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News

Update: Claude Vogel (originally scheduled to be part of the Lo team) is doing much better. He has been replaced by Jeff Schuett for the competition because of his unexpected hospital visit (see yesterday’s Bulletin.)

Schuett was permitted as a last minute addition to the team. He will remain on the team for the duration.

USBF regulations do not permit substitutions on teams with 5 other players... They do, however, permit a player to be replaced in a case of medical emergency.

Alert: Lunch will be served from 12:30 on... The hospitality chairs would appreciate if we stagger our appetites to keep the ebb and flow moving easily. Thanks!!

Results:

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Team Name	Total	1	7	2	17	4	3	8	13	6	12	11	16	10	14	9	5	18	15
1. <u>Cayne</u>	204.02		19.78	13.90	10.00	14.25	16.64	.22	3.62	11.90	16.38	12.33	15.83	7.67	2.21	10.99	13.15	17.36	17.79
7. <u>Fireman</u>	201.00	.22		16.38	15.24	12.33	11.46	6.47	10.50	17.58	4.76	8.54	9.50	15.24	6.10	20.00	15.54	16.89	14.25
2. <u>Gordon</u>	200.28	6.10	3.62		15.24	7.25	5.41	14.59	10.00	10.00	16.89	15.83	18.38	7.67	11.90	12.33	10.50	18.19	16.38
17. <u>Dinkin</u>	194.31	10.00	4.76	4.76		9.01	11.90	4.46	18.56	17.99	17.13	5.41	18.73	16.38	14.25	4.17	13.90	4.17	18.73
4. <u>Mahaffey</u>	194.25	5.75	7.67	12.75	10.99		16.89	16.11	13.15	11.90	2.21	9.50	17.99	.94	15.24	14.59	6.10	15.83	16.64
3. <u>Bramley</u>	190.06	3.36	8.54	14.59	8.10	3.11		6.47	14.92	14.59	17.13	2.21	12.75	18.19	7.25	14.25	14.59	16.11	13.90
8. <u>Borker</u>	178.46	19.78	13.53	5.41	15.54	3.89	13.53		4.17	5.75	6.85	10.00	17.79	20.00	8.10	7.25	13.15	6.47	7.25
13. <u>Ivatury</u>	177.60	16.38	9.50	10.00	1.44	6.85	5.08	15.83		8.10	15.83	8.54	6.47	17.58	13.90	3.89	7.67	16.64	13.90
6. <u>Gupta</u>	176.48	8.10	2.42	10.00	2.01	8.10	5.41	14.25	11.90		5.41	19.37	7.25	8.10	17.99	15.54	14.59	10.50	15.54
12. <u>Cappelli</u>	174.65	3.62	15.24	3.11	2.87	17.79	2.87	13.15	4.17	14.59		14.92	12.33	12.75	9.50	13.15	11.90	8.10	14.59
11. <u>Rigal</u>	172.97	7.67	11.46	4.17	14.59	10.50	17.79	10.00	11.46	.63	5.08		5.75	8.54	17.36	11.90	14.92	13.90	7.25
16. <u>Ganzer</u>	162.32	4.17	10.50	1.62	1.27	2.01	7.25	2.21	13.53	12.75	7.67	14.25		13.90	19.06	13.15	17.99	10.00	10.99
10. <u>Lo</u>	155.95	12.33	4.76	12.33	3.62	19.06	1.81	0.00	2.42	11.90	7.25	11.46	6.10		14.59	16.38	17.36	9.50	5.08
14. <u>Denison</u>	146.16	17.79	13.90	8.10	5.75	4.76	12.75	11.90	6.10	2.01	10.50	2.64	.94	5.41		6.85	16.38	13.53	6.85
9. <u>Milner</u>	140.65	9.01	0.00	7.67	15.83	5.41	5.75	12.75	16.11	4.46	6.85	8.10	6.85	3.62	13.15		2.64	11.46	10.99
5. <u>Harris</u>	137.20	6.85	4.46	9.50	6.10	13.90	5.41	6.85	12.33	5.41	8.10	5.08	2.01	2.64	3.62	17.36		10.00	17.58
18. <u>Becker</u>	132.34	2.64	3.11	1.81	15.83	4.17	3.89	13.53	3.36	9.50	11.90	6.10	10.00	10.50	6.47	8.54	10.00		10.99
15. <u>Ware</u>	121.30	2.21	5.75	3.62	1.27	3.36	6.10	12.75	6.10	4.46	5.41	12.75	9.01	14.92	13.15	9.01	2.42	9.	

