



Daily Bulletin



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Chicago hosts the Summer NABC

Don't miss the Summer North American Bridge Championships in Chicago, July 13-23. See page 18 for details.



ATTENDANCE through Saturday 6680.5 tables



Goodwill Message

As we pack up our bid boxes and prepare to leave, let's be sure to thank our hosts. The New Orleans committee, led by Chairs Larry Federico and Jackie Madden, has exhibited outstanding hospitality.

Roger Smith, Chair

Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee

Wolfson leads the pack, wins Vanderbilt

Team WOLFSON (Jeffrey Wolfson, Steve Garner, Zia Mahmood, David Gold, Brad Moss, and Joe Grue) withstood a fourth-quarter surge by

BERNAL (Francisco Bernal, Leonardo Cima, Giorgio Duboin, Michael Kamil, Antonio Sementa and Alfredo Versace)

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Winners of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams: Executive Director Paul Cuneo presents the Vanderbilt trophy to Zia Mahmood of team Wolfson. (From left): Joe Grue, David Gold, Steve Garner and Brad Moss (Jeffrey Wolfson inset)

Going for Gold

Junior teams world championship-bound

The 2022 Michael Seamon Junior U.S. Bridge Championships were held in Atlanta GA at the end of December to select the teams that will represent the U.S. at the World Championships in Veldhoven, Netherlands this summer. Two teams qualified from the U26 and U21 categories and one each in the U16 and Women's. Because of the pandemic-induced



U26 USA1: Ben Kristensen, Zach Grossack, Finn Kolesnik, Emma Kolesnik, Jacob Freeman and Kevin Rosenberg

hiatus on F2F bridge, some age restrictions were relaxed so that players that had aged out of competition were able to participate.

The trials were held in person but played on tablets via

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Today's Bridge Events

Sunday, March 19

Bill Geary Memorial Day

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	
			ACBL members	Other
10 am				
Sunday Morning Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19
10 am & 1 pm				
Steven Plotkin Fast Open Pairs	1-2	Carondelet, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
10 am & 1:30 pm				
NABC+ FAST PAIRS	1-2 F	Bissonet, 3rd floor	\$30*	—
10 am & tba				
James "Red" Hailey Jr. Memorial Top-Flight Swiss Teams (<i>unlim./6000/4000</i>) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Preservation Hall, 2nd floor	\$20	\$24
Steven Plotkin Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-3000) <i>Playthrough with a short break</i>	1-2	Preservation Hall, 2nd floor	\$20	\$24
10 am & 3 pm				
GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B	1-2 F	Bissonet, 3rd floor	Free	—
PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C	1-2 F	Bissonet, 3rd floor	Free	—
10 am & 3:30 pm				
JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Acadia, 3rd floor	\$30*	—
2 pm				
Sunday Afternoon Side Pairs <i>Fri-Sun Daylight Series</i>	single	Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd floor	\$20	\$24
299er Pairs	single	Mardi Gras Salon F, 3rd floor	\$15	\$19

* In addition, there is a screen fee of \$10/pair/session or \$20/team/session.

Unless otherwise noted, strata breaks for all stratified events are: A (2500+), B (750-2500), C (0-750). Three-flight events are divided A/X (6000+/0-6000); B/C (1500-3000, 0-1500); Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). Two-flight events are divided A/X/Y (6000+/4000-6000/0-4000); B/C/D (1500-3000/750-1500/ 0-750) if no Gold Rush OR A/B/C (3000+/1500-3000/0-1500) and Gold Rush (400-750/200-400/0-200). In B flights, no single player may be over 3000. In Gold Rush events, no single player may be over 750. **BOLD, UPPER CASE = NABC+ events.** UPPER CASE = NABC events. **Green = Regional events (gold and red points).** **Blue = Gold Rush events (gold and red points).** **Red = Intermediate/Newcomer 299er events (red points).**

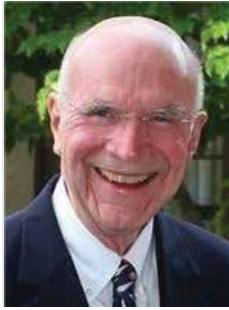
International Fund

In NABC+ events, \$1.50 (per person, per session) of each entry fee will be allocated to the ACBL International Fund. These funds are used to underwrite part of the expenses of ACBL players who participate in international competition.

Today's Sponsors

Bill Geary

There are two words that describe Bill Geary: "Perfect gentleman." He was always pulling out chairs and helping ladies with



their sweaters and jackets, but more important he treated everyone at the bridge table with courtesy and respect, including a bridge partner who often forgot conventions and made numerous errors.

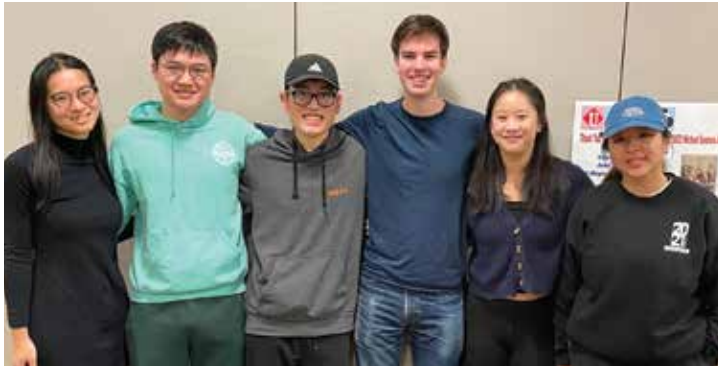
Bill learned to play bridge after he retired from Ochsner, where he headed the gynecology department. He was a quick study and like all of us fell in love with the game. He was my partner

for over 20 years; not only did we become friends, but his wife, Deanie, became a dear friend. Our trio went to many tournaments together, and while Bill and I were at work, Deanie was our official shopper and also served as social director, finding great restaurants.

I treasure many happy memories.
Daisy Vandenburg

Junior teams

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U26 USA2: Amber Lin, Brent Xiao, Richard Jeng, Cornelius Duffie, Cynthia Huang and Stella Wan



Rona USA: Margot Donnellan, Ava Donnellan, Helena Hsieh and Jessie Cai

the platform LoveBridge. The winners of the U26 contest, KOLESNIK (captain Finn Kolesnik, Zach Grossack, Kevin Rosenberg, Ben Kristensen, Emma Kolesnik and Jacob Freeman) were heavy favorites – their roster reads like that of an open championship event. After losing a couple of early matches, KOLESNIK won the round robin and faced GOYAL (Sarik Goyal, Sheldon Tan, Derek Wong and Gan Yang) in the semifinal where they won 175–85. The other semifinal match featured another strong team with plenty of experience: XIAO (captain Brent Xiao, Richard Jeng, Amber Lin, Cynthia Huang, Stella Wan and Cornelius

Duffie) opposite CHEN (captain Tianyang Chen, Jiahe Shen, Zhenling Wang, Fangqing Yuan, Qian Sun and Yifu Ouyang). XIAO prevailed 144–79. The final for USA1 would be KOLESNIK vs. XIAO.

The 60-board match was highly competitive. XIAO jumped out to a 68–37 lead after the first quarter, thanks in part to two grand slams bid and made by Lin–Huang. KOLESNIK gained 3 IMPs in the second quarter and 8 more in the third. Down by 20 going into the final 15-board set, KOLESNIK prevailed in the homestretch, winning the match 177–172.

Board 51 featured a thoughtful play by Finn Kolesnik to add 17 IMPs to his team's score.

Dlr: South ♠ Q 9 7 5
 Vul: E–W ♥ 7
 ♦ Q J 6 4
 ♣ J 10 8 6

♠ A J	♠ K 4 3 2
♥ K Q 10 9 6 4	♥ A 5
♦ A 9 2	♦ K 10 8
♣ K 4	♣ Q 9 7 5
♠ 10 8 6	
♥ J 8 3 2	
♦ 7 5 3	
♣ A 3 2	

West	North	East	South
<i>F. Kolesnik</i>	<i>Xiao</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Jeng</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

(1) 17–19, six hearts, semi balanced

After the ♦Q lead was won in hand, Kolesnik played the ♥K and a heart to the ace, North discarding the ♦4. Next came the ♣5, South flying with the ace. Kolesnik dumped his ♠K, creating a vital dummy entry. South's ♠6 return was

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SPECIAL EVENTS

HOSPITALITY

Grab-and-go items are available starting at 9 a.m. on the second and third floors of the Marriott, outside the Preservation Hall and Grand Ballroom.

Sunday, March 19
Smoothies



Concessions

Concessions are offered on the second floor of the Marriott. Starbucks coffee and tea are available every day for \$2. Today's breakfast items are stuffed biscuit for \$8, granola parfait for \$6, fresh fruit cup for \$5, banana for \$2 and juice for \$6. Today's lunch items for \$12 are a roasted beef and provolone po'boy with chips or a chicken Caesar salad with crackers, either of which includes a bottle of water and choice of cookie. Cookie options are chocolate chip, fudge chocolate and white chocolate macadamia nut.

