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# Results:

Table		$\Sigma$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP
											Corr.
1	Wildavsky	173.25	29	13	34	27	36	3	19	13	-0.75
	Lall	209	14	60	30	24	34	16	3	28	0

## Congrats Team Lall Senior USA2!



Lall, Rodwell, Milner, Levin, Lev, Zia

## Cross IMPs...

1.	Sam Lev - Zia Mahmood	Lall	0.58	52.00	90
2.	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	Lall	0.43	26.00	60
3.	Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell	Lall	-0.09	-8.00	90
4.	Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub	Wildavsky	-0.29	-35.00	120
4.	Mark Lair - Ron Gerard	Wildavsky	-0.29	-35.00	120

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**Lady in the commercial for the life alert necklace said she fell. Laid there for 8 hours til her friend came. MY question, why didn't the cameraman help her up?**

**I'm so old, I remember when multiplication was called "Times Tables".**

**Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd, but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.**

**One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.**

Due to the massive increase in deliveries, FedEx and UPS have joined forces and are now Fed-Up.

**You know you're getting old when you run into your friends at the pharmacy instead of at the nightclub.**

The people aimlessly walking in the parking lot looking for their car they parked 10 minutes ago...you are my people.

**Remember when we were little and had underwear with the days of the week on them? Yah. Those would be helpful right now.**

### It could always be worse

I'd just come home from my sixth medical appointment of the week with one more to go, so I was in a lousy mood when my daughter called. I griped to her, "Is there anything worse than seven doctors?" My daughter said, "Yes. One coroner."

### The fountain of youth

A doctor has this patient who loves Botox, like she can't stop getting the injections. But surprisingly, when the doctor reminds her to get a flu shot, she shudders and says, "I hate needles." The doctor is surprised for a beat, then adds, "Did I mention it will make your arm look younger?"

### We're not *that* close

Two campers are hiking in the woods when one is bitten on the rear end by a rattlesnake. "I'll go into town for a doctor," the other says. He runs 10 miles to a small town and finds its only doctor... but they're delivering a baby. "I can't leave," the doctor says. "But here's what to do. Take a knife, cut a little X where the bite is, suck out the poison, and spit it on the ground." The guy runs back to his friend, who is in agony. He cries out, "What did the doctor say?" "... He says you're gonna die."

Did you hear that Magnesium formed an oxide layer? OMg!

I just found a penny in my dryer's lint trap, and I can't figure out where it came from. But that's ok, I love it when the world just makes cents.

I stayed on a ranch last weekend, but couldn't really sleep well. Every time I'd drift off, a female horse would whinny and wake me up. It was a night mare.

Did you hear about all the hidden meanings in the Lion King? Yeah, it's full of Simbalism.

Why did the young horse practice galloping in private? He didn't want to make a foal of himself.

Did you hear about the modern sushi restaurant which was taking heat from traditionalists for serving battered, fried tropical eels? "O tempura! O moray!"

When I was young, I wanted to be a dolphin, but as I got older, my sense of porpoise faded away.

## A Little Humor!

Did you hear that Rudolph and Dasher got sponsored by a coffee company this year? It actually makes sense, because they're Santa's Star Bucks.

Did you hear about the over-booked introverts camping trip? A lot of people left because it was two in tents.

Did you hear about the Army commander who planted 1500 saplings near the North Korean border? Yeah, he felt the key to security in the region was more infant-tree on the ground.

One day, an Australian man was sitting in a clearing in the forest, banging cymbals and pots and pans and loudly singing off key. A local warlock was working nearby, and came out to confront the man. He tried to be nice at first.

"Hey, would you quiet down? I'm trying to cast spells".

The man ignored the warlock, and kept banging on the cymbals and pots. The warlock grew angry.

"Quiet down or I'll cast a spell on you!"

The man ignored him, and sang louder.

The Warlock snapped. "If you don't stop that racket by the time I count to three, I'll turn you into a Koala Bear and THEN you'll be quiet!"

The man burst into a louder chorus still. The Warlock started to count.