Teams in Order by Seeding

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Diamond Bye to Rnd of 16	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Justin Lall	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Kevin Bathurst
Hamman Bye to Rnd of 16	Robert Hamman, Capt Ross Grabel Ron Rubin	Roger Lee Howard Weinstein Peter Weichsel
Fleisher Bye to Rnd of 16	Martin Fleisher Brad Moss Michael Rosenberg Jan Martel, NPC	Chip Martel Ishmael Delmonte Chris Willenken
Cayne	Jimmy Cayne, Capt Curtis Cheek Michael Kamil	Michael Seamon Joe Grue Zia Mahmood
Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt Alan Sontag Jacek Pszczola	Pratap Rajadhyaksha David Berkowitz Kevin Dwyer
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Kit Woolsey Matthew Granovetter	Lew Stansby Fred Stewart Roger Bates
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Gary Cohler Mike Passell	Sam Lev Billy Cohen Brian Glubok
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Neil Chambers	Jacob Morgan John Schermer
Gupta	Vinita Gupta, Capt Steve Garner Adam Kaplan	Billy Miller Ron Smith
Fireman	Paul Fireman, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy Joel Wooldridge
Borker	Jay Borker Larry Robbins	Doug Doub Adam Wildavsky
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Mark Lair David Grainger	Hemant Lall Ira Chorush
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Jeffrey Miller George Jacobs	David Caprera Steve Beatty Claude Vogel
Rigal	Barry Rigal, Capt Allan Falk	Jeff Aker John Lusky
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt Robert Bitterman Joe Harris	Frank Treiber III Jerry Helms Leon Lowe
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Jon Sorkin	Christal Henner Lapt Chan
Denison	Daniel Denison, Capt Jason Feldman	Richard Unger Greg Hinze
Ware	Peggy Ware, Capt Greg Humphreys	Spencer Jones Adam Parrish
Ganzer	Craig Ganzer, Capt Franco Baseggio William Watson	Robert Brady Brady Richter Howard Liu
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Adam Grossack	Cenk Tunçok Zachary Grossack
Becker	Drew Becker, Capt Kenneth Zuckerberg	Jason Rosenfeld Daniel Wilderman



H Lall

Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well.

Jack London



Milner



Chorush



Grainger



Lair

God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.

Rudyard Kipling

If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?

Milton Berle

Our mothers give us so many gifts. They give us the precious gift of life, of course, but they also leave treasured lessons that can guide us along our journeys even when they are no longer with us.

Maria Shriver

Men are what their mothers made them.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mothers are the people who love us for no good reason. And those of us who are mothers know it's the most exquisite love of all.

Maggie Gallagher

The relationship between parents and children, but especially between mothers and daughters, is tremendously powerful, scarcely to be comprehended in any rational way.

Joyce Carol Oates

Only mothers can think of the future - because they give birth to it in their children.

Maxim Gorky

Some are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together.

Pearl S. Buck

Let's face it: Most of us don't realize it, but we are failing our kids as reading role models. The best role models are in the home: brothers, fathers, grandfathers; mothers, sisters, grandmothers. Moms and dads, it's important that your kids see you reading. Not just books - reading the newspaper is good, too.

James Patterson

The more people have studied different methods of bringing up children the more they have come to the conclusion that what good mothers and fathers instinctively feel like doing for their babies is the best after all.