A different kind of transfer

By Brian Senior

We are all familiar with the use of transfers during the auction, but there can also be transfers during the play.

Dir: North ♠ K 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ A 10 3
 Bd. 5 ♦ A Q 7 6 4 2
 ♣ 8 5

♠ 10 7 6 4 2 ♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ K 9 8 4 ♥ J 6 2
 ♦ 10 3 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ 10 6 ♣ Q J 9 4

♠ A Q J
 ♥ Q 7 5
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A K 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>David</i>		<i>Tracy</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

England's Tracy and David Sherman had a simple two-over-one auction to everyone's favorite contract on this deal from Friday's William Hulsey Sewell Jr. Memorial Top Flight Pairs.

East led the ♠9, which David won with dummy's jack to run the ♦9, losing to East's jack. Back came a second spade. David won with the ace to lead the ♦8 to the 10, queen and, king, and this time East returned the ♣Q.

David won with the ♣A, cashed the ♠Q, and called for the ♥Q, which went to the king and ace. With this play, David had transferred the menace, so that East was left with the heart guard. Now see what happened when David cashed the diamonds: East was squeezed in hearts and clubs to concede the 11th trick and a lot of matchpoints.

Bookseller in New Orleans

The Baron Barclay Bridge Supply booth is located on the second floor of the Marriott, outside the Galerie ballrooms.

Patron Lounge

The ACBL invites all Patron Members to visit the Patron Lounge in Mardi Gras Salon A on the third floor of the Marriott from 1 to 3 p.m. daily.



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

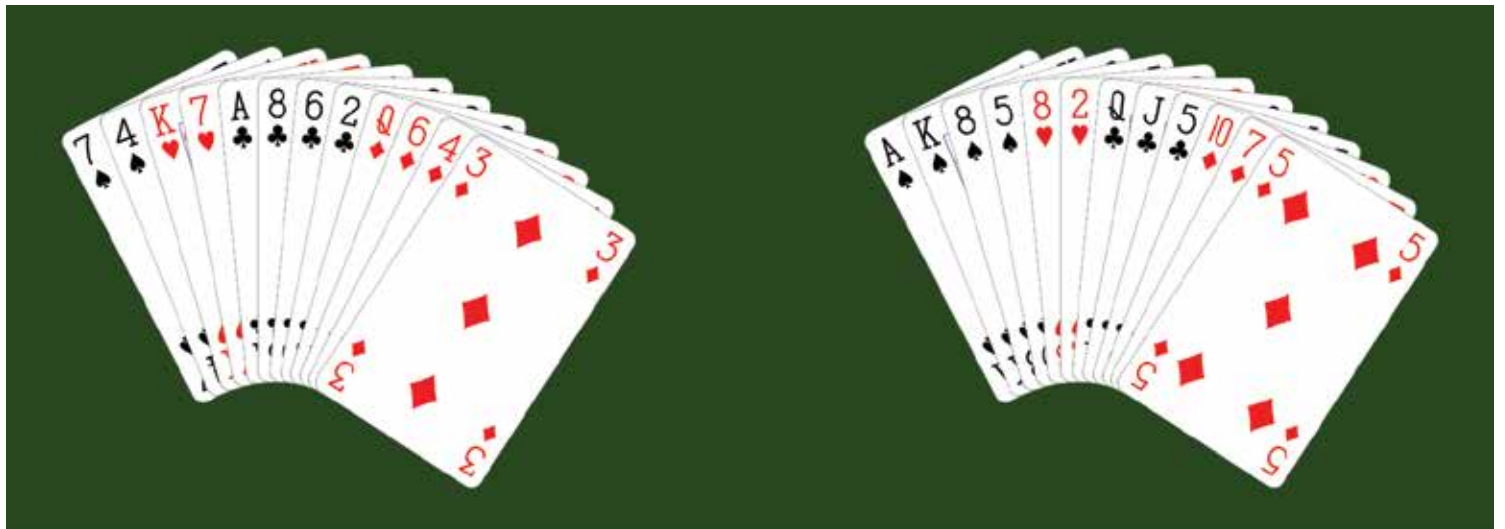
Limerick sisters

Jennifer Holmes of Metairie LA was one of the winners of the Daily Bulletin’s annual limerick contest. Her sister, Jill Chopra of Atlanta GA, also submitted a ... limerick which was labeled a “monstrosity.”

Here are the sisters with their friend, Nelson Daigle, also of Metairie. Nelson sponsored Wednesday in honor of Jennifer and Jill’s mother, Sharon Henry. “We had a bunch of T-shirts made for Sharon Henry day,” said Jennifer.

Team Sharon didn’t do so well in Wednesday’s round robin teams, but the next day, Jennifer and Jill played in the Gold Rush Pairs, placing second in Flight C. They earned 2.65 points, most of them gold.

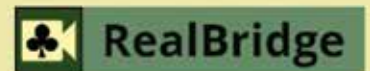
(From left): Jennifer Holmes, Nelson Daigle and Jill Chopra



W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
2♣	P	3♦	



West and East each dropped a card.
Can you find the missing cards?



Tulin sets pace in Jacoby Swiss

The squad captained by Stan Tulin won the qualifying round of the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, scoring 116.51 victory points in Saturday's round to earn a carryover of 3.98 VPs for today's two-session final. Tulin is playing with Dror Padon, Alon Birman, David Bakhshi, Cornelis Van Prooijen and Louk Verhees Jr.

In second with 114.31 VPs (3.71 carryover) is Sartaj Hans and company: Peter Gill, Nabil Edgtton and Michael Whibley.

Third place (113.09 VP and 3.18 carryover) is occupied by John Overdeck, playing with Aldo Gerli, Norberto Bocchi and Leonardo Fruscoloni.

Forty-six teams advanced for today's final round.

Humphreys-Parrish take huge lead in Fast Pairs

Defending champions Greg Humphreys of Charlottesville VA and Adam Parrish of New York lapped the field in the qualifying round of the NABC+ Fast Pairs, earning the maximum carryover of four boards – 124 on a 31 top – on scores of 70.92% and 62.48%.

They're more than a board and a half ahead of Eric Gettleman of Ellicott City MD and Paul Holmes of Wadsworth OH with 76.08. In third are

Janice Seamon-Molson of Hollywood FL and Susan Zhang of Los Altos Hills CA.

Sixty-four pairs will play in today's final.

D21 pair lead NAP B by a hair

Donghui Lui of San Jose CA and Frank Xie of Sunnyvale CA, representing District 21, have a sliver of a lead in the Golder North American Pairs, Flight B. With scores of 57.64% and 64.54%, they have less than one matchpoint on Jean La Traverse of Montreal QC and Stephane Turcotte of St.-Laurent QC, who represent District 1. La Traverse and Turcotte scored 58.87% and 62.92%. Both pairs have a carryover of about two and a half boards – 43.81 and 43.02 on a 17 top.

In third, about a half-board behind, are Kevin Marnell of Portland OR and Tim Rilling of Vancouver WA, representing District 20.

Thirty-six pairs qualified for today's final.

New Yorkers lead NAP C

Maya Jonas-Silver and Jack Latta of Brooklyn NY, representing District 24, posted scores of 55.77% and 69.02% in Saturday's qualifying sessions to earn the maximum carryover of four boards in the President's Cup North American Pairs, Flight C. They have 68 on a 17 top.

About half a board behind are Xu



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27 April final

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Li of Pasadena MD and Helin Wei of Clarksville MD, who represent District 6, with a carryover of 60.32. Also from District 6 is the third-place pair of Jichong Chai of Fairfax VA and R. Mani of Lanham MD.

Thirty-six pairs qualified for today's final.

We Share the Air

Please keep it healthy and fragrance-free

The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments.

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DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances.

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Junior teams

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Under-21 USA1: Bo Han Zhu, Harrison Luba, Michael Xu and Olivia Schireson



Under-21 USA2: Jonathan Yue, Rory Xiao, Arthur Zhou and Michael Hu



Under-16 USA: Brian Zhang, Andrew Chen, Jeff Xiao, Eric Xiao and Charlie Chen

won with the ace, the ♠J was led, covered with the queen and won with the king. A third spade was ruffed. Now a club to the queen and a club ruff followed by the marked diamond finesse and the ♦K. When South followed, Kolesnik claimed the last two tricks: his ♥Q 10 were over South's ♥J 8.