"One!" The man banged the pots louder.

"Two!" The man started banging the pots on the cymbals.

"Three!" The Warlock raised his staff, shouted incantations to the sky, enveloped in a buzzing sphere of yellow light, hurling it towards the man and yelling "Now you are Koala!"

But the light dissipated as soon as it hit the man, and he kept on banging the cymbals and singing.

The Warlock shook his head. "That's impossible! How did you not change?!"

The man looked over at the Warlock and shrugged. "It's just like the last guy who wandered by said. I'm unbearable."

If you're considering working in a prison library, you'll need to consider both the prose and the cons.

What'd the pirate say on his 80th birthday? Aye matey!

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

Sudoku 1

# Hard Sudoku

**Sudoku Solutions  
on Page 10**

Sudoku 2

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

WHEN WE'RE YOUNG,  
WE SNEAK OUT OF OUR  
HOUSE TO GO TO  
PARTIES.

WHEN WE'RE OLD, WE  
SNEAK OUT OF PARTIES  
TO GO HOME.

## "I've finally reached The Wonder Years"

**Wonder** where  
I parked the car?

**Wonder** where  
I left my phone?

**Wonder** where  
my glasses are?

**Wonder** what  
day it is?

Please be "scent"sitive! Many players  
have allergies and have trouble  
breathing when perfumed aromas are  
present! Thank you!!



## Puzzle Page ...

### Old West 1

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining 25 letters spell a George Eliot quotation.

L L I H T O O B E S R O H W O L P L A  
J U D G E K A N S E L T T A R H A S G  
O O D O P H H T R T L L E W C R I G H  
K O G O C P I E A A R N I A R T R O F  
R N S N I H I R R I H A O O T P T H U  
S S A S I R O R E O R C C I E E D M N  
E R T T R N A L M D E A N K L E I Y D  
D O O A R P N E L G G G L C E K K O E  
L A F U A E S A A I B U O A C R E B R  
I H O H T T T T P U D A N T A A H W T  
A P C R E L S A L D L A A T M B T O A  
R A K A L E A L W S L S Y L P S Y C K  
T R D S H I O W A S H O R E F A L T E  
D G N O O L A S G W R E G D I D L G R  
N E B A N K E R M A M U R R R D I R I  
A L I V E S T O C K N A F I E L B A F  
R E R E N I M D L O G G N V F E I Z L  
B T S H O P K E E P E R L E E F S E E

BANKER  
BARKEEP  
BILLY THE KID  
BOOT HILL  
BRAND  
CAMPFIRE  
CATTLE DRIVE  
CHAPARRAL  
COAL  
CORRAL  
COWBOY  
DOC HOLLIDAY

FARRIER  
FORT  
FURS  
GOLD MINE  
GOLD PANNING  
GRAZE  
HIRED GUN  
HOGS  
HOMESTEAD  
HOTEL  
JUDGE  
LARIAT

LAWMAN  
LIVESTOCK  
MINER  
OUTLAW GANG  
PISTOL  
PLOW HORSE  
POSSE  
RAILROAD  
RANCH  
RATTLESNAKE  
RIFLE  
SADDLE

SALOON  
SHERIFF  
SHOPKEEPER  
SITTING BULL  
STAGECOACH  
TELEGRAPH  
TRACKER  
TRAIL  
TRAIN  
UNDERTAKER  
WATER TANK  
WELL



Hearts & Flowers

# Thank You Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who made this USBC so successful and so much fun!

Thank you Jan Martel for organizing EVERYTHING! You are the backbone of this organization and your experience with this tournament is legendary!

Thank you McKenzie Myers, Chris Wiegand, Ken Horwedel, and David Metcalf for keeping order and keeping peace. The smooth pace and continued cooperation is your doing!

Thank you Al Hollander for your technological support. LoveBridge is great but so many times we would be lost without your guidance.

Thank you Marie France and all of your hospitality staff. The shopping and plating and clean up in the suite was exemplary and we know you were behind it.

