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RR2 thru 3 Matches

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	14	2	11	3	8	15	13	5	16	18	1	6
14. Deutsch	144.06	22.29			17.22		11.94	13.59	11.58		16.63	20.00	20.00	10.81
2. Jacobs	132.76	29.43				15.50	14.73	5.82	10.00	19.58		14.18	5.27	18.25
11. Welland	117.74	35.61	2.78			4.50		14.18	1.45	18.97	11.20	9.59		19.46
3. Milner	110.73	21.13		4.50	15.50		17.93	10.41		13.89		14.18	10.41	2.78
8. Weinstein	106.14	30.56	8.06	5.27		2.07			17.22	2.97	11.58		9.19	19.22
15. Harris	101.94	24.16	6.41	14.18	5.82	9.59			.66		18.97	12.96	9.19	
13. Gordon	101.67	14.55	8.42	10.00	18.55		2.78	19.34			4.03	13.59	10.41	
5. Chan	99.93	30.81		.42	1.03	6.11	17.03				8.06	10.81	14.46	11.20
16. Cohen	97.83	29.75	3.37		8.80		8.42	1.03	15.97	11.94		5.27		13.28
18. Todd	90.54	31.12	0.00	5.82	10.41	5.82		7.04	6.41	9.19	14.73			
1. Schwartz	89.58	24.48	.00	14.73		9.59	10.81	10.81	9.59	5.54				4.03
6. Miller	82.06	21.09	9.19	1.75	.54	17.22	.78			8.80	6.72		15.97	

NOTE: The carryover now is only the carryover against the teams that were eliminated.
The scores against the continuing teams are on the cross-table.

Bulls RR1 Final

Team Name	Total	14	11	13	18	16	15	17	12	19	BYE
14. Deutsch	120.89		17.22	11.58	20.00	16.63	13.59	12.96	7.71	11.20	10.00
11. Welland	100.45	2.78		1.45	9.59	11.20	14.18	18.69	13.59	18.97	10.00
13. Gordon	96.17	8.42	18.55		13.59	4.03	19.34	2.59	7.71	11.94	10.00
18. Todd	94.11	0.00	10.41	6.41		14.73	7.04	15.74	10.81	18.97	10.00
16. Cohen	88.32	3.37	8.80	15.97	5.27		1.03	15.74	8.80	19.34	10.00
15. Harris	86.76	6.41	5.82	.66	12.96	18.97		14.18	14.18	3.58	10.00
17. Stauber	81.93	7.04	1.31	17.41	4.26	4.26	5.82		16.83	15.00	10.00
12. Mahaffey	81.57	12.29	6.41	12.29	9.19	11.20	5.82	3.17		11.20	10.00
19. Rosenfeld	59.80	8.80	1.03	8.06	1.03	.66	16.42	5.00	8.80		

Bears RR1 Final

Team Name	Total	2	5	8	1	3	6	4	7	9	BYE
2. Jacobs	126.70		19.58	14.73	5.27	15.50	18.25	12.96	20.00	10.41	10.00
5. Chan	105.17	.42		17.03	14.46	6.11	11.20	16.42	11.94	17.59	10.00
8. Weinstein	92.79	5.27	2.97		9.19	2.07	19.22	17.03	20.00	7.04	10.00
1. Schwartz	92.12	14.73	5.54	10.81		9.59	4.03	9.19	11.20	17.03	10.00
3. Milner	91.86	4.50	13.89	17.93	10.41		2.78	6.11	12.96	13.28	10.00
6. Miller	86.73	1.75	8.80	.78	15.97	17.22		7.04	11.58	13.59	10.00
4. Rogoff	79.67	7.04	3.58	2.97	10.81	13.89	12.96		8.42	10.00	10.00
7. Demirev	71.66	.00	8.06	.00	8.80	7.04	8.42	11.58		17.76	10.00
9. Zeller	63.30	9.59	2.41	12.96	2.97	6.72	6.41	10.00	2.24		10.00

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Keeping 'Em Guessing...