At the other table after the same auction, the ♣J was led to South's ace. The ♠10 was returned, covered all around and won in dummy. Declarer played the ♥A and low to the king, going down one when they split 4–1. That put KOLESNIK up by 8 IMPs, but XIAO regained the lead on the next board when they bid slam and the other table did not. After that, however, KOLESNIK went on a 26–0 run. A 13-IMP pickup on a slam by XIAO on the last board made the final score 177–172, a close match for XIAO who went on to secure the USA2 spot.

In the U21 event, XU (Bo Han Zhu, Harrison Luba, captain Michael Xu and Olivia Schireson) won the round robin handily and stayed in command in the semifinal against GONG (Nathan Gong, Arthur Gong, Edward He and Eric He) and final against ZHOU (Arthur Zhou, Michael Hu, Jonathan Yue and Rory Xiao), which they won 216–122.

ZHOU had a close semifinal match against DERMAN (Ethan Derman, Michael Hass, Daniel Balof, Levie Katriel, Sam Pahk and Kai Eckert) before losing to XU; they met them again in the USA2 final where they prevailed 174–100.

The Rona drew four teams. After the round robin was won by HSIEH (Helena Hsieh, Jessie Cai, Ava Donnellan and Margo Donnellan); they faced QIAN (Nicole Qian, Helen Chow, Katherine Hwang and Helen Levy) for a 60-board knockout which they won 149–112.

Only one team entered the U16 contest, the Junior Committee recommended to the USBF Board they be approved for championship play.

Masterpoint disclaimer

Results reported in the Daily Bulletin are subject to change because of score changes or corrections. The masterpoint awards as shown are, therefore, also subject to change.

Use of the bidding box – Alerts and Announcements

When using bidding boxes, the ACBL requires that players tap the Alert strip and say “Alert” at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word (such as “transfer”) and tap the Alert strip at the same time. A player who Alerts or Announces a bid must make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

Notice of binding arbitration

By becoming an ACBL member or renewing your membership in the ACBL, you expressly agree to waive your right to have disputes between you and the ACBL resolved in a court of law and agree to accept the use of binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association. The binding arbitration provisions are available for review at acbl.org/bindingarbitration.

New Player Puzzle Answer

(From page 5)

The missing card for West is the ♦A. Without the added ace, the hand has only 9 points – insufficient for an opening bid.

The missing card for East is the ♦J. East's jump preference is encouraging, indicating about 11 points, but not forcing. Adding either the ♥A or the ♦K would make the hand too strong for the 3♦ bid.

QUALIFIERS IN THE NABC+ FAST PAIRS

32.0 Tables / Based on 59 Tables	Carryover
1 Greg Humphreys, Charlottesville VA; Adam Parrish, New York NY	124.00
2 Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH	76.08
3 Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA	64.01
4 Annie Schwartz – Alan Schwartz, Fairfax VA	55.15
5 Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	54.07
6 Richard Logan, Diamondhead MS; James Bush, New Orleans LA	53.32
7 Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL	53.07
8 William Young, Durham NC; Ronald Kral, Reston VA	50.70
9 Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh, Kirksville MO	50.38
10 Ken Bercuson, Las Vegas NV; David Hoffner, Galloway NJ	49.86
11 Emma Kolesnik, Newton Center MA; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL	48.77
12 Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Norman Beck, Dallas TX	48.48
13 Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Stephen Donahue, Riverwoods IL	46.89
14 Steven Wallis – Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	45.48
15 Ray Miller – Gregory Herman, Seattle WA	45.47
16 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Irva Neyhart, Portland OR	45.11
17 Aaron Jones, Los Angeles CA; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA	41.10
18 Marjorie Michelin – Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	39.80
19 Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Michael Christensen, Seattle WA	39.71
20 Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury Ma MA; Stephannie Culbertson, New York NY	39.19
21 Ryan Connors, Alexandria VA; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA	38.08
22 Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Jessica Larsson, Heimdal Sweden	38.00
23 Laurie Vogel – Barry Rigal, New York NY	36.85
24 Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, England	36.81
25 Jeffrey Blond, Brossard QC; Brad Bart, Coquitlam BC	36.65
26 Frank Treiber III, Toledo OH; Jonathan Fleischmann, Canton MI	35.50
27 Gediminas Poska – Daiva Vitukynaite, Palos Hills IL	34.30
28 Jodi Edmonds, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Jackson Heights NY	33.80
29 Kyle Rockoff, Gilbert AZ; Sarik Goyal, Chicago IL	30.06
30 Alex Perlin, Metuchen NJ; Ljudmila Kamenova, South Setauket NY	28.51
31 David Sherman – Tracy Sherman, Manchester United Kingdom	28.09
32 Rob Gordon – Dori Cohen, Woodbury NY	27.63
33 Allison Kranyak, Greenville SC; Tom Hunt, Kiawah Island SC	27.44
34 Edward Xu, North York ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA	26.76
35 Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; David Yoon, Bayside NY	26.07
36 Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH; Jeffrey Gargrave, Dayton OH	24.95
37 Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA; William Rogers, Santa Fe NM	24.46
38 Eileen Paley, White Plains NY; Mimi Bieber, Hartsdale NY	23.21
39 Don Lussky, Elmhurst IL; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth TX	22.28
40 Michael Shuster, Collegeville PA; Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA	21.50
41 Subba Ravipudi, Dana Point CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA	21.00
42 Tom Bishel – John Bishel, Columbus OH	20.22
43 Michael Gladfelter – Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	19.46
44 Thomas Rush, Houston TX; Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA	17.63
45 Joe Rickman, Maryville TN; Arthur Lowen, Nashville TN	16.14
46 Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA	15.93
47 Guillermo Minutti, Montevideo Uruguay; C. Valerie Gamio, Rolling Hills Estates CA	15.29
48 Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, Saint Paul MN	14.69
49 Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA	12.78
50 Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA; Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA	12.68
51 Terry James, Upper Arlington OH; Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH	9.42
52 Sibrand Van Oosten, Leiden Netherlands; Jane McLaughlin, San Francisco CA	8.83
53 Matthew Weingarten, Seattle WA; Sriram Ganesan, Redmond WA	7.92
54 Bryan Howard, Nashville TN; Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Roads AL	7.79
55 Uday Ivatury – Christal Henner, New York NY	7.66
56 Jeff McKee, Livingston TX; Greg Resz, Weatherford TX	6.41
57 Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas CA; Anne Wilson, Campbell CA	5.92

58	Ankur Rathi, San Francisco CA; Max Aeschbacher, Cottonwood Heights UT	4.12
59	Allison L. Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Gerriane Mason, Crossville TN	3.94
60	Muffie Gur – Reha Gur, Bonita Springs FL	1.68
61	Patrick White, Simi Valley CA; Vic Quiros, Phoenix AZ	0.99
62	Corey Krantz, Delray Beach FL; Bruce Lang, Palm Beach Gardens FL	0.75
63	Paul Wright Jr., Mount Pleasant SC; Martin Johnson Jr., Folly Beach SC	0.19
64	Michael Hartnett, Greenbrae CA; Mark Peterson, Larkspur CA	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE GOLDER NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT B

18.0 Tables

1	Donghui Lu, San Jose CA; Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA	43.81
2	Jean La Traverse, Montreal QC; Stephane Turcotte, St.-Laurent QC	43.02
3	Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA; Kevin Marnell, Portland OR	35.69
4	Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA; Barry Dehlin, Dresher PA	33.82
5	Xiaoyuan Niu – Jia Mi, Alpharetta GA	32.57
6	Daniel Lustig, Germantown TN; Howard Morris, Cordova TN	32.36
7	Charles Young – Rich Pestien, Peoria IL	25.20
8	Nathan Gong – Arthur Gong, Sammamish WA	22.27
9	Bing Tong, Suwanee GA; Morgan Johnstone, Atlanta GA	20.04
10	Sean Casey, Atlantic Highlands NJ; Jason Tokuda, Livingston NJ	19.22
11	James Zhan – Ying Peng, Sugar Land TX	17.11
12	Shendi Young – Chen Young, Henderson NV	15.41
13	Keith Hafen, Gainesville VA; John Pegues, Warrenton VA	14.92
14	Amit Duvshani, New York NY; Vladimir Kolbun, Forest Hills NY	14.72
15	Clive Morgan, Jacksonville FL; Mark Kessler, Ponte Vedra FL	14.45
16	Bob Cuccias, Laguna Woods CA; Wayne Gorski, Mission Viejo CA	14.21
17	Eric Xiao – Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA	14.08
18	Frank Morgan, Ocean City NJ; Mike Kohler, Coopersburg PA	13.30
19	James Alstad, Rancho Palo Verdes CA; James Heltsley, Redondo Beach CA	11.32
20	Francis Savaria, Mercier QC; Charles Faille, St.-Constant QC	10.06
21	Qing Yang, Cupertino CA; Elenalani Lam, Sunnyvale CA	7.51
22	Eric Goff – Neil Cohen, Austin TX	7.13
23	Henry Zhang, Plymouth MI; Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI	6.85
24	Patrick Herbst, Falls Church VA; Benjamin Sharp, Alexandria VA	5.68
25	Dana Shelley – Philip Abrahamson, Atherton CA	5.53
26	Thomas Kriz, Breinigsville PA; Philip Geibel, Durhamville NY	5.26
27	Susan Eiger – Kenneth Eiger, St. Louis MO	4.79
28	Jui Wang, Morrisville NC; Clerk Shaw, Knoxville TN	3.49
29	William Strauss, Urbana IL; Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL	3.47
30	Kevin Cline – Becky Stevens, Seattle WA	2.52
31	Jonathan Pulvers – Krista Garver, Portland OR	1.24
32	John Morgan – La Verne Swiggum, Madison WI	0.90
33	Gregory Andrews – Scott Cantor, Houston TX	0.65
34	Xiaolun Yi, Douglas NB; Peter Coates, Hanwell NB	0.61
35	Julie Wong – Rolando Grijalva, Reno NV	0.11
36	William Brewer, West Chester OH; Stew Devilbiss, Dayton OH	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE PRESIDENT'S CUP NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FLIGHT C