Thank you Kitty Cooper for stepping up and taking photos during the event. You are great with a camera and everyone enjoyed your pics.

Thank you Rob Barrington and the VuGraph staff. The You-Tube presentation adds a great touch and the viewers really appreciate it.

Thank you Appeals Panel for standing by in case you were needed. Thanks to those on site who served on committees when the need arose.

Thank you Suzi Subeck for writing the Daily Bulletins and creating the scorecards and scoreboards. Thank you Lisa Subeck for proofing the Bulletins.

Thank you from Suzi to those who pointed out interesting hands: David Caprera and John Schwartz... as well as Mark Horton who contributed write-ups from the other side of the pond. Thanks to the prognosticators, Jack and Howie, who entertained us with their picks.

And most of all, thanks to the players who support this tournament with its long and confusing format!! We know that this competition keeps you away from your families for a long period of time and we appreciate your commitment to being here year after year.

We will be back next year and we hope you will as well.

Safe trips home to everyone!

The Tournament Committee



I saw a sign: "Rest Area 25 Miles". That's pretty big. Some people must be really tired.

82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

Borrow money from pessimists. They don't expect it back.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Half the people you know are below average.

Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

I almost had a psychic girlfriend, ..... But she left me before we met.

I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.

If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no life-guard.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

One night I came home very late. It was the next night.

I was arrested for selling illegal-sized paper.

Factorials were someone's attempt to make math \*look\* exciting.

I took a baby shower.

How young can you die of old age?

If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?

If you were going to shoot a mime, would you use a silencer?

On the other hand... You have different fingers.

I can levitate birds. No one cares.

If all the nations in the world are in debt, where did all the money go?

If the pen is mightier than the sword, in a duel I'll let you have the pen!

# A Little More Humor...

**You'd think the part of the  
brain that used to  
remember phone numbers  
would take over and start  
remembering passwords.  
But NOOOO!**

		First Names					License Plates					Tape				
		Cruz	Haley	Kenneth	Kenzie	Kristina	DIV-996	JTR-500	KNZ-771	OIC-222	SUV-332	duct tape	electrical tape	masking tape	paper tape	scotch tape
Baseball Cards	21															
	30															
	48															
	56															
	87															
Tape	duct tape															
	electrical tape															
	masking tape															
	paper tape															
	scotch tape															
License Plates	DIV-996															
	JTR-500															
	KNZ-771															
	OIC-222															
	SUV-332															

**Answer to Puzzle  
on page 10  
Bottom of Page**

Baseball Cards	First Names	License Plates	Tape
21			
30			
48			
56			
87			

## Logic Puzzle

- The person who bought scotch tape has more baseball cards than Haley.
- The person who bought paper tape doesn't have the SUV-332 license plate.
- The collector who has 30 baseball cards is Kenzie.
- Of the person who bought masking tape and Kristina, one has 30 baseball cards and the other has the DIV-996 license plate.
- Either the person who bought electrical tape or the person who bought masking tape is Kenneth.
- The collector who has 21 baseball cards has the KNZ-771 license plate.
- The collector who has 48 baseball cards is not Kenneth.
- The person who bought duct tape has fewer baseball cards than Haley.
- The 5 people were the driver with the OIC-222 license plate, the collector who has 87 baseball cards, Cruz, the person who bought masking tape, and the driver with the SUV-332 license plate.
- Cruz has fewer baseball cards than the person who bought masking tape.

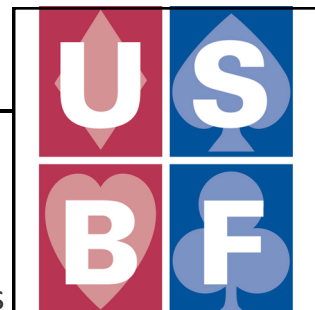
6	9	1	5	3	2	4	8	7
7	2	8	4	9	6	3	1	5
4	3	5	7	8	2	6	9	1
6	8	2	3	9	4	5	7	1
5	1	9	2	7	6	8	3	4
3	4	7	8	1	5	6	9	2
1	5	6	8	4	7	9	3	2
8	7	4	3	2	1	5	6	9

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

## Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 5

Answer to Sudoku 1    Answer to Sudoku 2

### USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

Remember those days  
when people used to write  
diaries and got mad when  
someone read them...

