


Team "Trials" and Tribulations

Good Technique Yields Extra Trump Trick from the Round of 8

Board 6
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.

♠ KT8
♥ JT543
♦ AQ6
♣ 54

♠ QJ9654		♠ A7
♥ A		♥ Q9872
♦ T873		♦ K54
♣ 93		♣ QJ2
♠ 32		
♥ K5		
♦ J92		
♣ AKT876		

North: Sontag
South: Bates
East: Kranyak
West: Deutsch

Against 2♠, North led a club to dummy's Queen and South's King.

A diamond was returned to Sontag's Ace and he played a second club to partner. Bates won and returned another club.

On this third club Declarer trumped with the Queen and Sontag did not overruff. This guaranteed two trump

was an excellent play. Now he was tricks and the contract was defeated.

Halftimes in the USBC

At the halftime in the semifinal match of the USBC, we find **Ekeblad** is up **89-170** on **Schwartz** ... and **Deutsch** is up **115-96** on **Nickell**.

There were some interesting hands and some big swings in today's action. If you missed the VuGraph today, you will get another chance tomorrow.

Tomorrow promises to be exciting as the teams match up for the second half of the set.

Both matches will be on VuGraph in their entirety. Don't miss the excitement and fun complete with expert commentary.

See you there at 10 a.m. Central time!

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Remaining USBC Teams

Deutsch: Seymon Deutsch, Gary Cohler, Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard, Grant Baze, John Kranyak

Ekeblad: Russell Ekeblad, Ron Rubin, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby

Nickell (bye ► semi-finals): Frank Nickell, Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

Schwartz: Richard Schwartz, Michael Becker, Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen

Remaining USWBC Teams

Narasimhan: Hansa Narasimhan, Irina Levitina, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby

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**HOSPITALITY INFORMATION from Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard, and Rena Hetzer**

The hospitality suite is in room 3321. It will be open for **Breakfast** at 8:30 AM till game time for all players.

USBC Lunch: Lunch will be served in the suite at the mid-afternoon break (approximately 2:45 PM). We may be a bit crowded but we'll see to it that everyone gets to eat.

USWBC Lunch – There are no actual lunch breaks, but we will try and offer a more substantial breakfast in the hour just before your starting time. Of course, you are welcome to join us for the regular lunch break the rest of the week.

The suite will be open most days until the completion of play for soft drinks and snacks.

Hotel Restaurants: **Metro:** 6am - 10pm daily; **Tre Cena:** Breakfast: 6:30am-11 AM M-F, 7am-11am S/S; Lunch 11am-5pm daily; Dinner 5pm-10pm daily; **Knuckles** 4:30pm-12am Su-F, 4:30pm-1am Saturday

Check in-room for **room service menu** ... available 6am-12am.

Once again, we are here to feed you and listen to all of your trials and tribulations at the bridge table. If you need something just ask... we might not be able to help but we will surely try.

"Ambition is a poor excuse for not having sense enough to be lazy." - Edgar Bergen

Little Tony was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked her, "Grandma, what's that called when 2 people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?" She was a little taken aback, but she decided to just tell him the truth. "It's called sexual intercourse, darling" Little Tony just said, "Oh, OK," and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, "Grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds. And Jimmy's mom wants to talk to you."

Getting to the Airport in Comfort:

There is no shuttle from the hotel to the airport. We recommend that you call **Windy City Limousine** to arrange transportation **(866) 94-WINDY**. Their drivers are courteous and helpful ... and unlike many of the cab drivers, they speak English and know their way around the city and the suburbs.

Groucho Marx Quotes

I don't want to belong to any club that would have me as a member.

Marriage is a wonderful institution...if, of course, you like living in an institution.

From *Monkey Business*: "I know, I know, you're a woman who's been getting nothing but dirty breaks. Well, we can clean and tighten your brakes, but you'll have to stay in the garage all night."

Although it is generally known, I think it's about time to announce that I was born at a very early age.

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies.

It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.

Blood's not thicker than money.

I cannot say that I do not disagree with you.