18.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables

1	Maya Jonas-Silver – Jack Latta, Brooklyn NY	68.00
2	Xu Li, Pasadena MD; Helin Wei, Clarksville MD	60.32
3	Jichong Chai, Fairfax VA; R. Mani, Lanham MD	55.90
4	James Yi, West Bloomfield MI; Tengyun Tony Cao, Troy MI	54.76
5	Rolf Hoyer, Des Moines IA; Susan Hamel, Des Moines IA	52.96
6	Jason Mook, Shreveport LA; Tommy Mook, Shreveport L LA	48.06
7	Catherine Wehrman – Paul Wehrman, Shoreview MN	42.83
8	Alec Sun – Mingkuan Xu, Pittsburgh PA	42.17
9	Joe Fahey, Vadnais Heights MN; Gerry Keith, Lino Lakes MN	36.45
10	Debra Annand – Sharon Seidler, Charleston WV	34.33

11	Kevin Tomanek – Michael Szesztopalow, Winnipeg MB	31.71
12	Bill Shane, Laguna Woods CA; Hongsa Situ, Irvine CA	30.57
13	Jonathan Weyn – Christine Chai, Redmond WA	28.61
14	Jessica U – Jingyang Ng, Queens NY	28.44
15	Prashanth Sriram, San Mateo CA; Aravind Alwan, Milpitas CA	26.64
16	Terry Pond, Orlando FL; Jeanne Henderson, Lake Mary FL	26.48
17	Michelle Crivella – Cassie Norvell, Charleston SC	25.50
18	Stephen Glazer – Robert Faberman, Sharon MA	25.01
19	Milind Girkar, Sunnyvale CA; Shailesh Sampat, San Jose CA	24.68
20	Ashot Harutyunyan – Shih-Chieh Fuh, Montreal QC	23.21
21	Kenneth Mandel – Andrew Jeanguenat, New York NY	22.39
22	John Groenewold, Schaumburg IL; Dave McCarty, Chicago IL	21.90
23	Carol Poirier, South Berwick ME; Gordon Lane, Seabrook NH	21.09
24	Asher Howarth – Paul Kubicek, Royal Oak MI	19.94
25	Bonnie Orris – Don Orris, The Villages FL	15.86
26	Donna Agee, Centennial CO; Jean Sundling, Denver CO	15.20
27	Robert Bradford, Dayton OH; Prashant Balwally, Centerville OH	14.06
28	Ellen Luchette, Limerick PA; Carl Chan, Media PA	11.93
29	Albert Coffrin III – Deborah Coffrin, Santa Fe NM	11.28
30	Peter Clive – Diana Clive, Fort Worth TX	8.99
31	Erika Hennings, Astoria NY; Melanie Petsch, New York NY	2.78
32	Paul O’Neill – Celine O’Neill, Sewickley PA	2.29
33	Mary Jo Campbell, West Vancouver BC; Stephanie Hackett, North Vancouver BC	1.63
34	Colleen Perry – Susan Craven, North Vancouver BC	0.82
35	Sheri Markwardt, Milwaukee OR; Stacey Melnick, Portland OR	0.65
36	Renee Arnold, Siletz OR; Jaci Bohms, Toledo OR	0.00

QUALIFIERS IN THE JACOBY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

46 Tables / Based on 91 Tables

Carryover

1	Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Dror Padon – Alon Birman, Tel Aviv Israel; David Bakhshi, London England; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Venneep Netherlands; Louk Verhees Jr., Leiden Netherlands	27.94
2	Sartaj Hans, Goulburn Australia; Peter Gill, Australia; Nabil Edgton, Sydney Australia; Michael Whibley, Auckland New Zealand	26.15
3	John Overdeck, Short Hills NJ; Aldo Gerli, Padova Italy; Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Leonardo Fruscoloni, Brooklyn NY	25.37
4	Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Liam Milne, Sidney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA	23.62
5	John Onstott NPC, New Orleans LA; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL; Venkatrao Koneru – Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV	20.35
6	Maggie Knottenbelt – Oliver Burgess, London United Kingdom; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom; Kieran Dyke, Glebe Australia; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom; Tom Townsend, London England	19.79
7	Gillian Minitier – John Hurd, New York NY; Kevin Bathurst – Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Kranyak, Greenville SC	19.33
8	Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Nicolas L’Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba Israel; Piotr Pawel Zatorski, Gdansk Poland; Andrea Manno, Palermo Italy; Massimiliano Di Franco, Italy	17.92
9	William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden	16.76
10	Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Linlin Hu, People’s Republic of China; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD; Jun Shi, Halfmoon Bay CA	16.58
11	Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Thomas Bessis, Paris France; Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA	16.14
12	Andrew Dyson, New York NY; Glyn Liggins, London United Kingdom; Peter Crouch, Surrey England; Erik Berg, Meldal Sor-Tron Norway	14.65
13	Melih Ozdil, New York NY; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Sharon Goldman, Miami FL; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV	14.36

14	Christian Jolly, New Hudson MI; Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Tom Carmichael, Marysville WA	14.02
15	Michael Bell – Sarah Bell, London England; Ben Norton, Loughborough United Kingdom; Stefano Tommasini, Santa Catarina Brazil	13.57
16	Joyce Hill, Saint Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer – Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt – Shan Huang, Jacksonville FL; Ola Rimstedt, Sweden; Mikael Rimstedt, Halmstad Sweden	13.18
17	Adam Wildavsky, New York NY; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Douglas Doub, Oak Ridge TN; Allan Graves, St. Johnsbury VT; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	13.13
18	John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden; Nick Jacob, New Zealand	13.00
19	Lynda Nitabach, North Plainfield NJ; Juan Castillo, Fort Lauderdale FL; Jacek Pszczola, Weston FL; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; Jerry Stamatov, Boca Raton FL; Ivan Nanev Ivanov, Sofia Bulgaria	12.89
20	Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack – Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Dennis Bilde, Horsens Denmark; Agustin Madala, Buenos Aires Argentina; Michael Rosenberg, Foster City CA	12.03
21	Selena Pepic, Paris France; Steven Ashe, Tampa FL; Luc Tijssen, Tilburg Netherlands; Anam Tebha, West New York NJ; Jovana Zoranovic, Novi Sad Serbia	10.28
22	Amber Lin, Millbrae CA; Cynthia Huang, Las Vegas NV; Franco Baseggio – Dana Berkowitz, New York NY	8.78
23	Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Daniel Zagorin, Chicago IL; Oren Toledano, Jerusalem Israel; Ami Zamir, Hod Hasharon Israel	8.52
24	Leo Rombaut, Lys Lez Lannoy France; Jerome Rombaut, France; Alain Levy - Erick Mauberquez, Paris France; Nicholas Lhuissier, Rueil Malmaison France; Julien Bernard, Paris France	8.39
25	Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Giovanni Donati, Italy; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands	7.59
26	Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA; Louis Glasthal, Berwyn PA; Anil Padhye, Mumbai India; G. Venkatesh, Carmel CA	7.27
27	Kevin Collins, Dunwoody GA; Patricia Tucker – Olin Hubert, Atlanta GA; Hugh Brown Jr., McCormick SC; Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge MA	6.90
28	Mike Levine – David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Geir Helgemo, Heimdal Norway; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm Sweden	6.81
29	Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Dano De Falco, Rubano Italy; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands	6.62
30	Lynn Shannon – John Miller, Campbell CA; Max Schireson, Stanford CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA	5.67
31	Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Kielce 25-63 Poland; Piotr Marcinowski, Wroclaw Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland	5.52
32	Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland; Patryk Patreuha, Bolesla Awiec Poland; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark	4.98
33	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH; Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; Fred Stewart, Bradenton FL; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; John Lusky, Portland OR; Allan Falk, Okemos MI	4.06
34	James Fox – Judy Fox, Virginia Beach VA; Maximo Crusizio – Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Fort Lauderdale FL	3.89
35	Parag Saxena, Rye NY; Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Eldad Ginossar, Sanibel FL; Christina Madsen, Denmark; Veri Kiljan, Tilburg Netherlands	3.81
36	Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Morten Bilde, Hovedgaard Denmark; Andreas Meister, Copenhagen Denmark; Emil Jepsen, Aarhus Denmark; Simon Hult, Wastervik Sweden	3.38
37	Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland; Michal Klukowski, Geneva Switzerland; Jacek Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Michal Nowosadzki, Wejherowo Poland; Bartlomiej Igla, Kusnacht Switzerland	3.03
38	Norman Selway – Kay Preddy, Orpington United Kingdom; Anne Brenner – David Caprera, Denver CO	2.99
39	Ettore Bianchi, Stamford CT; Giuseppe Delle Cave, Rome Italy; Franceso Mazzadi, Parma Italy; Gabriele Zanasi, Palermo Italy	2.79
40	Anne-Frederique Levy, Paris France; Paul Seguineau, New York NY; Vanessa Reess, Clichy France; Arthur Libbrecht, Clichy France	2.06