Now they put everything  
on facebook and get mad  
when people don't read  
them...

### Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 9

87	Kristina	DIV-996	Scotch tape
56	Kenneth	SUV-332	Electrical tape
48	Haley	OIC-222	Paper tape
30	Kenzie	JTR-500	Masking tape
21	Cruz	KNZ-771	Duct tape

## ACBL-Sanctioned games on RealBridge – Starting July 1, 2025

Graham Hazel, the CEO of Real Bridge Games Ltd, along with fellow directors Shireen Mohandes and Andy Bowles, is looking forward to July 1 2025. Why? Because from that day onwards clubs will be able to host ACBL-sanctioned games on RealBridge, allowing players to earn ACBL masterpoints on the only online platform that looks and feels like real bridge.

Following a recent agreement between the ACBL and RealBridge, the two organisations are working together to implement the necessary interfaces to support this new opportunity.

Bronia Jenkins, Executive Director of the ACBL, said, “We are delighted to offer an ACBL sanction to RealBridge. Through RealBridge’s work with the ACBL Educational Foundation and the ACBL’s Social Bridge Nights, we have become familiar with their technology and their commitment to quality. We’re confident that expanding the options available to players to include platforms like RealBridge is good for bridge.”

## About RealBridge

RealBridge is a British company that started as a lockdown project for Graham Hazel, a professional software developer. He lives in Cambridge, England, with his family.

Andy Bowles and Shireen Mohandes, also British, live in London, England. Their background is in financial and broadcast software for advertising and television. As enthusiastic bridge players, they have been visiting North America to play bridge since the mid-1990s. You will find Andy posting on Bridge Winners almost daily. Shireen immerses herself in bridge history, specializing in the period 1933 to 1948.

RealBridge is coming up to its fifth birthday. Unlike other online bridge platforms, it is a business-to-business company, with a customer base of more than 1,000 clubs and teachers all over the world. RealBridge doesn’t normally run games itself; instead, the company works with its customers to enable them to host games and lessons online.

Andy Bowles says, “We’re delighted that ACBL players will soon be able to enjoy the features that set RealBridge apart from others: integrated audio and video, affordable price model, an environment that retains the bridge-club atmosphere, and a flexible yet simple-to-use application that looks and feels close to real-life bridge.”

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BOARD: 31

DEALER: SOUTH

VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ 8754

♥ AQT876

♦ 8

♣ K4

♠ KT93

♥ 53

♦ T542

♣ J95

♠ J

♥ J

♦ KJ9763

♣ T7632

♠ AQ62

♥ K942

♦ AQ

♣ AQ8

Par: 1440

NS	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
EW	5	7	12	10	12
		6	1	3	1

Home team

Visiting team

Room

By

=

★

IMP

Wildavsky

Lall

Open

6♥

N

♠ J

-1

100

17

Closed

6♥

S

♦ 4

=

1430

This is Board 31 from the 3rd segment on Sunday.

Hemant Lall pointed out what an interesting hand it was. Ron Gerard had the chance for a great play in the Open Room to succeed in the slam. He missed it and swung 17 IMPs.

W

N

E

S

2NT

PASS 3♣ PASS 4♣

PASS 6♥ PASS PASS

PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 3

N-S: Wildavsky 41.25 IMP

E-W: Lall 74 IMP

Open Room

♠ 8754

♥ AQT876

♦ 8

♣ K4

N Ron Gerard

♠ KT93

♥ 53

♦ T542

♣ J95

W Reese Milner

♠ J

♥ J

♦ KJ9763

♣ T7632

E Hemant Lall

♠ AQ62

♥ K942

♦ AQ

♣ AQ8

S Mark Lair

Lall led the SJ against 6H by North. Gerard won the ace and played a heart to the queen. A heart to the king followed and three rounds of clubs were cashed, declarer discarding a spade on the 3rd round. The ace of diamonds was cashed and the the queen was led off dummy. Ron needed to discard a spade in order to endplay East. Lall would be forced to lead either a diamond or a club, giving Gerard the ruff and sluff he needs to avoid a second spade loser. Instead, Ron ruffed and was endplayed himself. He led a spade and conceded down one!