Board 42
 All Vul.
 Dealer: E

♠ Q7
 ♥ AJ4
 ♦ J642
 ♣ A954

♠ JT964
 ♥ Q952
 ♦ 98
 ♣ KJ

N
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♠ K852
 ♥ KT873
 ♦ 3
 ♣ T83

♠ A3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ AKQT75
 ♣ Q762

South	North
Miller	Wickham
1♦	2♣
2♠ (g.f. club hand)	3♦
3♠	4♣
4NT	5♥
6♣	

Jeff Miller and Bill Wickham were struggling in the early matches on Friday. They benched themselves for a segment, went to dinner with Stan and me, and came back a much more focused pair... and a much luckier pair to boot!

Wickham had a hard hand to bid after the opening one diamond. His partner guaranteed at least three diamonds ... and if it was only three, he had a

doubleton club. Bidding two or three no-trump might end the auction and that just wasn't in the cards. He chose two clubs. Everyone at the table thought he held five for that bid. When Miller bid two spades, Wickham knew things might be getting out of control. Still, he raised Jeff's diamonds and Jeff cue bid spades.

Wickham tried to slow things down by bidding four clubs. Of course, looking at the South hand, there was no stopping now. Miller asked for key cards in clubs, found his partner with two without the queen, and bid what looked like an easy slam.

Poor John Mohan! He could have led his singleton diamond, but he was almost certain on the auction that Miller and Wickham held nine trumps. Not wanting to pick off the diamond suit, and believing his partner's only quick entry would have to be an unlikely minor suit ace, he, instead tried to establish a spade trick. Wickham ducked to his queen and led the ace of clubs, noting the fall of the jack on his right. He dutifully led a small a club toward dummy and when East followed, Bill ducked, losing to the now singleton king. He won the return, drew trumps and claimed.

At the other table, the Blanchards bid to six diamonds. Bob was unhappy that Shane didn't pass six clubs. Six diamonds went down per force on a spade lead. Bob didn't realize there was a singleton diamond with the long club in the East hand and six clubs would not be the easy success it appeared.

SUNDAY JUNE 20TH	10:00-11:20	BOARDS 28-36
	11:35-2:20	Bds 37-45 & 46-54, CLUMPED
	2:20-3:45	1 HOUR 25 MINUTE BREAK
ROUND OF 16		
SUNDAY JUNE 20TH	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30

Hospitality Information From Barbara Nudelman

Hospitality for the 2010 USBC is in Suite 1100. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament.

Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am
 Lunch will be served from 2:35-3:45 the first Sunday and thereafter Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks at any other time, except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

There is free internet available in the lobby with free printing. If you use the internet in your room there is a charge.

If you need a few items from the store, please let Barbara or Joan know and they will pick them up for you.

Geeking Out With The Gods...

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally fed up, God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They faxed. They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments. They downloaded. They did spreadsheets! They wrote reports. They created labels and cards. They created charts and graphs. They did some genealogy reports. They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off... Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

"It's gone! It's all GONE! "I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work... Satan observed this and became irate.

"Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?"

God just shrugged and said, "JESUS SAVES..."

Bad Bidding but Good Play by Jacobs

Board 2
N/S Vul.
Dealer: E

♠ QJ3
♥ A83
♦ AK653
♣ Q7

♠ 2
♥ KQT974
♦ Q84
♣ JT6



♠ K984
♥ 62
♦ 972
♣ K983

♠ AT765
♥ J5
♦ JT
♣ A542

West	North	East	South
Chorush	Jacobs	Koneru	Beatty
		Pass	Pass
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT!!
All Pass			

The contract is odd... stemming from a discussion between sessions. What does that mean? Steve laid down the dummy and explained that because of a conversation at dinner, he had no way to show spades on the auction. Apparently, a discussion involving three level preempts confused the situation... but that won't happen again.