41	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; Andrew Chesterton, Winchester MA; George Jacobs, Hinsdale IL; Claude Vogel, Chicago IL; Russell Samuel, Coram NY; Jeffrey Rothstein, New York NY	1.71
42	Steve Raine, Nottingham United Kingdom; Pawel Hanus, Carrollton TX; Ari Sippola, Richardson TX; Seppo Sauvola, Oulu Finland	1.68
43	Jeffrey Juster – Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; Peter Weichsel, Carlsbad CA	1.20
44	Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken – Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjor Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway	0.34
45	Jim Darvey, Rancho Mirage CA; Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Bob Zeller, Kanata ON; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	0.11
46	Hong Ding, New York NY; Nikolas Bausback – Anja Alberti, Darmstadt Germany; Michael Pauly, Frankfurt Germany	0.00

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VANDERBILT KNOCKOUT TEAMS

1. (9) Bernal **134**
4. (34) Zhao 119

1. (9) Bernal 5 53 74 113
2. (6) Wolfson 41 92 129 **141**

2. (18) Goodman 130
3. (6) Wolfson **151**

60 Tables

250.00 1 Jeffrey Wolfson – Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Zia Mahmood – David Gold, London United Kingdom; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY

180.00 2 Francisco Bernal, Miami FL; Leonardo Cima, Roma Italy; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Michael Kamil, San Antonio TX; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy

125.00 3/4 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA; Mike Passell, Plano TX; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Zwaag Netherlands; Giovanni Donati, Italy; Giacomo Percario, Livorno Italy

125.00 3/4 Chen Zhao, Greenbelt MD; Jing Liu, Forest Hills NY; Yinghao Liu, Hoboken NJ; Linlin Hu, People's Republic of China; Hongji Wei, Philadelphia PA

80.00 5/8 Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland; Cedric Lorenzini, Cachan France; Thomas Bessis, Paris France

80.00 5/8 John McAllister, Charlottesville VA; Nick Jacob, New Zealand; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Simon Ekenberg, Kalmar Sweden

80.00 5/8 Sam Dinkin, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland; Patryk Patreuha, Bolesza Awiec Poland; Asaf Yekutieli, Tel Aviv Israel; Christian Lahrmann, Virum Denmark



80.00 5/8 Maggie Knottenbelt – Oliver Burgess, London United Kingdom; Michael Byrne, Manchester United Kingdom; Tom Townsend, London England; Kieran Dyke, Glebe Australia; Ben Handley-Pritchard, Stroud United Kingdom
50.00 9/16 Andrew Rosenthal – Chris Willenken – Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland, Flekkefjord Norway; Christian Bakke, Bergen Norway

50.00 9/16 Pierre Zimmermann – Michal Nowosadzki – Michal Klukowski – Piotr Gawrys – Sebastiaan Drijver – Sjoert Brink, Geneva Switzerland

50.00 9/16 Reese Milner, Sarasota FL; Hemant Lall, Marina Del Rey CA; Roy Welland, New York NY; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Rafal Jagniewski, Legionowo Poland; Wojciech Gawel, Wroclaw Poland

50.00 9/16 Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Brian Platnick, Evanston IL; Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Liam Milne, Sidney Australia; Andy Hung, Brisbane Australia

50.00 9/16 John Onstott NPC, New Orleans LA; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Michal Kwiecien, Lublin Poland; Wlodzimierz Starkowski, Poznan Poland; James Krekorian, Pensacola FL

50.00 9/16 Patricia Cayne, Boca Raton FL; Tim Verbeek, Utrecht Netherlands; Dan De Falco, Rubano Italy; Danny Molenaar, Den Haag Netherlands; Bart Nab, Tilburg Netherlands; Bob Drijver, Rotterdam Netherlands

50.00 9/16 Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Finn Kolesnik, Austin TX

50.00 9/16 William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Ulf Nilsson, Dalby Sweden; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI

Vanderbilt

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to win the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams.

WOLFSON held BERNAL, who was playing five-handed due to a player falling ill, to just 5 IMPs in the first quarter. They led by 36 after one set and by 39 at the halfway mark. By the end of the third quarter, their lead had grown to 55 IMPs. But BERNAL came back in a big way: They went on a 34–0 run over the first nine boards of the fourth quarter to come within striking distance, down just 21 with six boards to go. On Board 25, WOLFSON picked up 6 IMPs when they settled in a minor-suit partscore; the other table stretched to the 11-trick



Runners-up in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams: Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, npc Claire Alpert, Francisco Bernal, Giorgio Duboin, Leondardo Cima, and (inset) Michael Kamil

game, going down one. After a couple of push boards, the teams traded small pick-ups. The final board saw both teams settle in 6♠ though a grand was makeable on a finesse. The final score was 141–113.

CARL MERLIN SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS

8.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.00	1			Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; John Mohan, Las Vegas NV	57.89%
9.75	2			Sherry Fardie, Miami Beach FL; Judi Radin, New York NY	56.16%
7.31	3			William McFall, New Berlin WI; Jerry Poliquin, Kansas City MO	53.94%
5.48	4			Howard Epley – Karen Epley, Kent WA	53.35%
4.33	5			Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY	52.95%
7.31		1		Sue Becker, Canton OH; David Johnson, Calgary AB	52.48%
5.48		2	1	Kenneth Hopke, Annandale VA; Thomas Jennings, McLean VA	52.41%
4.11		3	2	Annsophie Andersson, Rimbo Sweden; Fredrik Kronmarker, Stockholm Sweden	50.91%
3.08		4	3	Ron Birnbaum, Los Angeles CA; Thomas McDow, Rock Hill SC	50.75%

CARL MERLIN SATURDAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.38	1			Barbara Morgan, New Braunfels TX; Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring TX	61.88%
4.79	2			Sandra Forsythe – Steven Forsythe, Centerville OH	61.73%
4.80	3	1		Janice Smith, Ruidoso NM; Joan Spence, Hillsboro OR	56.27%
3.60	4	2		Walter Driscoll III – Elizabeth Gompels, Cambridge MA	53.20%
3.41	5	3	1	Gwen Chen, Wilmington DE; Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON	52.65%
2.03		4		Bob Mendel – Tonya McNabb, Houston TX	50.62%
2.56			2	David Fotland – Wendy Fotland, San Jose CA	46.35%

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.12	1	1	1	Zhenling Wang, Berkeley CA; Qian Sun, Jersey City NJ	64.88%
3.09	2			Robbie Koster – Eva Poppe, Nootdorp Netherlands	62.08%
2.76	3	2		Benjamin Sharp, Alexandria VA; Patrick Herbst, Falls Church VA	58.89%
2.22	4	3		Jill Sackett – Joseph Sackett, Winchendon MA	54.46%
1.55	5	4		Philip Lawes, Greenwood MS; Jacquelyn Madden, Metairie LA	52.64%
1.97		5	2	Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Jack Boge, New York NY	50.93%
1.48			3	Joe Fahey, Vadnais Heights MN; Gerry Keith, Lino Lakes MN	50.77%
1.11			4	Debra Annand – Sharon Rubin, Charleston WV	50.34%

SIGURD NORDVOLL MEMORIAL SATURDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1	1		David R. Williams, Metairie LA; Dee Moses, New Orleans LA	64.58%
3.25	2			Geoffrey Brod – Marie Abate, Newington CT	62.50%
2.44	3/4	2	1	Boyuan Xiong – Yuxuan Liao, Bloomington IN	58.33%
2.14	3/4			Idell Adams, Baton Rouge LA; Larry Federico, Metairie LA	58.33%
1.37	5			Richard Butrovich, Hendersonville NC; James Williams, Wilmington NC	58.04%
1.03	6			Sonja Smith, Chapel Hill NC; Paul Burnham, Wilton CT	56.25%
1.83		3		JoAnn Ippolito, Metairie LA; Kathleen Savino, New Orleans LA	53.35%
1.37		4		Gloria Georger – Marie Nelson, Rochester MN	50.30%
1.79			2	John Early, Lansdale PA; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	47.92%