In the Closed Room, Wildavsky led the D4 against 6H from South. Zia won the queen, played the H4 to dummy and the H8 back to his king. He cashed 3 rounds of clubs, tossing a spade from dummy. He cashed the HA and played a heart to the ten, East discarding a spade and West discarding a diamond.

Zia finessed against the SK with East and lost the trick to the king with West. Whatever Adam did at this point, Zia would win the trick and cash out his SA and his good hearts.

17 IMPs to Lall

W

N

E

S

2NT

PASS 3♣ PASS 3♥

PASS 3♠ PASS 4NT

PASS 5♣ PASS 6♥

Table: CL 1, Round: 3

N-S: Lall 74 IMP

E-W: Wildavsky 41.25 IMP

Closed Room

♠ 8754

♥ AQT876

♦ 8

♣ K4

N Sam Lev

♠ KT93

♥ 53

♦ T542

♣ J95

W Adam Wildavsky

♠ J

♥ J

♦ KJ9763

♣ T7632

E Doug Doub

♠ AQ62

♥ K942

♦ AQ

♣ AQ8

S Zia Mahmood

Day two of the USA2 Senior Final is off and running. We are down to two teams remaining in Schaumburg and it is considerably quieter!!

Tonight we will know all of the teams representing the USA in Herning in August.

On Board 2 of segment 5, there are 9 tricks in 3NT N/S.

W

N

E

S

2♣

3NT

PASS

PASS

PASS

Table: CL 1, Round: 5

N-S: Lall  
128 IMP

E-W: Wildavsky  
102.25 IMP

1NT=12-14

2S=only way to show  
spades at the 2-level

Closed Room

♠ JT8762

♥ 96

♦ Q73

♣ 42

W Adam Wildavsky

♠ Q94

♥ A5

♦ JT96

♣ K976

N Bobby Levin

♠ A

♥ KQ842

♦ K85

♣ QJT8

S Eric Rodwell

♠ K53

♥ JT73

♦ A42

♣ A53

E Doug Doub

It is always fun when your LHO opens 1NT and you end up playing 3NT! It feels good to score 600 on offense when your next best score would be 300 on defense defending 1NTX... It's a question of vulnerability!!

Doub led the S3 creating a wish trick:



The CQ lost to the ace and the SK was cashed, Levin discarding a dia-

mond from dummy. The S5 cleared the spades for E/W and Levin shed Rodwell's CJ. Four rounds of hearts followed, Doub winning the 4th round with the jack. Doub played the C5, won in dummy with the ten. Levin cashed the remaining hearts and the C9, conceding last to Doub's DJ. +600

In the Open Room, East opened 1C. South over-called 1H and West made a weak jump shift into spades. It passed back to South and he doubled.

West passed and Gerard, North, had to evaluate his holding.

Perhaps being down in the match, vulnerable, holding the ace of partner's five card major and having all 4 suits stopped, might have tipped the scales toward bidding game?

W

N

E

S

2♣

PASS

PASS

DBL

PASS

2NT

PASS

PASS

PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 5

N-S: Wildavsky  
102.25 IMP

E-W: Lall  
128 IMP

2S=weak

Open Room

♠ JT8762

♥ 96

♦ Q73

♣ 42

W Reese Milner

♠ Q94

♥ A5

♦ JT96

♣ K976

N Ron Gerard

♠ A

♥ KQ842

♦ K85

♣ QJT8

S Mark Lair

♠ K53

♥ JT73

♦ A42

♣ A53

E Hemant Lal

BOARD:

DEALER:

VULNERABLE:

4

WEST

ALL

♠ AK763

♥ KQJ4

♦ 875

♣ J

♠ JT982

♥ AJ64

♦ AK32

♣ AK32

♠ Q54

♥ T7652

♦ Q2

♣ Q84

♠ A983

♥ KT93

♦ T9765

♣ T9765

Par: 140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	5	7	8	5	6
S	:	:	9	:	:
E	8	6	4	8	5
W	7	:	:	7	:

Home team

Visiting team

Room

By

=

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IMP

NS

EW

Home

Visiting

Board 4 looks daunting... big misfits in the majors!