Either this man is dead or my watch has stopped.

She's afraid that if she leaves, she'll become the life of the party.

From *At the Circus*: "You've forgotten those June nights at the Riviera...the night I drank champagne from your slipper - two quarts. It would have been more but you were wearing inner soles."

I drink to make other people interesting.

I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception.

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

Now there's a man with an open mind - you can feel the breeze from here!

There is only one way to find out if a man is honest...ask him. If he says 'yes', you know he is crooked.

We in the industry know that behind every successful screenwriter stands a woman. And behind her stands his wife.

Why was I with her? She reminds me of you. In fact, she reminds me more of you than you do!

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.

There's one thing I always wanted to do before I quit...retire!

You get a canoe later and I'll paddle you.

Room service? Send up a larger room.

Those are my principles. If you don't like them I have others.

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms.

Military justice is to justice what military music is to music.

My mother loved children - she would have given anything if I had been one.

I'd horsewhip you if I had a horse.

He may look like an idiot and talk like an idiot but don't let that fool you. He really is an idiot.

From the moment I picked your book up until I put it down I was convulsed with laughter. Some day I intend reading it.

A child of five could understand this. Fetch me a child of five.

Ice Water? Get some Onions - that'll make your eyes water!

Go, and never darken my towels again.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Time wounds all heels.

So just what ARE time flies, and why do they fly like an ARROW?

Why should I care about posterity? What's posterity ever done for me?

"Mommy, mommy! The garbage man is here!" "Well, tell him we don't want any!"

Who are you going to believe, me or your lyin' eyes?

Remember men, you are fighting for the lady's honor; which is probably more than she ever did.

Oh are you from Wales? Do you know a fella named Jonah? He used to live in whales for a while.

Look, if you don't like my parties, you can leave in a huff. If that's too soon, leave in a minute and a huff. If you can't find that, you can leave in a taxi.

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Last night I shot an elephant in my Pajamas. How he got in my pajamas I'll never know.
I took pictures of the native girls, but they weren't developed... But we're going back next week.
I write by ear. I tried writing with the typewriter, but I found it too unwieldy.
I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.
If you want to see a comic strip, you should see me in the shower.
I don't have a photograph, but you can have my footprints. They're upstairs in my socks.
I worked myself up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty.
Politics doesn't make strange bedfellows, marriage does.
In America you can go on the air and kid the politicians, and the politicians can go on the air and kid the people.
I made a killing on Wall Street a few years ago...I shot my broker.
Well, art is art, isn't it? Still, on the other hand, water is water.
And east is east and west is west and if you take cranberries and stew them like applesauce they taste much more like prunes than rhubarb does. Now you tell me what you know.

How To Handle a Traffic Stop...

A police officer pulls a guy over for speeding and has the following exchange:

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Driver: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.

Officer: May I see the registration for this vehicle?

Driver: It's not my car. I stole it.

Officer: This car is stolen?

Driver: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the glove box?

Driver: Yes sir, that's where I put it after I shot the owner of this car and stuffed his body in the trunk.

Officer: There's a BODY in the TRUNK?!?!

Driver: Yes sir.

Hearing this, the officer immediately called his captain. The car was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the driver to handle the tense situation. The Captain slowly approached the driver...

Captain: Sir, can I see you license? Driver: Sure, here it is. It was valid.

Captain: Who's car is this?

Driver: It's mine, officer. Here's the registration card.

Captain: Could you slowly open the glove box so I can see if there's a gun in there?

Driver: Yes sir, but there's no gun in it.

Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box.

Captain: Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told there was a body in it.

Driver: No problem.

The trunk is opened: no body.

Captain: I don't understand. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glovebox, and that there was a body in the trunk.

Driver: Yeah, and I'll bet he told you that I was speeding, too.

"The Constitution gives every American the inalienable right to make a damn fool of himself."

- John Ciardi

Judge cites 42 Beatles songs to teach beer thief a lesson

A judge sentencing a Beatles-loving beer thief quoted 42 of the band's song titles in his verdict.