Benjamin Spock

Parenting, Good, Best

All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his.

Oscar Wilde

We cannot ensure that women will be free of discrimination in the workplace and everywhere as long as women are not universally defended under our Constitution. As it stands now, the equal rights of women are subject to interpretation of law. That is a risk our mothers, sisters and daughters cannot afford.

Carolyn Maloney

I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars.

E. M. Forster

Mothers are the necessity of invention.

Bill Watterson

To all those mothers and fathers who are struggling with teen-agers, I say, just be patient: even though it looks like you can't do anything right for a number of years, parents become popular again when kids reach 20.

Marian Wright Edelman

For Mother's Day

Attention Seniors: Entries for the SUSBC close on May 11th. Please reserve your spot accordingly!

VuGraph Information

The 2015 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will cover 2 or 3 matches. The Round of 16 will start Sunday, May 10th. 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 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 VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago 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 Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards.

During the Round of 16, each team will play a different set of 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. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2015USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page

No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



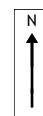
Knockout Schedule

<i>Round of Sixteen</i>		
<i>Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 9:45 AM</i>		
SUNDAY MAY 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 45-60
MONDAY MAY 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Quarterfinals</i>		
TUESDAY MAY 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Semi-Finals</i>		
THURSDAY MAY 14TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
FRIDAY MAY 15TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Final</i>		
SATURDAY MAY 16TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY MAY 17TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

Board 32 ♠ J7543
 Dealer: W ♥ Q7
 E/W Vul. ♦ 76
 ♣ AQ83

♠ Q6 ♠ T982
 ♥ J ♥ T6432
 ♦ AQJT9842 ♦ K3
 ♣ T2 ♣ J9

♠ AK
 ♥ AK985
 ♦ 5
 ♣ K7654



West	North	East	South
Ganzer	Borker	Brady	Doub
1D	Pass	Pass	1H
3D	Pass	3NT	4C
Pass	4D	Pass	6C
All Pass			

Doub and Borker bid very well to reach 6C.

The key bid in the auction was Borker's 4D call. This showed the best hand possible in support of clubs.

Doub reasoned that North was short in hearts since he likely would have bid 3H over 3D with his promised values and three card heart support.

The opening lead was the diamond ace. A second diamond was trumped. When the clubs split 2-2, Doub claimed.

At the other table in this match, West opened 3D and South balanced with double. North responded 3S and South corrected to 4H and played there making 450.

After a 1D opener, East can create a problem for South by responding 1H, South's best suit.

As it was, all's well that ends well for Borker!

Seeding Information

The teams in the USBC are seeded based on a combination of Individual Positioning Points & ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 65. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team, except that the three teams with byes are seeded on the basis of their PPs. The teams and their seed positions are listed in the table below. Note that the top 4 finishers in the Round Robin receive additional seeding points, which may change the seeding order for the Knockout stage. Teams may also add or drop players before the USBC, which would change their seeding points.

Seed	Team Name	Team Average Seeding Points
1	Diamond	70 PPs
2	Hamman	46 PPs
3	Fleisher	41 PPs
4	Cayne	52.13 SPs
5	Gordon	43.56 SPs
6	Bramley	36.72 SPs
7	Mahaffey	30.82 SPs
8	Harris	28.54 SPs
9	Gupta	25.90 SPs
10	Fireman	23.05 SPs
11	Borker	17.41 SPs
12	Milner	16.00 SPs
13	Lo	13.58 SPs
14	Rigal	11.59 SPs
15	Cappelli	8.74 SPs
16	Ivatury	8.21 SPs
17	Denison	7.32 SPs
18	Ware	5.36 SPs
19	Ganzer	4.82 SPs
20	Dinkin	4.51 SPs
21	Becker	3.38 SPs



Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2015 USBC will be room 3321. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz will make the "trek" to Chicago, where she will be joined by Martha Katz & Phyllis Cheek, to welcome you to the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. They will serve breakfast each day from 8:00 -10:30 and **lunch from Sunday-Sunday from 12:30-4:00.*** Lunch will be served in the hotel restaurant on Friday and Saturday.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

We will also have a "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) near the playing rooms starting on Tuesday. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

***Note earlier starting time than originally planned please!**



Pulling the Woolsey Over Their Eyes...