True to the frequency chart, in the Open Room, West collected 7 tricks in spades.

However, defying the chart, in the Closed Room, South took 10 tricks in hearts.

What happened at the tables?

Wildavsky

Lall

Open

2♠

W

♥ K

-1

100

Closed

4♥

S

♠ T

=

620

11

W	N	E	S
1♠	PASS	1NT	PASS
2♣	PASS	2♠	PASS
PASS	PASS		

1NT=forcing

Open Room

♠ AK763

♥ KQJ4

♦ 875

♣ J

N Ron Gerard

♠ JT982

♥ AJ64

♦ AK32

♣ AK32

W Reese Milner

♠ A983

♥ KT93

♦ T9765

♣ T9765

S Mark Lall

Gerard led the HK; Milner ruffed. Milner could have taken 3 clubs, 2 diamonds, and 3 spades once Gerard did not find the high trump lead. However, at trick 2, Milner, himself, played the S8, dooming the result. Gerard won the SK and cashed the SA. He-played the S3 and was back on track to defeat 2S. Milner won in dummy, finessed against the DK with South, played the CA and a club, North ruffing.

Gerard played a heart. Milner ruffed. Milner played a club to the queen, Gerard pitching a diamond. The DQ went to the king and ace and Milner claimed 7 total tricks.

In the Closed Room, things went differently. Over 2C, Levin doubled for takeout and Rodwell jumped to the heart game! Wildavsky led the ST. Rodwell won the dummy’s ace & discarded the D3. He cashed the SK, throwing a diamond, Doub unblocking the SQ. The CJ went to Doub’s queen. At this point, Doub **needed** to stymie the crossruff that he could see was coming. He returned a red suit, but it wasn’t hearts! Wildavsky won the DJ but had no hearts to play. He cashed the DA and led the D4. Doub ruffed with the 2, Rodwell overruffing with the 3. Eric played on the crossruff and claimed 10 tricks!

11 IMPs for Lall

Closed Room

♠ AK763

♥ KQJ4

♦ 875

♣ J

N Bobby Levin

♠ JT982

♥ AJ64

♦ AK32

♣ AK32

W Adam Wildavsky

♠ A983

♥ KT93

♦ T9765

♣ T9765

S Eric Rodwell

1NT=semi-forcing

W N E S  
PASS 2♥ PASS  
PASS PASS

Table: CL 1, Round: 5  
N-S: Lall 151 IMP  
E-W: Wildavsky 131.25 IMP

LoveBridge

DDS

## Closed Room

♠ Q982  
♥ J  
♦ KJ4  
♣ AQ972  
W Adam Wildavsky

♠ AJ6  
♥ T54  
♦ Q632  
♣ 653  
N Bobby Levin

♠ 3  
♥ KQ9632  
♦ A87  
♣ JT4  
E Doug Doub

♠ KT754  
♥ A87  
♦ T95  
♣ K8  
S Eric Rodwell

On Board 13, in the Closed Room, Doug Doub opened 2H on the East hand and played it there.

There are only two losers: 1 heart and 1 spade.

In modern style, most experts would arguably open 1H with 10 HCP and a singleton even with only FIVE cards in hearts.

Adam had no reason to think of bidding a heart game with a singleton heart and one quick trick opposite a weak-2 bid. Doub played 2H making 5 on the lead of the DT from

South. Doub won the DT, J, Q with the ace and played the H3 to dummy's jack. South ducked. Doub played a small spade from dummy, Levin's S6 holding the trick. A diamond went to the king and a spade was ruffed. The trump queen knocked out the ace and the D5 was played to the 4,3,7. Doub cashed the HK, played the CJ covered by the CK and dummy's ace and claimed 11 total tricks!