Andrew McCormack, 20, was asked to recommend to a US court what his sentence should be for stealing beer.

He wrote: "Like the **Beetles** say, **Let It Be**". But his cheeky quip did not impress Gregory Todd, a 56-year-old district court judge in Montana.

In a sentencing memorandum Judge Todd first corrected McCormack's misspelling and then gave the defendant a lesson in The Beatles discography.

He replied: "Mr McCormack, you pled guilty to the charge of Burglary. To aid me in sentencing I review the pre-sentence investigation report.

"I read with interest the section containing Defendant's statement. To the question of 'Give your recommendation as to what you think the Court should do in this case', you said, 'Like the Beatles say **Let It Be**'.

"While I will not explore the epistemological or ontological overtones of your response, or even the syntactic of symbolic keys of your allusion, I will say **Hey Jude, Do You Want to Know a Secret?**

"The greatest band in rock history spelled their name B-e-a-t-l-e-s.

"I interpret the meaning of your response to suggest that there should be no consequences for your actions and I should **Let it Be** so you can live in **Strawberry Fields Forever**.

"Such reasoning is **Here, There and Everywhere**. It does not require a **Magical Mystery Tour** of interpretation to know **The Word** means leave it alone.

"I trust we can all **Come Together** on that meaning.

"If I were to overlook your actions and **Let It Be**, I would ignore that **Day in the Life** on April 21, 2006.

"Evidently, earlier that night you said to yourself **I Feel Fine** while drinking beer.

"Later, whether you wanted **Money** or were just trying to **Act Naturally** you became the **Fool on the Hill** on North 27th Street.

"As **Mr Moonlight** at 1.30am, you did not **Think for Yourself** but just focused on **I, Me, Mine**.

"**Because** you didn't ask for **Help**, **Wait** for **Something** else or listen to your conscience saying **Honey Don't**, the victim later that day was **Fixing a Hole** in the glass door you broke."

Judge Todd went on: "After you stole the 18 pack of Old Milwaukee you decided it was time to **Run For Your Life** and **Carry That Weight**.

"But when the witness said **Baby it's You**, the police responded **I'll Get You** and you had to admit that **You Really Got a Hold on Me**.

"You were not able to **Get Back** home because of the **Chains** they put on you.

"Although you hoped the police would say **I Don't Want to Spoil the Party** and **We Can Work it Out**, you were in **Misery** when they said you were a **Bad Boy**.

"When the police took you to jail, you experienced **Something New** as they said **Hello Goodbye** and you became a **No-where Man**.

"Later when you thought about what you did you may have said **I'll Cry Instead**. Now you're saying **Let it Be** instead of **I'm a Loser**.

"As a result of your **Hard Day's Night** you are looking at a **Ticket to Ride** that **Long and Winding Road** to Deer Lodge.

"Hopefully you can say both now and **When I'm 64** that **I Should Have Known Better**."

In McCormack's sentencing he received probation, a community service order and a fine.

SIGN IN A STORE WINDOW

"WE WOULD RATHER DO BUSINESS WITH 1000 AL QAEDA TERRORISTS THAN WITH ONE SINGLE AMERICAN"

This sign was prominently displayed in the window of a business in Philadelphia .

You are probably outraged at the thought of such an inflammatory statement. One would think that anti-hate groups from all across the country would be marching on this business and that the National Guard might have to be called to keep the angry crowds back. But, perhaps in these stressful times one might be tempted to let the proprietors simply make their statement . . .

We are a society which holds Freedom of Speech as perhaps our greatest liberty. And after all, it is just a sign. You may ask what kind of business would dare post such a sign?

Answer: A Funeral Home

(Who said morticians had no sense of humor?)

Pessimism Pays Off for Jacob Morgan by Karen Walker

Board 78
Dealer: E
None Vul.