Board 24
Dealer: W
None Vul.

♠ J96
♥ AJ97
♦ AK7
♣ Q75

♠ T
♥ QT542
♦ JT54
♣ K63



♠ A7542
♥ K863
♦ Q982
♣

♠ KQ83
♥
♦ 63
♣ AJT9842

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	B Miller	Stewart	Gupta
2D (multi)	Double (13-15)	2NT (asking)	3C
Pass (showing spades)	Pass	4S	5C
Double	All Pass		

We all know it's better to be lucky than wise. Here is a hand in proof.

Kit Woolsey believes in aggressive, unorthodox preempting. Backing up his belief, he opened a multi 2D (weak two in either major) holding the H: QT542! (At least he wasn't vulnerable...)

Stewart's 2NT asked which suit Kit held. Since N/S can make 3NT, 4H doubled down two would not be a disaster... it would actually be a good save.

Caught up in the spirit of the auction, Woolsey passed over 3C, momentarily forgetting this was conventional showing spades. When asked by RHO, he realized the error of his ways. He responded that it showed spades and hoped for the best. Stewart knowing nothing of the misbid, happily bid 4S.

Look at the hand from South's perspective. Gupta has defense against 4S and should probably double. Not realizing what was happening, she rebid her seven card club suit.

Woolsey would have doubled on almost anything to stop the trainwreck. In this case, luck was with him. He led a spade to the ace. Stewart won the trick and paused, but eventually returned a spade. Woolsey ruffed and later scored his CK to defeat the game!!



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

Sudoku 1



Sudoku

Sudoku 2

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

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

Puzzle Page ... Brain Teasers ...

1. In this puzzle, each letter represents a different number. Can you work out what number (0-9) each letter stands for? The leftmost letter cannot be zero in any word.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{R O S E} \\
 + \text{G R A S S} \\
 \hline
 \text{F L O W E R}
 \end{array}$$



2. Norma travels to work by car. Helen walks and Joan travels by train. Who travels to work by bicycle - Diana or Lucy and why?

3. ACCEDE, ARTIST, GAZEBO, GLOOMY, STATUE. Which one of the following words belongs in the list above and why? BORDER, DANCER, FRIEND, OBJECT, PRINCE.

4. If a camel is 5 years old, a giraffe is 6 years old and an elephant is 14 years old, how old is a gorilla?

5. Seven men keep a different number of pigeons. Keith has twice as many pigeons as Roger, who has a third as many as Jim, who has ten fewer than Frank, who has five times as many as Bernie, who has two more than Joe, who has half as many as George. How many birds does each man have if the total number of pigeons is 240?

Answers to Puzzle:

5. Joe 12, Bernie 14, Roger 20, George 24, Keith 40, Jim 60, Frank 70.

4. The numerical value (A-Z=1-26) of the second last letter of each word is the same as the age of each animal, so the gorilla is 12 years old.

3. The second and fifth letters of each word in the top list are consecutive, so OBJECT.

2. The third letter of each name is the same as the third letter of the method of transport, so Lucy travels by bicycle.
 A=5, E=2, F=1, G=9, L=0, O=7, R=8, S=6, W=3

$$\begin{array}{r}
 = 107328 \\
 + 98566 \\
 \hline
 8762
 \end{array}$$

1.



Happy Birthday Scarlett...
7 years old!

Limey Jack...

Blimey, but Limey Jack is the dog's hind leg.

It would be a blooming miracle for Howie Dung to find the light switch, let alone identify what favourite would not make it out of the round robin. When Limey Jack tells you that Milner will not survive the RR, you can turn pence into quid at the punter. There is really no point in reading anything his Drivelness has to say. The cur does not even use iambic pentameter.

