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## SemiFinals

#	Team	Total	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
2	Nickell	68	13	24	16	15				
3	Jacobs	138	64	17	29	28				

2. **NICKELL** – Nickell - Freeman, Meckstroth - Rodwell, Hamman - Soloway  
 3. **JACOBS** - Jacobs - Katz, Garner - Weinstein, Rosenberg - Zia

JACOBS took the early lead and seems to be pulling away; Eric and Eric must be working overtime on this one. A charge will be made and NICKELL will face EKEBLAD on Sunday shall we say its Geoff and Eric vs Jeff and Eric.

#	Team	Total	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	Ekeblad	143	20	46	46	31				
4	Meltzer (11)	105	27	16	30	32				

1. **EKEBLAD** – Ekeblad - Rubin, Gitelman - Moss, Greco - Hampson  
 4. **MELTZER** – Meltzer - Larsen, Bates - Sontag, Bramley - Feldman

EKEBLAD leads by 38, MELTZER will make a run, but in the end, Jeff and Eric will light the way. Oops? That should be Geoff and Eric ;)

## Friday Schedule

10:00 am - Round of 4, Segment 1  
 12:30 pm - Round of 4, Segment 2  
 4:00 pm - Round of 4, Segment 3  
 6:30 pm - Round of 4, Segment 4

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**Last Board Blues** by Pamela Granovetter

In the previous round of the United States Team Trials 2006, the Cayne team won when their opponents had a defensive accident on the very last board and let a no-play game make. Last night, it was the Meltzer team who won on the very last board when one of their opponents, none other than multi-world champion Bobby Wolff, made a fatal bidding decision on the very last board....

Wolff was on the Robinson team, and was up by 2 imps going into the last board, 191 to 189, when the "preview" problem arose. The whole hand was:

1. Ekeblad	1. Ekeblad	1. Ekeblad	1. Ekeblad	1.
4. Robinson	4. Robinson	4. Robinson		
13. Eisenstein	13. Brod			
20. Brod			4. Meltzer	
5. Welland	5. Welland			
28. Rowndtree		5. Meltzer		
12. Meltzer	12. Meltzer			1.
21. Greenberg				
2. Nickell	2. Nickell	2. Nickell	2. Nickell	
				2.
3. Jacobs	3. Jacobs	3. Jacobs		
14. Onstot	14. Fout			
19. Fout			3. Jacobs	
6. Schwartz	6. Schwartz			
27. Weinstein		6. Weed		
11. Weed	11. Weed			
22. Colchamiro				

South Dealer  
None vul

North  
♠ A  
♥ K Q J 10 4  
♦ A Q 7 5  
♣ 7 4 2

West  
♠ 7 6  
♥ A 9 7 6 5  
♦ K 9 6 2  
♣ A Q

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

South  
♠ K Q J 10 8 4  
♥ 3 2  
♦ 3  
♣ J 10 9 3

#### Table One

South	West	North	East
Morse	Feldman	Wolff	Bramley
3♠	double	pass	4♣
pass	pass	4♠	(all pass)

Opening lead: ♠A

Wolffie's partner, Dan Morse, opened 3S and Mark Feldman (West) made an off-shape takeout double. Bart Bramley tried 4C, and escaped the double when Wolff bid 4S. Feldman found the killing lead. He continued with the CQ, overtaken by Bramley, who returned his heart for a heart ruff, then gave partner a club ruff for down two, 100 points to East-West.

Had Wolff taken a crack at 4C, or even passed, he would have scored up a

nice number, or at least +200 at 50-a-trick, to win the match.

At the other table, the bidding went:

#### Table Two

South	West	North	East
Bates	Boyd	Sontag	Robinson
2♠	double	redouble	2NT*
pass	3♦	double	(all pass)

\*lebensohl

Opening lead: ♠A

The auction started lower and Alan Sontag (unlike Wolff) was out for a number. Meanwhile, Peter Boyd (West) caught a good dummy, four trump and a singleton! Sontag (North) cashed the SA and switched to hearts. Boyd won, cashed two clubs, ruffed a heart, cashed the king of clubs and ruffed a club with the D9. Sontag overruffed with the queen, cashed the ace and led a third diamond, reducing declarer to one diamond in each hand. Boyd crossruffed the remaining two trumps for down one, 100 points to North-South and 5 imps to the Meltzer team, winning the match at the wire.

Double-dummy, 3D can be made: Win the HA, ruff a heart, club to hand, ruff a heart, club to hand, ruff a heart. Even if South throws two clubs away on the heart ruffs, declarer can ruff a club to hand and ruff his last heart in dummy for his eighth trick. The K-9-6 of diamonds is still in the West hand for one more trick. Quite a line of play!

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