♠ AK64
♥ T83
♦ J743
♣ T9

♠ T952
♥ Q7
♦ Q652
♣ J42



♠ 73
♥ AKJ62
♦ T98
♣ 653

♠ QJ8
♥ 954
♦ AK
♣ AKQ87

OPEN ROOM:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
GERSTMAN	STANSBY	CARMICHAEL	MARTEL
		2♥	Double
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

CLOSED

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
GITELMAN	MORGAN	MOSS	HARRIS
		2♥	Double
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Jacob Morgan of Madison WI timed the play perfectly to bring home this tough 4♠ contract from his Round of 8 match against the Russ Ekeblad team.

South, Marty Harris, cuebid 3♥ to try for a notrump game, but settled on the Moysian fit when Morgan denied a stopper. East, Brad Moss, got off to the best defense by cashing three top hearts, then leading a fourth heart for the unhelpful ruff-sluff.

Morgan was at the crossroads. If spades were 3-3, he could ruff in dummy with an honor, pull trump and claim ten “easy” tricks. If spades were 4-2, he must ruff with dummy’s 8 and maneuver from there.

His only clues were Moss’ 2♥ opening on a five-card suit (more attractive with a doubleton spade than with xxx?) and Fred Gitelman’s pitch of the ♣4 on the third heart. Neither provided much help, so Morgan had to trust his instincts.

On a day when little else had been easy, perhaps Morgan had the feeling that this layout would be just as challenging, so he went with the line that catered to 4-2 spades. He ruffed the fourth heart with dummy’s 8. Gitelman refused the over-ruff, pitching the club deuce, and Morgan carefully pitched a club from his hand. He cashed dummy’s queen and jack of spades, then ran top clubs through Gitelman until he conceded.

Note that Morgan’s line of play succeeds when spades are 4-2 **and** when spades and clubs are 3-3.

In the open room, Lew Stansby and Chip Martel played 4♠ after a similar auction. The defense was the same to the first four tricks, but Stansby guessed for spades to be 3-3 and ruffed the fourth heart with dummy’s queen. That resulted in minus 50 and a 10-IMP win for the Morgan-Harris team.

Family Affair

Two of the players on the Ekeblad team and one on the Deutsch team have celebrated successes by family members in the Women’s event.

Lew Stansby’s wife, **JoAnna**, and **Brad Moss’** sister, **Jill Levin**, were on the victorious Narasimhan team.

John Kranyak’s mother, **Laurie**, was on the second place Sulgrove Team in the USWBC.

In another family success story, **Debbie Rosenberg**, whose husband **Michael** will be going to Shanghai this fall as a member of USA1 for the Bermuda Bowl, was also on the women’s champion Narasimhan team

Never Underestimate the Power of the Spots - Deutsch/Meltzer Rd of 8

Board 116
Dealer: W
All Vul.

♠ A62
♥ 82
♦ A5
♣ KQT972

♠ KQ943
♥ 9
♦ KT632
♣ J8



♠ J85
♥ AK73
♦ 987
♣ A64

♠ T7
♥ QJT654
♦ QJ4
♣ 53

Closed Room			
West - Lazard	North - Smith	East - Bramley	South - Cohen
Pass	1♣	Double	1♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Bramley, as is his style, made a takeout double on his flat 12 count. His experience with the bid has been excellent and he's sticking with it.

Four spades was not an easy make. Sidney had to time things well, preserving proper entries to the dummy, to give himself the best shot for success. At trick two, he led a spade toward his hand; Smith ducked. Sidney continued with a spade toward dummy. Smith won this and cleared the spades. Sidney was just where he wanted to be... in dummy! He led the nine of diamonds; Cohen played small; Sidney ducked and he could no longer be stopped from making. Smith won the ace, but Lazard still had the ace of clubs in dummy to reach his king of hearts for a club pitch.

At the other table, East failed to make the takeout double and they played in a part score. 10 IMPs to Deutsch.

Board 6
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.

♠ AKQT7
♥ AQ65
♦ KJ
♣ T8

♠ J432
♥ 9
♦ T82
♣ K9752



♠ 95
♥ T32
♦ Q76
♣ AQJ64

♠ 86
♥ KJ874
♦ A9543
♣ 3

From the USBC Semi-Finals

West - Lazard	North - Meckstroth	East - Bramley	South - Rodwell
Pass	4♥	Pass	2♥ (weak)
Pass		Pass	Pass

It's unusual for Meckwell to miss a laydown slam. If Meckstroth had a bid to ask for shortness, this was certainly the hand on which to use it. If Eric showed his club singleton, Jeff could keycard and bid the slam.