SATURDAY MORNING 299ER PAIRS

7.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.70	1	1	1	Hans Jonassen – Pierce Jonassen, New Orleans LA	67.01%
2.03	2			Jeanne Theis – Phil Theis, Woodstock VA	58.33%
1.52	3			Terry Habig – Debby Habig, New Orleans LA	57.64%
1.40	4	2	2	Claire Webb, New Orleans LA; Elisabeth Perino, Metairie LA	56.35%
1.05	5/6	3		Anne Maverick – Andrew Maverick, Baton Rouge LA	53.57%
0.75	5/6			Wendell Cavalier – Julia Cavalier, Gulfport MS	53.57%

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.68	1			Ronald Mak – Alice Bruist-Mak, Manchester NH	62.08%
2.76	2			Betty Bursey, Chevy Chase MD; Lucy McCoy, Annandale VA	57.92%
2.82	3	1		Boyuan Xiong – Yuxuan Liao, Bloomington IN	57.50%
1.55	4			Jonas Drobulis, Fraser CO; Marek Witek, Dabrowa Gornicz Poland	56.67%
2.12	5	2		David R Williams, Metairie LA; Dee Moses, New Orleans LA	55.00%

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 299ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.10	1	1		Toni Hansen – Jay Hansen, Simi Valley CA	59.72%
1.58	2			Jerry Flury – Carole Campbell, Lancaster PA	58.33%
1.18	3			Daphne Lesage – Clare Brown, New Orleans LA	56.25%
1.34		2		Anne Maverick – Andrew Maverick, Baton Rouge LA	54.86%

TUE-FRI EVENING SIDE SERIES

27.75 Tables / Based on 13 Tables

8.05	1/2			Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY	137.27%
8.05	1/2			David Gurvich, New York NY	137.27%
6.99	3			Walter Driscoll III, Cambridge MA	120.46%
3.48	4/5			Barry Plotkin, Baldwin NY	110.74%
3.48	4/5			Michael Botwin, Rockville Center NY	110.74%
3.24	6/7			Dimi Cooklev, Fort Wayne IN	110.58%
3.24	6/7			Joseph Shull, New Haven IN	110.58%

WILLIAM HULSEY SEWELL JR. MEMORIAL FRIDAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS – REVISED

52.0 Tables / Based on 114 Tables

	A	X			
43.65	1	1		Pierre Dufour, Boca Raton FL; Walter Driscoll III, Cambridge MA	59.11%
32.74	2			James Parker – Darcy Parker, Hendersonville NC	57.45%
24.55	3	2		Jonas Drobulis, Fraser CO; Marek Witek, Dabrowa Gornicz Poland	56.90%
18.41	4			Jeffrey Ford, Redmond WA; Michael Christensen, Seattle WA	56.83%
14.55	5			Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Randy Okubo, St. Paul MN	56.64%
12.47	6			Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI; David Binney, Seattle WA	56.28%
10.91	7			Jeff Hand, New York NY; William Neumann, Columbia MD	56.03%
10.43	8	3		John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Eugene Kales, East Lansing MI	55.73%
8.73	9	4		Jordan Winick, Toronto ON; William Segraves, Guilford CT	55.62%
7.94	10			Jill Marshall, Port Chester NY; Steven Huhman, Alpharetta GA	55.30%
7.28	11			Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Morrisville NC	55.11%
6.72	12			Gediminas Poska – Daiva Vitukynaite, Palos Hills IL	54.94%
6.24	13			Peter Zelnik, Austria; Terry Weigkricht, Vienna Austria	54.64%
5.82	14			Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA; Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH	54.58%
6.18	15	5		Summer Rifkah – Tudor Trifan, Hollidaysburg PA	54.20%
5.21	16			Mary Poplawski, Vestal NY; Gail Kreppel, West Palm Beach FL	54.02%
4.85	17			Jay Kelkar, Oak Hill VA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	53.73%
5.30	18	6		Eli Jolley, Auburn AL; Rajath Shourie, Pacific Palisades CA	53.71%
4.64	19	7		Yehudit Hasin-Brumshten, Foster City CA; Max Krawczyk, Palo Alto CA	53.43%
4.16	20			Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Glenn Robbins, New York NY	53.39%
3.97	21			John Miller – Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA	53.24%
3.80	22			Jim Darvey, Rancho Mirage CA; Brian Gilbert, Irvine CA	53.15%
4.17	23			Steven Wallis – Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	53.07%
3.49	24			Myra Reneau, Chattanooga TN; Joan Braender, Newnan GA	53.04%
3.36	25			Carreen Hinds, Bakersfield CA; Judy Pedde, Grass Valley CA	52.94%
4.12	26	8		Josette Levesque, Montreal QC; Johanne Sevigny, Westmount QC	52.85%
3.71		9		Martin Garvey – Andrea Knox, Llandudno United Kingdom	52.66%
3.37		10		Erick Mauberquez, Paris France; Yoko Sobel, Brooklyn NY	52.60%
3.09		11		Vincent Coll, Maple Glenn PA; Steven Ashe, Tampa FL	52.04%
2.85		12		Patrick White, Simi Valley CA; Kevin Bolan, Snohomish WA	51.89%
2.65		13		Nancy Boyd, San Ramon CA; Susan S.M. Doe, Irving TX	51.26%

JAMES "RED" HAILEY JR. MEMORIAL BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 1

9 Tables

17.47	1	Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH; Harjinder Ajmani, Kula HI; Lily Johannessen, Honolulu HI; Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI	106.00
13.10	2	Linda Dunn, Atlanta GA; Larry Rich, Cumming GA; Nathaniel Cook, Baton Rouge LA; Felecia Peavy, Houston TX	100.00
9.83	3	Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Marie-France Benoit, Ottawa ON; Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Barton Buffington, North Kingstown RI	98.00
7.37	4	Ann Romeo, Seattle WA; Marla Patterson, Arlington WA; Donna Darvey, Rancho Mirage CA; Elinor Hood, Portland OR	90.00

JAMES "RED" HAILEY JR. MEMORIAL BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 2

8 Tables

12.00	1	Marsha Kimelman – Doug Kimelman – Suzanne McCarthy – Leigh Anne Shafer, Winnipeg MB	89.00
9.00	2	Rona Goldberg – Garry Goldberg, Delray Beach FL; Joyce Goldstein, Brooklyn NY; Ernest Napier, Nashville TN	87.00
6.75	3	Perry Poole, Maitland FL; Stanley Weiner, Las Vegas NV; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA	86.00

JAMES "RED" HAILEY JR. MEMORIAL BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN TEAMS BKT 3

9 Tables

9.65	1	Molly Silvia – Lynn Flynn – Linda Conner – Barbara Fitz-Hugh, New Orleans LA	109.00
7.24	2	Elizabeth Sewell, New Orleans LA; Michael Longmeier, Meridian MS; Mary Ann Belden, Kosciusko MS; Perri Mann, Pass Christian MS	89.00
5.43	3	Paddy Fiorino, Missouri City TX; Marc Topaz – Jackie Topaz, Flourtown PA; Donna Hrachovy, Sugar Land TX	85.00
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Falling down a rabbit hole

Dlr: East ♠ Q 9 8
 Vul: N-S ♥ A J 2
 ♦ A 7 5 4 3
 ♣ J 6

♠ — ♠ K 6 5 2
 ♥ Q 10 3 ♥ K 9 7 4
 ♦ K 9 6 2 ♦ Q J 8
 ♣ A K 8 7 4 3 ♣ 9 5

 ♠ A J 10 7 4 3
 ♥ 8 6 5
 ♦ 10
 ♣ Q 10 2

West	Carmichael	East	N. Gong
3♣	3♣	Pass	2♣
		Dbl	All Pass

In the Silodor Open Pairs, 16-year-old Nathan Gong of Sammamish WA was playing with Tom Carmichael of Marysville WA. This deal is from the first qualifying session.

The defense started with three rounds of clubs against 3♣ doubled. Nathan discarded a heart from dummy, East ruffed and returned the ♦Q to dummy's ace. Now Nathan ran the ♠Q and paused for thought.

Nathan can make this quite simply by ruffing a heart in dummy (playing ace and another; East cannot afford to lead trump), and repeating the spade finesse. Unfortunately for him, he forgot about East's ruff in his calculations and thought that East still had three spades. Under those circumstances, this line will fail.