Today's pairings:

Diamond-Dinkin: Even though Dinkin has roots in the British Isles, he is no match for the Diamond juggernaut. Against a lesser team they could prevail. The Grossack twins played well today.

Hamman-Ganzer: Whilst Hamman is ripe for plucking, Ganzer will not be the one so to do.

Cayne-Cappelli: Tho quite long in the tooth, Cayne has still put together a formidable squad. With Zia in wonderful form, Cappelli will be the first withdrawal of the event. They are unlikely to make it past six chukkers.

Fleisher-Ivatury: Henner-Welland would bite her arm off to play in the next round; sadly she is dispatched on Mums' Day.

Gordon-Lo: Lo was cobbled together at the last minute and played like it. Gordon has a new pair which is untested. Gordon will need to be sharp to ascend, but Limey Jack call it for Gordon in a close match.

Bramley-Regal: As in most of the tilts, the favourite is hard pressed to break sweat. Howie Dung must be wetted with picking all these 5-2 shots.

Fireman-Gupta: And yet again Fireman will have to make a dog's dinner of this match to not move ahead. Gupta is quite interesting, but finis nonetheless.

Mahaffey-Borker: At long last. In this final twosome, the upset comes. Borker rallies to send the heavy favourite packing.

Limey Jack calls them for you. Listen not to the twit in HD.

Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing...

I picked Becker and Harris and Ware to take flight.
And just as predicted, they finished last night.

Denison's drop is hardly big woes.
His team was outclassed in a field of pros!

Milner was different. Thought he'd remain.
He can't be too happy... I feel his pain.

On to today with added byes.
Who will do as expected and who will surprise?

I'm picking Diamond to trounce Mr. Dinkin.
Diamonds shine brightly and that's what I'm thinkin'!

Hamman v Ganzer ... It's Hamman all through.
Pack up your bags, Messieurs Watson and Lu!

Picking Cayne 'gainst Cappelli any day of the week.
With stars in the forefront like Grue and like Cheek.

I like Ivatury, but he lacks the wood.
Fleisher has big guns and they're just too good.

A Lo note for Ai as his "lo" calls fall ill.
Gordon and crew just feature more skill.

God's little Aker play very smart,
But they've met their match with Lew and with Bart.

Fireman? Gupta? Calling is tough.
I'm picking Vinita when the going gets rough.

Borker trumps Cohler with good steady play.
I'm picking Bork to go all the way!

Haven't a clue who Slimy will choose,
But I'm sure to win and he's sure to lose.

He should stick with Andrew's new baby...
Can he pick any winners? A definite maybe!

See you in two... when this round is done.
Till then I am partying out in the sun.

Howie Doing... Pretty darn fine!

Everyone's



Hard



**at
Play**

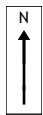


The Exhuberance of Youth!

Board 28
 Dealer: W
 N/S Vul.

- ♠ QJT3
- ♥ 3
- ♦ K542
- ♣ AQ96

- ♠ 2
- ♥ JT8765
- ♦ 873
- ♣ 853



- ♠ 964
- ♥ AQ4
- ♦ AQJ9
- ♣ KJ7

- ♠ AK875
- ♥ K92
- ♦ T6
- ♣ T42

West	North	East	South
Zach G		Adam G	
3H	Double	4H	4S
All Pass			

Traditionalists believe that a 3H bid at favorable vulnerability shows a six trick hand. Aggressive preemptors are willing to go down four tricks. Zach Grossack made the ultimate preempt when he opened 3H on a hand with TEN losers!

Adam could have redoubled over the double; he could have bid four diamonds (lead directing). In the end, he opted to simply bid the four heart game. Given the strength of his hand, he did not expect the opponents would bid any more .

South surprised him by bidding four spades. Adam chose to defend, but surprisingly didn't double. Hearts were led and four spades was defeated one trick.