On the other hand, if it hadn't happened, Jacobs would not have had a chance to exhibit his prowess as declarer.

Koneru led the heart six and Jacobs ducked the queen. The king was continued and Jacobs rose with the ace. He considered his options. It didn't look good, but George never gives up when there's even a remote chance to make his contract.

The spade jack was led and ducked around. The spade queen followed, covered by the king and ace. George led the jack of diamonds off dummy and Chorush covered with the queen, completely freezing the suit when George won his ace. Jacobs tanked. After thoughtful consideration, he played a diamond to the ten, cashed the ten of spades and exited dummy with a spade to Koneru. Koneru was helpless. He could lead a club and Jacobs could win the queen in hand and cash his diamonds (In point of fact, that's what happened at the table...) or he could exit a diamond to allow Jacobs to take his diamonds in hand and lead a club to dummy and cash his good spade. Contract making with two overtricks. Great play George.

A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in the Bush!

Board 73
E/W Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ T97
♥ 97654
♦ KT8
♣ J3

♠ J86542
♥ JT3
♦ 9
♣ Q96



♠ AK
♥ K82
♦ J7652
♣ KT2

♠ Q3
♥ AQ
♦ AQ43
♣ A8754

Entering the last match of the first round-robin, the event leading Jacobs team was playing to maximize its carryover. On board 73 East opened one diamond and South, Eddie Wold, overcalled 1NT. Surprisingly, West chose to pass rather than bid his six-card spade suit. The auction ended and West led his fourth-best five of spades.

East won and cashed a second spade. West played the deuce on the second round, hoping to tell partner he held a club rather than a heart entry. East played a club. Wold won the club and played a diamond to dummy noting the fall of the diamond nine. Wold was confident that the heart finesse would succeed for his sixth trick. Should he play to make the hand by finessing for the diamond jack before taking the heart finesse?

After long thought Wold disdained the diamond finesse and hooked the heart for six tricks (minus 50) rather than the (plus 90) that was available by finessing diamonds first.

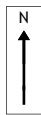
What would make an outstanding declarer concede down one when a reasonable play was available to make his contract?

Wold certainly noticed that West had not bid a six-card spade suit and that East-West was probably cold for two or three spades (a club lead holds West to eight tricks.) Minus 50 was a sure 2 or 3 IMP win. Plus 90 would gain an extra 3 IMPs, but if the diamond finesse lost, Wold would be set three or four tricks, turning the sure gain into a push or even a loss. The old adage "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" applies to bridge as well as hunting.

Board 9
E/W Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ AT8543
♥ 98
♦ KQT9
♣ J

♠ J96
♥ QJ76
♦ A
♣ KT754



♠ 2
♥ A543
♦ 875432
♣ 93

♠ KQ7
♥ KT2
♦ J6
♣ AQ862

West	North	East	South
Jacobus	Morgan	Wold	Harris
	1♠	Pass	2♣ (g.f. relay)
Pass	3♦ (4♦ + 6♠)	Pass	3♥ (relay)
Pass	3♣ (min. + short ♣)	Pass	4♣

Harris and Morgan had a good auction to reach the game, and Wold made a futile, but well thought out lead against it. Eddie led a small diamond. Jacobus won and returned a heart and Wold gave him his ruff.

If Jacobus had held the king of hearts or the ace of clubs, the contract would have been defeated. Unlucky for Eddie, that wasn't the position. Still, he deserves credit for trying.

Jack is Back... Howie Doing (hanging in there) Picks from the Pack...

We Brits have a saying that honour among thieves is superior to locking the barn door whilst the horse is being led away. What is going on over there? Has bridge reached a new high?