Meanwhile, in the Open Room, Lall opened the East hand 1H. Lair overcalled 1S; Milner showed values and clubs with 2C; Gerard competed to 2S and Lall showed his 6th heart. Milner judged well and bid the heart game.

Milner could have tried for a NT game holding S:Q982 but with only 8 tricks there, that would have failed.

Lair led the S4. Gerard won the jack. The D3 went to dummy's jack. The HJ was cashed, South ducking. A spade was ruffed. Lall knocked out the HA and Lair played a low club from his Kx. Lall won the CT in hand, pulled trump and claimed 11 tricks.

10 IMPs to Lall

W N E S  
PASS 1♥ 1♠  
2♣ 2♠ 3♥ PASS  
4♥ PASS PASS PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 5  
N-S: Wildavsky 131.25 IMP  
E-W: Lall 151 IMP

LoveBridge

DDS

## Open Room

♠ Q982  
♥ J  
♦ KJ4  
♣ AQ972  
W Reese Milner

♠ AJ6  
♥ T54  
♦ Q632  
♣ 653  
N Ron Gerard

♠ 3  
♥ KQ9632  
♦ A87  
♣ JT4  
E Hemant Lall

♠ KT754  
♥ A87  
♦ T95  
♣ K8  
S Mark Lair

While it looks like the 5th segment went strongly to Lall, Wildavsky actually picked up 2 IMPs in small increments plus one 13 IMP swing, Lall is still ahead but it is definitely not out of reach for either team.

Wildavsky							VS		36 - 34 IMP		Lall						
Open room							Closed room										
Ron Gerard							Bobby Levin										
Reese Milner							Adam Wildavsky							Doug Doub			
Mark Lair							Eric Rodwell										

#			By		=	★			By		=	★	P			
						NS	EW					NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
1		3N	W	♦J	=		400		3N	W	♦J	=		400	-	-
2		2N	N	♠3	+1	150			3N	N	♠3	=	600			10
3		4♥	S	♣5	-1		50		4♥	N	♦4	-2		100	2	
4		2♠	W	♥K	-1	100			4♥	S	♠T	=	620			11
5		3N	N	♥J	+2	660			5♣	S	♠Q	+1	620		1	
6		3N	W	♣2	+1		630		3N	E	♥9	+2		660	1	
7		2♣	W	♦K	-1	100			3N	N	♣3	-3		300	9	
8		4♥	E	♥7	=		420		3N	W	♣5	+2		460	1	
9		3N	E	♦3	=		600		3N	E	♥6	+2		660	2	
10		3N	E	♥4	+2		660		5♦	E	♠7	=		600		2
11		4♥	E	♠K	=		420		3N	W	♣3	+1		430	-	-
12		6♠x	W	♥J	-6	1400			4♥	S	♠A	+1	650		13	
13		4♥	E	♠4	+1		650		2♥	E	♦T	+3		200		10
14		1N	W	♠7	+1		120		1N	W	♠7	=		90		1
15		2N	E	♠6	-4	200			1♠	S	♥9	-1		100	7	

## Cross IMPs for the 5th Segment

1. Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub Wildavsky 0.13 2.00 15
1. Mark Lair - Ron Gerard Wildavsky 0.13 2.00 15
3. Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell Lall -0.13 -2.00 15
3. Hemant Lall - Reese Milner Lall -0.13 -2.00 15

There was only one double-digit swing in the 6th segment and that went to Lall on Board 18. For the set, Lall gained 13 IMPs.