The position Nathan pictured:

♠ 9 8
 ♥ A J
 ♦ 7 5 4 3
 ♣ —

♠ K 6 5
 ♥ K 9 7
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ —

♠ A J 10 7 4
 ♥ 8 6 5
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

Can you make your contract in such a layout? Nathan can!

He ruffed a diamond with the ♠J (more on that later, but it is necessary), led a heart to the ace, ruffed a diamond low, and played a heart to East's king.

The ending:

♠ 9 8
 ♥ —
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ —

♠ K 6
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

♠ A 10 7
 ♥ 8
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

East is on lead and the play here depends on the defense. At the table a trump was returned. Nathan carefully won his 10, ruffed his heart and led a diamond in the two-card end position towards his ♠A 7.

Had East led back the heart instead, the reason for the unblock becomes clear: you ruff in dummy and lead the ♠9, underplaying the 7. This lets you retain the lead in dummy to lead a diamond and pick up the trumps.

A successful double grand coup against an imaginary layout.

In the end, his line of play at the table worked fine with the real cards; East just simply discarded their fourth heart at trick 12.

It's worth noting that this position could be real if the hand was slightly altered to have dummy start 2=3 in hearts and clubs with three natural club losers. East isn't forced to ruff, and the rest is correct and necessary.

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Stateside

By *Andrea Knox*

I have had a great week playing in my first NABC while on holiday with my fiancée, Martin Garvey. Friday was our last session before flying home.

Martin had not played in America before but is well known in the British Isles, so the directors rightly assigned him 10,000 masterpoints (after kicking us out of the 299er games). Of Irish descent, it was time to justify that rating on St. Patrick's Day, playing in the top-flight pairs.

Holding:

♠K J 4 3 2 ♥A 7 5 ♦4 ♣J 10 9 8,

the auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
<i>Garvey</i>		<i>Knox</i>	
	1♦	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
2♣	3♥	4♣	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT

(1) 10+ HCP

Bridge is a superb psychological game and Martin correctly assessed that 6NT was making. Destined for a 2% board, he knew that North had bid 5NT with two aces and a void, so he doubled! North "knew" that Martin's double

must be based upon the ♠A K, so he bid on to 7♦, hoping for the red aces in partner's hand. Instead, the score was -200, garnering us a 96% board. The full deal:

Dlr: North	♠ —		
Vul: E-W	♥ K J 10 9 2		
	♦ K J 10 7 6 5		
	♣ A K		
	♠ K J 4 3 2		♠ 10 9 8 7 6
	♥ A 7 5		♥ 6 4
	♦ 4		♦ 9
	♣ J 10 9 8		♣ Q 6 5 3 2
		♠ A Q 5	
		♥ Q 8 3	
		♦ A Q 8 3 2	
		♣ 7 4	

West	North	East	South
<i>Garvey</i>		<i>Knox</i>	
	1♦	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
2♣	3♥	4♣	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
Dbl	7♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

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Morning Papers

By Mark Horton

Here are some of the more interesting deals from the Vanderbilt semifinals:

BERNAL vs. ZHAO

Dlr: East ♠ 9 6
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 5 2
 Bd: 6 ♦ A 10 9 5
 ♣ 10 9 7 5

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ A 10 7 4
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ K 2

♠ A 7 4 2
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ K Q J 7 6
 ♣ A Q

♠ K Q J 10
 ♥ J 9 8 6
 ♦ —
 ♣ J 8 6 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhao	Sementa	Liu	Versace
		1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The operator flagged the bids – but did not explain them.

South started with the ♠K and declarer took the third round and played the ♦K. With both entries to dummy intact, South's discard of the ♣6 was not a problem. When North withheld the ♦A, declarer overtook the ♣Q and played a diamond and could repeat the procedure by going to dummy with a heart to play another diamond. To save time, he claimed, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamil	Y. Liu	Bernal	Hu
		2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

That looks like a Puppet sequence, with West showing a four-card heart suit.

South led the ♠Q and continued the suit, declarer taking the second round, crossing to dummy with the ♥A and playing a diamond to the 5 and queen. When South discarded the ♣6, the contract went up in smoke. North won the next diamond and exited with the ♥5, declarer finishing two down, -200 and a 13-IMP loss.

Dlr: North ♠ 7 2
 Vul: Both ♥ 7 5
 Bd: 13 ♦ K Q 7
 ♣ A J 10 9 4 3

♠ J 3
 ♥ A J 4
 ♦ A J 6 3 2
 ♣ K 8 2

♠ K 10
 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 3 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ Q 7 5

♠ A Q 9 8 6 5 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 10 8 5 4
 ♣ 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhao	Sementa	J. Liu	Versace
	1♣	3♥	4♥ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

(1) Spades

West led a red ace, but it was in hearts, and the fleeting opportunity to defeat the contract vanished. Declarer ruffed the next heart, went to dummy with the ♣A and played a spade to the queen, soon claiming, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamil	Y. Liu	Bernal	Hu
	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the ♣6. East won with the queen, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond high, went to dummy with the ♥J, ruffed a diamond high, went to dummy with the ♥A, and pitched clubs on the ♦J 6, +650 for a double game-swing.

The teams started the last session deadlocked at 91–91. ZHAO overreached on the first deal to lose 500 in a doubled game which cost 7 IMPs, and they repeated the experiment three boards later, the -500 leading to a 9-IMP loss. They then recovered 12 IMPs when Bernal overreached to the five level.



Dlr: South ♠ Q 9 8 5 2
 Vul: None ♥ Q 7
 Bd: 27 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ A K 7 5

♠ A 7 6 3 ♠ 4
 ♥ 8 2 ♥ K J 10 9 6 3
 ♦ A Q 8 5 4 ♦ J 10 2
 ♣ 6 4 ♣ J 3 2

♠ K J 10
 ♥ A 5 4
 ♦ K 7 6
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Y. Liu</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾	Dbl	2♠ ⁽³⁾
Dbl	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Dbl	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			

- (1) Weak
 (2) Transfer
 (3) Three spades

South led the ♠J, and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club, North taking the king and returning the ♠5. Declarer ruffed and exited with a club, South winning and playing two rounds of hearts. Declarer could win, draw the outstanding trump and claim via the diamond finesse, +590.

If North switches to a trump at trick three, South can duck and the defenders are in control.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Zhao</i>	<i>Cima</i>	<i>J. Liu</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

- (1) Artificial game force

When East led the ♥J, declarer had been handed his contract on a plate. However, he went up with dummy's ace and apparently played the ♦K. At this point, I'm inclined to ignore what the BBO record says and content myself with reporting that it says the contract was two down, -100 but a 10-IMP swing bringing the teams level.

Dlr: West ♠ 10 6 5
 Vul: N-S ♥ A Q 8
 Bd: 28 ♦ J 8 6
 ♣ A 9 8 6

♠ A K 9 4 ♠ J 8 7 2
 ♥ 10 7 2 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q 10 9 ♦ A K 7 5 3 2
 ♣ K 4 3 ♣ J 10

♠ Q 3
 ♥ K J 6 5 4 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ Q 7 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Y. Liu</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Hu</i>	<i>Versace</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♣	2NT*	3♦	3♥
4♣	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

I'll leave you to determine the merits of bidding 5♣ as opposed to doubling 5♥.

South led the ♥K, and when North followed with the 8, he switched to the ♣Q, covered by the king and ace. Declarer won the club return and had to decide how to tackle the trump suit. When he elected to play the ♠J, hoping to pin the 10, South's cover ensured a third trick for the defense, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Zhao</i>	<i>Cima</i>	<i>J. Liu</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	All Pass

North led the ♦6. Declarer won with the 10 and played three rounds of spades before cashing the diamonds, finishing with 12 tricks and 11 IMPs, establishing a lead that could not be overturned.

WOLFSON vs. GOODMAN

Dlr: West ♠ A K Q 8
 Vul: N-S ♥ K J 6
 Bd: 4 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A Q J 2

♠ J 10 4 3 ♠ 7 5
 ♥ A Q 8 7 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A 7 ♦ 10 9 6 5 4
 ♣ K 10 9 ♣ 7 5 4 3

♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ 10 9 4 3
 ♦ J 8 3 2
 ♣ 8 6

Horton

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>
1♣	Dbl	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

I recall Terence Reese writing that with a hand like South's, you might be better off responding 1♦, as partner may have a tendency to get overexcited if you respond in a major suit.