Lucky for Nickell, Deutsch and Kranyak missed the slam, too, on the simple auction where Deutsch (North) opened one spade, Kranyak bid two hearts and Deutsch simply bid the game.

West - Gitelman	North - Schwartz	East - Moss	South - Becker
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣ (strong and artificial)	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The only pair to bid the slam were Schwartz and Becker. They had an excellent auction and were rewarded 11 IMPs for their effort.


See auction on the left.

Puzzle Page - Riddles

- #1 What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
- #2 You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
- #3 What goes up and down the stairs without moving?
- #4 What can you catch but not throw?
- #5 I can run but not walk. Wherever I go, thought follows close behind. What am I?
- #6 What's black and white and red all over?
- #7 What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
- #8 I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I?
- #9 Give me food, and I will live; give me water, and I will die. What am I?
- #10 The man who invented it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What is it?

“Major” Error

Board 3
Dealer: S
E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K54 ♥ 8 ♦ K65 ♣ J87652</p>		<p>♠ 98632 ♥ QJ3 ♦ A97 ♣ K4</p>
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<p>♠ AQ ♥ A9542 ♦ J32 ♣ AQT</p>	<p>♠ JT7 ♥ KT76 ♦ QT84 ♣ 93</p>
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So many experts these days choose 3NT over four of a major when reasonable. Here, Deutsch and Kranyak did the same.

West - Soloway	North - Deutsch	East - Hamman	South - Kranyak
			1NT
Pass	2♦ (Forcing Stayman)	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In the other room, Meckwell opened a strong club and found the 5-3 heart fit from the North hand. Bramley led a low diamond to the King and Ace. Meckstroth, likely fearing a diamond ruff, played a low heart to the Ace. This proved fatal. He was now forced to lose two hearts, a diamond, and a spade for down one.

In 3NT, Kranyak played the hand really well. Soloway led the six of clubs. John won in hand with the ten. He led a small heart to the queen and king, and when the heart position revealed itself on the next round of the suit, John collected three clubs, four hearts, a diamond and a spade to make his contract ... and score 10 IMPs for Deutsch.

Solutions to Riddles: 1. a towel; 2. an ear of corn; 3. a rug; 4. a cold; 5. a nose; 6. an embarrassed skunk; 7. a stamp; 8. a sponge; 9. fire; 10. a coffin

FYI: Visas are required for entrance to Shanghai. Barbara Nudelman has the necessary applications in the hospitality suite. Victorious teams should stop by there and pick up their apps from Barbara.

Letters of Invitation are **not** needed to attend the competition.

Thank You Volunteers!

Thanks to all the marvelous volunteers who made this tournament a reality. It was great to host it in Chicagoland. Through your tireless efforts we were able to share it with the rest of the world.

Thanks to: **Tobey Belmont, Jan Churchwell, Angie Clark, Adrienne Cohen, Karen Dale Kent, Evie Dawson, Darina Demirev, Jim Dressler, Ross Driedger, Sue Erickson, Dave Feldman, Mark Frueh, Chris Gardner, Dan Goldfein, Joan Gerard, Rena Hetzer, David Joyce, Jim Kehoe, Richard Marston, Jan Martel, Bette Mathews, Jo Morse, Barbara Nudelman, Terry Rieck, Rao Sambasivo, Helen Schiewe, Carl Sharp, Dave Sheldon, Randy Shipley, Joseph Stokes, Stan Subeck, Suzi Subeck, Tom Sucher, Joanna Stansby, Wesley Suzuki, Dan Wolkowitz ... and all the "famous" VuGraph commentators ... and Fred and Sheri Gitelman ... and Bridge Base Online ... also Boris and Natasha** (If we missed anyone, we apologize... there are so many wonderful people working this tournament, it is hard to mention them all.)