Wildavsky							VS		Lall						
Open room							Closed room								
Mark Lair							Sam Lev								
Bobby Levin							Doug Doub							Adam Wildavsky	
Ron Gerard							Zia Mahmood								

#			By		=	★			By		=	★	P			
						NS	EW					NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
16		5♦	S	♣7	+1	420			4N	S	♥5	+1	460		1	
17		3N	S	♦3	+2	460			4♠	N	♦8	=	420	1		
18		4♥	W	♠Q	=		420		4♥	W	♠Q	-1	50		10	
19		2♦	N	♦2	=	90			2♠	S	♥3	+1	140		2	
20		4♥	N	♠K	+1	650			4♥	S	♠T	=	620	1		
21		4♥	E	♣3	=		420		4♥	E	♣3	=		420	-	-
22		4♠	S	♣6	-2		100		4♠	S	♥8	-1		50		2
23		2♠	S	♠T	=	110			2♠	S	♠T	=	110	-	-	
24		3♥	S	♠K	-1		50		3♥	S	♠A	-1		50	-	-
25		3♠	S	♦9	-1		50		3♠	S	♦9	-1		50	-	-
26		6N	S	♣T	+1	1470			6N	S	♣T	+1	1470	-	-	
27		1N	S	♣A	=	90			2N	S	♣9	=	120		1	
28		4♠	W	♥A	=		420		4♠	W	♥A	+1		450	1	
29		6♥x	N	♠6	-1		200		6♥x	N	♠3	-1		200	-	-
30		4♠x	N	♥7	=	590			4♠x	N	♥7	=	590	-	-	

# Cross IMPs for the 6th Segment

1.

Sam Lev - Zia Mahmood

Lall

0.87 13.00 15
1.

Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell

Lall

0.87 13.00 15
3.

Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub

Wildavsky

-0.87 -13.00 15
3.

Mark Lair - Ron Gerard

Wildavsky

-0.87 -13.00 15

BOARD: 18

DEALER: EAST

VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ QJT84

♥ 4

♦ Q5

♣ QT865

♠ AK72

♥ KQ9752

♦ 4

♣ 42

♠ 5

♥ AT3

♦ J9863

♣ KJ73

♠ 963

♥ J86

♦ AKT72

♣ A9

Par: -420

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	6	2	8	5
E	5	7	10	5	8
W	:	6	:	:	:

Home team

Visiting team

Room

By

=

★

IMP

Wildavsky

Lall

Open

4♥

W

♠Q

=

420

10

Closed

4♥

W

♠Q

-1

50

Board 18 was the only swing board in the 6th segment (see previous page for score card).

East/West can take 10 tricks in the heart game.

Game was bid at both tables.

Open Room

♠ QJT84

♥ 4

♦ Q5

♣ QT865

N Mark Lair

♠ AK72

♥ KQ9752

♦ 4

♣ 42

W Bobby Levin

♠ 5

♥ AT3

♦ J9863

♣ KJ73

E Eric Rodwell

♠ 963

♥ J86

♦ AKT72

♣ A9

S Ron Gerard

In the Open Room, Lair led the SQ. Levin won the ace and ruffed a spade. He played a diamond, Gerard winning the ace. Gerard continued diamonds and Levin ruffed in hand. Levin ruffed a spade and cashed the HA. He ruffed a diamond and cashed the HK. He played the SK throwing a club from dummy, Gerard discarding a diamond. The C4 went to the jack and ace. Gerard cashed the HJ and Levin claimed 10 total tricks.

In the Closed Room, Lev led the SQ. Doub won the king and immediately put himself to the club guess. Lev covered the C4 with the C5 and Doub guessed wrong, playing the CK!! Zia won the ace and played a heart. Doub won the H7 and played a second club. Lev hopped with the queen and played the DQ to Zia's ace. Zia played the H8 cutting dummy's ability to ruff the losing spades. The CJ was ruffed and overruffed, declarer coming up a trick short and claiming 9 total tricks for down one!!

10 IMPs to Lall

Closed Room

♠ QJT84

♥ 4

♦ Q5

♣ QT865

N Sam Lev

♠ AK72

♥ KQ9752

♦ 4

♣ 42

W Doug Doub

♠ 5

♥ AT3

♦ J9863

♣ KJ73

E Adam Wildavsky

♠ 963

♥ J86

♦ AKT72

♣ A9

S Zia Mahmood