Diamonds having been bid, East led the ♣5, and when West put in the 9, declarer won with the queen and played the top diamonds, West taking the second round and exiting with the ♠4. Declarer won with the king and played the ♥K, West winning and returning the ♠3. Declarer won, cashed the ♠Q and followed it with the ♥J. West had to duck that but he could win the next heart, cash the ♠J and exit with a club, East taking the setting trick at the end with a club, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percario</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Moss</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Dbl	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) Two+ clubs

East led the ♦6. West took the ace and switched to the ♣3, declarer winning with the king, unblocking the ♦Q and then playing three rounds of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy. West won with the jack and cashed the ♥A. If declarer follows with the 6, West can exit with a low heart, and declarer will have to lose two more tricks. Alive to that possibility, declarer unblocked the ♥J. Now a low heart could be won in dummy, so West played the ♣10. Declarer won with the queen and cashed the ♣A. West unblocked the king to avoid the impending endplay, but declarer could cash the ♣J and the ♥K before exiting with the ♣2. East could win that but had to give dummy's ♦J the game-going trick, +600 and 12 IMPs.

If you look back at the play in the other room you will appreciate that declarer could have achieved something similar had he exited with the fourth spade rather than playing the ♥J.



Dlr: North	♠ A J
Vul: E-W	♥ K 10 8 5 4
Bd: 9	♦ A 7 3
	♣ K 10 7
♠ 8 7 5 4	♠ K 3 2
♥ Q 7	♥ J 9 6 3 2
♦ K 9 4 2	♦ J 10
♣ 8 3 2	♣ A 9 5
	♠ Q 10 9 6
	♥ A
	♦ Q 8 6 5
	♣ Q J 6 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>
	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♠ ⁽²⁾
Pass	2NT ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♦ ⁽⁴⁾
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) 15+ HCP

(2) Three-suiter, short ♥/♠

(3) Relay

(4) Short ♥

East led the ♥3 to dummy's ace, and declarer played two rounds of spades, East taking the king and exiting with the ♠2. Declarer cashed dummy's spades discarding hearts and played a club to the king followed by the ♣10. When that also held, he tried a diamond to the queen, but West won and returned the ♥Q, leaving declarer with only eight tricks, -50.

Declarer must leave the diamonds alone and exit with his remaining club. East wins but cannot exit with a heart, as declarer can duck West's queen, forcing a lead into the split diamond tenace. If East tries the ♦J, declarer ducks, covers the ♦10, taking West's king with the ace and cashes the ♥K, discarding dummy's ♣Q! Then a diamond exit forces West to surrender a diamond trick to dummy, an echo of the ending on the previous deal.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Percario</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Moss</i>
	1NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♠ ⁽²⁾
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) 14-16 HCP

(2) 4=1=4=4 or 4=0=(5-4)

East led the ♥2, and at trick two, declarer played dummy's ♣4 to the king. East took the ace and exited with the ♥3, declarer taking West's queen and playing the top spades, overtaking the jack with dummy's queen for an effortless nine tricks. (There was even time to try for overtricks by playing the ♥10 hoping to pin the 9.) +400 and 10 IMPs.

Dlr: West ♠ 9 4
 Vul: None ♥ 10 7 6 4 2
 Bd: 24 ♦ 10 7 6
 ♣ Q 10 4

♠ A 7 2 ♠ K Q J 10 5
 ♥ A K ♥ Q J 9 3
 ♦ 3 ♦ A J 8 2
 ♣ A K 8 7 5 3 ♣ —

♠ 8 6 3
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ K Q 9 5
 ♣ J 9 6 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Percario</i>
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
1♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4NT ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	5♠ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
6♣ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	7♠	All Pass

- (1) 16+ HCP
 (2) 12+ HCP, not hearts unless 3=5=3=2
 (3) Relay
 (4) RKCB ♠
 (5) Two key cards + ♠Q
 (6) Grand slam try

None of the bids with asterisks were flagged by the BBO operator, which is not ideal for the closing stages of such a prestigious event. After the initial response to 1♣, West used a series of relays to get East's distribution.

North led the ♠4. Declarer cashed dummy's ♠K Q and played a heart to the king. Clearly declarer was about to ruff a club, come to hand with a spade, ruff a club, come to hand with a heart and claim, but at this point BBO reports a claim ... for 12 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zia</i>
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♠ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
4♣ ⁽⁵⁾	Dbl	Rdbl ⁽⁶⁾	Pass
4♥ ⁽⁷⁾	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- (1) 20–21 HCP
 (2) Puppet Stayman
 (3) No major
 (4) Five spades, four hearts
 (5) Cuebid
 (6) ♣A or void
 (7) Cuebid

If I was onsite, I would ask Simon de Wijs why he preferred 2NT to 1♣.

It was easy to establish the clubs and take all the tricks for +1010 and a theoretical gain of 14 IMPs.

Dlr: East ♠ Q 10 8 7 5 3
 Vul: None ♥ 8 6 3
 Bd: 30 ♦ A 8
 ♣ A K

♠ 9 4 2 ♠ 6
 ♥ K Q 5 ♥ A J 10 9 7 4
 ♦ K 9 3 2 ♦ J 7 6 5 4
 ♣ 10 6 3 ♣ 4

♠ A K J
 ♥ 2
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ Q J 9 8 7 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Percario</i>
4♥	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

East led the ♣4, so declarer took all the tricks, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zia</i>
4♥	5♣	3♥	4♣
		All Pass	

West led the ♥K so that was +420 and an 11-IMP swing that was too little, too late.

Francis Savaria of Mercier QC and Charles Faille of Saint-Constant QC are attending their first NABC, representing District 1 in the Golden North American Pairs, Flight B. They warmed up in Friday's Gold Rush Pairs, winning the event



after posting two 60+% sessions.

On Saturday, they qualified in 20th place for today's two-session NAP final. They said they would be happy to finish in the top 10, noting that it would have never crossed their mind to travel to the tournament without this opportunity.

Mixed success

Jenni Carmichael and Greg Humphreys won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs on Wednesday in New Orleans. Carmichael shared two deals from the first final session that helped them win the contest.

West	North	East	South
<i>Me</i>		<i>Greg</i>	
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Dlr: East	♠ 9 8 5 2		
Vul: Both	♥ J 10		
Bd: 10	♦ A 9 7		
	♣ 9 5 4 3		
♠ 10		♠ A 7 6 3	
♥ A Q 5 4		♥ 7 3 2	
♦ 8 5 4 3		♦ 10 6 2	
♣ A K 7 2		♣ J 10 6	
	♠ K Q J 4		
	♥ K 9 8 6		
	♦ K Q J		
	♣ Q 8		

West	North	East	South
<i>Me</i>		<i>Greg</i>	
		Pass	1NT
All Pass			

I was West and decided to lead the ♣A, asking for attitude. Greg played the jack, so I knew the clubs were not going to be what we continued. Having so much strength, I really wanted to get my suits established rather than work on Greg's. I felt a spade switch would likely be useless, and I didn't want to lead away from the ♥A Q, so I settled on a diamond continuation, switching to the 8, so Greg would know I didn't have stuff there (leading low is attitude, suggesting vales in the suit).

Declarer won in hand and put the ♠K on table. Greg grabbed it to continue diamonds. Declarer now ran the ♥J. I won the ♥Q and played a third round of diamonds. After this defense, declarer was only able to score six tricks (three diamonds and three spades) before we had our seven tricks established for down one and 90% of the matchpoints.

Dlr: West	♠ A 5 4		
Vul: Both	♥ 10 9 2		
Bd: 20	♦ K 9		
	♣ K 8 7 4 2		
♠ K 7		♠ J 9 3 2	
♥ Q 7 4		♥ J 6 5	
♦ Q 8 6 4 2		♦ J 7 3	
♣ J 6 3		♣ A Q 9	
	♠ Q 10 8 6		
	♥ A K 8 3		
	♦ A 10 5		
	♣ 10 5		

Here, Greg was on lead. He took quite some time before doing so, and later told me all the thoughts going through his head. First, he wondered where the majors were. Because I'm marked with values on this auction (the opponents did not bid game), he knew I couldn't have a good five-card major or I would've overcalled. It seemed very likely dummy was going to have at least one four-card major, if not two. He also knew that we overcall 2♣ somewhat aggressively over 1♦, as it tends to make it harder on opponents when they only have one four-card major. So he decided that it seemed very likely I had diamond length/values.

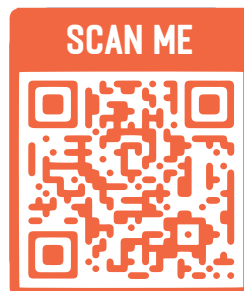
After Greg decided a diamond lead was the most likely place to find my stuff, he had to decide which diamond to lead. I think for many (myself included), I would have chosen a low one. But Greg knew that if he led low, it could finesse me out of my key honor(s) and lead to more trouble later on. So after quite a bit of consideration, Greg found the absolutely killing lead of the ♦J. Not only did this start to set up my suit, but it also attacked declarer's communications. Declarer ended up down two for 95% of the matchpoints.

It was really a standout board when I thought about all of our results, because it was such a careful and considered lead, and not one I think I would've found.

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