE SILENT TREATMENT**

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, 'Please wake me at 5:00 AM .' He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, 'It is 5:00 AM. Wake up.'

## **MARRIAGE SEMINAR**

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes.'

He addressed the man, 'Can you name your wife's favorite flower?'

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's Pillsbury, isn't it?'

## From the Strul/Robinson Round of 16 ...

Board 41  
Dealer: N  
E/W Vul.

♠ Q876  
♥ 763  
♦ 74  
♣ T863

♠ AKJ  
♥ AJ9  
♦ A62  
♣ Q972



♠ T9  
♥ KQT54  
♦ K5  
♣ KJ54

♠ 5432  
♥ 82  
♦ QJT983  
♣ A

West	North	East	South
Martel	Wildavsky	Stansby	Doub
	Pass	1♥	3♦
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠ (RKC)	Pass	5♣ (1 or 4)	Pass
5♦ (queen ask)	Pass	6♣ (trump Q +	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Robinson	Becker	Boyd	Strul
	Pass	1♥	3♦
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠ (RKC)	Pass	5♣ (1 or 4)	Pass
5♦ (queen ask)	Pass	5NT (trump Q + club K & no spade	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Board 41 of the Strul/Robinson match presented declarer with an interesting play problem. The contract was six hearts in both rooms. Against Peter Boyd, the ace of clubs was led and twelve tricks were claimed at trick two.

In the other room, Lew Stansby received a diamond lead and was left to work out the clubs on his own.

With KJxx of clubs opposite Q9xx, the normal play is to guard against ATxx or Txxx in LHO's hand by playing the king followed by the jack. Lew did not play the club suit in this standard manner. Instead he led toward the queen and guarded against the actual holding, singleton ace on his left.

South had preempted three diamonds and had followed to two rounds of hearts.

In a vacuum, declarer could test spades first and get a near-perfect count on the hand. That would seem to be the correct technique if dummy held only AKx rather than AKJ of spades. The AKJ spade holding gives declarer the chance to fall back on a spade finesse or a spade-club squeeze if the clubs don't behave. If declarer leads the king of clubs first he will need to find the squeeze to make six hearts.

At both tables, South bid three diamonds over the heart opening bid and nearly identical bidding followed, with East cue bidding and then bidding 4♠ as Keycard Blackwood followed by the Queen ask. Stansby responded 6♣ showing the heart queen and the club king. Robinson responded 5NT which showed the heart queen and the club king without the spade king.

This is an interesting twist.

## From the Rogoff/Robinson Quarterfinal...

The Rogoff/Parker partnership plays a very active style, interfering and competing aggressively.

Early in the second quarter of their match against Robinson, this backfired and they lost 26 IMPs on Boards 21 & 22. On Board 21, the opponents rested in two hearts after a weak 1NT opener. Parker balanced vulnerable on KQxxxx of clubs and a side ace. The result was down two for a 12 IMP loss. Their teammates were overboard in a four heart contract.

On the next board, Parker bid two spades over a one diamond opener holding KQJT<sub>x</sub> of spades and Q<sub>xxx</sub> of hearts. Over the opponent's negative double, Rogoff raised to four spades on A<sub>xx</sub> and a singleton heart. This was doubled and defeated four tricks. Minus 800 was a 14 IMP loss when their teammates misguessed the play and were defeated in another four heart contract.

Board 28 was a small victory for their aggressive style.

Board 28	♠	K5	
Dealer: W	♥		
N/S Vul.	♦	Q3	
	♣	AKQ987532	
♠	Q42	♠	AT876
♥	A763	♥	K82
♦	K8752	♦	AJT96
♣	T	♣	
	♠	J93	
	♥	QJT954	
	♦	4	
	♣	J64	



West	North	East	South
Doub	Rogoff	Wildavsky	Parker
Pass	1♣ (strong)	1NT (two suits)	Double (artificial)
3♥	4♣	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The Vul vs. NV sacrifice produced a 6 IMP gain when Wildavsky picked the wrong Ace to lead.

Hint to Adam: Next time lead Partner's suit!)

## Limey gets Slimy!

Well, here we are in the most confusing Bridge tourney in all the World.

My Gracious, when we play our Gold Cup, it is so straightforward. When you lose you turn tail and slink home. When play begins, you need to be on premise or you may not play.

Not so, you Yanks. People show up as they please, willy nilly. AND, if they lose they don't leave, they just keep playing as though they had nowhere else to be.

I am sure that there is a computer programme somewhere that can keep this all straight, but for a simple bloke such as I, it is way beyond me.

Apparently they had some sort of round robin over there today and winners are playing losers and new people are playing old people and Little People are playing the best.

The Robinson team continues to fell all who dare enter their realm. So shall it continue apace tomorrow as they dispatch the upstart Rogoff team.

The three Amigos continue their campaign as they dispatch my personal favourite; Ozdil. Melih took care of the formerly highly thought of Jacobs team but seemed to run out of steam today.

Ah, a new Country heard from: Welland, which had heretofore not played a card, will smite the Meltzer team by a very large number, breaking the pattern established so far. All 3 previous teams with a bye were sent packing today.

Limey Jack doesn't usually bother with the "B" league, but since a few extra pounds came my way, I feel compelled to share my wisdom with all of you. So call up your favourite punter and place a few bob on these picks:

McKellar-Nussbaum: Does it really matter which one lasts but another day? All right then, we will go with the Auld Sod and announce that Nussbaum can pack for home.

What is Strul doing here? This is the swan song of that fine American writer, Lawrence Cohen, who had planned a gripping series of books about their glorious run to Sao Paulo. Well, they stay alive tomorrow, but do not have enough in the tank to go all the way. I shall miss the three generation team, but they are young.

Mahaffey was so upset by the ...well, upset, that he fired Cohler. Not the player mind you, but the name. Henceforth Mahaffey will be known by Mahaffey. It will be a "Cole" day in Hades before they would lose tomorrow. Cole looks for a withdrawal after 3.

Jacobs-Lewis: My spies tell me that neither team is happy or harmonious. Most of the Jacobs' air was let out of the balloon today. If Lewis gets out of the gate quickly, they will never look back. Too tough to call but a tiny nod to Jacobs.

Diamond-Beatty: The intact Vanderbilt loser has no idea why they are playing in this bracket. Surely there was an 8 imp scoring error. Beatty has a four handed lineup that sometimes has 5 players. Well they will need all 5 tomorrow, but if only 4 play, The "Diamond" will shine brightly.

There you have it; all the winners and runners-up for tomorrow. I shall have just a nip and head off for a nap and watch tomorrow as all my predictions come true.

Cheers;  
Limey Jack

## Pablo Punctuates...

It's a sad day in Mudville when I have to agree with most of Jack's picks. We've now finished the round of 128 which had 7 teams in it. We've moved on to the round of 64 with 10 teams in it... By the time we arrive at the finals, we should be up to at least 20 teams... and no one knows their revolving seed number! Rumor has it they're running out of food in the hospitality suite because no one gets sent home. The hotel has invited us back since our rooms are booked on an eternal basis... Too bad they don't have beaches in White Plains!

Anyway, on to business... It's gonna be Welland, Robinson, and Fleischer joining Nickell in the Semis... and Nussbaum, Strul, Mahaffey (aka Cohler), Jacobs and Diamond moving on to the round of 32 where they will be joined by the three quarterfinal losers and six to ten other teams whose names we don't know!!

Buenos Noches...

Pablo