You were recorders, VuGraph operators, errand runners, hospitality hostesses, newsletter contributors, and so much more. We never could have done it without all of you.

Putting on this tournament seemed small compared with our summer NABC last year, but, realistically, the efforts of Jan Martel and Barbara Nudelman and the rest of the committee started months and months ago. The amount of work involved is immense, but well worth it. You get out of a tournament what you put into it. We hope you all enjoyed working this tournament with us and we hope you felt part of the excitement just being here.

Boris and Natasha have the day off since play is only halfway through the semi-finals. Boris sends his best from the northern country where he is enjoying platters of blinis (latkes or potato pancakes), Beef Stroganoff, and, of course, his beloved Vodka.

Natasha is getting her hair done and her legs waxed at her favorite Moscow salon ("Do" or "Dye"). If time permits, she will even get a manicure. She is planning to return to Schaumburg to celebrate her winning picks. She is expecting much warmer weather (like yesterday.) Her parting words... "Chill the Vodka, Boris, darling!"

More tomorrow!

Just a Lot of Monkey Business!

This guy needs a job and decides to apply at the zoo. As it happened, their star attraction, a gorilla, had passed away the night before and they had carefully preserved his hide.

They tell this guy that they'll pay him well if he would dress up in the gorillas skin and pretend to be the gorilla so people will keep coming to the zoo.

Well, the guy has his doubts, but he needs the money, so he puts on the skin and goes out into the cage.

The people all cheer to see him. He plays up to the audience and they just eat it up. This isn't so bad, he thinks, and he starts really putting on a show, jumping around, beating his chest and roaring, swinging around.

During one acrobatic attempt, though, he loses his balance and crashes through some safety netting, landing square in the middle of the lion cage! As he lies there stunned, the lion roars.

He's terrified and starts screaming, "Help, Help, Help!"

The lion races over to him, places his paws on his chest and hisses, "Shut up or we'll BOTH lose our jobs!"

Double Game Swing in the Semis

Board 23

Dealer: S

All Vul.

♠ 9742

♥ Q5

♦ J5

♣ A9876

♠

♥ JT8643

♦ KT93

♣ T43



♠ AKT853

♥ A972

♦ Q

♣ 52

♠ QJ6

♥ K

♦ A87642

♣ KQJ

Closed Room

West - Kranyak	North - Nickell	East - Bramley	South - Freeman
			1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♦
3♥	4♦	4♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Open Room

West - Meckstroth	North - Baze	East - Rodwell	South - Cohler
			1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♦
3♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Rarely does a team get a positive double game swing against a team like Nickell. Baze did well to jump to five diamonds on the North hand in the Open Room. Distribution is a powerful weapon. Meckstroth led a spade which Cohler ruffed in dummy. He led a heart off the board toward his singleton king. Rodwell rose. He played a club to Meck's ace and Meck continued with clubs. Cohler went into a crossruff, ruffing out all his spades. He then led the king of diamonds from dummy and claimed eleven tricks when Rodwell had both the short diamond and short club.

In the Closed Room, Nickell chose only four diamonds on the second round of bidding. Now, when four spades doubled got back to him, he knew not what to do. Should he pull his partner's double or should he defend? He decided to defend. As perfectly as things sit in diamonds for N/S, so do they sit perfectly for E/W in spades. Bramley brought home the game for +790, and for the first time in the match, Deutsch took the lead.

"Democracy means that anyone can grow up to be president, and anyone who doesn't grow up can be vice president."
- Johnny Carson

Recently, a group of computer scientists (all males) announced that computers should also be referred to as being female. Their reasons for drawing this conclusion follow:

Five reasons to believe computers are female:

1. No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. The message "Bad command or file name" is about as informative as, "If you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you".
4. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
5. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

However, another group of computer scientists (all female) think that computers should be referred to as if they were male. Their reasons follow:

Five reasons to believe computers are male:

1. They have a lot of data, but are still clueless.
2. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.
3. As soon as you commit to one you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have obtained a better model.
4. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
5. Big power surges knock them out for the rest of the night