Please note that Limey jack was spot on when he told you that the Mahaffey team would not reach the 2nd round robin. Favourites-Tosh! If Limey Jack tells you something, you may comfortably put a few bob on it without losing one bit of beauty rest. Limey jack has 40 years of handicapping horses, both on the track and at the table. Nobody else had the timbre to tell you that Mahaffey would be put paid to; certainly not that cartoonlike pseudo-prognoscicator, Howdy Doody.

My word; the Lapt dancers put on a very strong showing in RR1, at one point "Lapting" the field by more than a full match. But in that bracket, Jacobs put on a most impressive show to win with the whip in the air. In the other bracket Deutsch showed what a game competitor he is by guiding his team to an easy victory. After the carry overs, they trail by only one imp. The very powerful Schwartz team is in dire straights mired in 11th and will most likely be unable to recover from the Precision auction which took 14 bids to untangle and had them playing their 3rd best suit. Another "Horse" will be put out to pasture.

Only 8 of these competitors will be around tomorrow and none of them will contain a distaff player or any of the well known Punters. Watch for Cohen, a team of misfits and veterans that date back to the 60's to perform well and qualify.

The match between Welland and Jacobs could determine who gets the seed.

Cheers, Limey Jack

Howdy Doody... indeed! The editor failed to leave us much space and Jack (in his usual greediness) claimed more than his share! So be it! I'll be quick and concise. I predict the Limo King will take the field for a ride. Reese's Pieces will be smoking (at least one cigar). The Crystal ball shows Roy in and his honey out. With room for only one Bart, Les and Gloria will be heading South... Wickham will be spending Father's Day afternoon with his new granddaughter ... and Schwartz and Cohen will be fighting it out for the last qualifying spot. Good luck everyone!! Get me a phosphate and pickle... I was missing Wall Street but there's more ups and downs in this field than there ever were in the market!

Howie Doing... not bad so far!

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

Sudoku

"Living in a vacuum sucks." -Adrienne E. Gusoff

Solution to today's Sudoku

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

In Seeding Order

"I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me." - Hunter S. Thompson

Nickell	Bye to Rnd of 8	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Diamond	Bye to Rnd of 8	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Fleisher	Bye to Rnd of 8	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
Meltzer	Bye to Rnd of 16	Rose Meltzer, Capt Alan Sontag Michael Rosenberg	Kyle Larsen David Berkowitz Mark Feldman
Robinson	Bye to Rnd of 16	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub
Schwartz		Richard Schwartz, Capt Russell Ekeblad Drew Casen	Matthew Granovetter Ron Rubin Jim Krekorian
Welland		Roy Welland, Capt Steve Garner Ron Smith	Chris Willenken Howard Weinstein Billy Cohen
Jacobs		George Jacobs, Capt Chris Compton Marc Jacobus	Steve Beatty Bart Bramley Eddie Wold
Mahaffey		Jim Mahaffey, Capt Peter Weichsel Sam Lev	Mike Passell Michael Seamon Jacek Pszczola
Gordon		Mark Gordon, Capt Curtis Cheek John Hurd	Pratap Rajadhyaksha Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge
Milner		Reese Milner, Capt John Mohan Robert Blanchard	Gary Cohler Roger Bates Shane Blanchard
Rogoff		Bruce Rogoff, Capt Doug Simson Xiaodong Shi	Josh Parker Walter Johnson Jiang Gu
Deutsch		Seymon Deutsch, Capt Justin Lall Kevin Bathurst	John Kranyak Hemant Lall
Harris		Martin Harris, Capt Stephen Landen Ira Chorush	Jacob Morgan Dan Gerstman Ventakrao Koneru
Chan		Lapt Chan, Capt Renee Mancuso	Christal Henner Sheri Winestock
Cohen		Mark Cohen, Capt Jeff Aker Greg DeFotis	Milt Rosenberg Brady Richter Harold Mouser
Miller		Jeffrey Miller, Capt Jeffrey Schuett David Yang	William Wickham Dick Bruno Greg Hinze
Demirev		Darina Demirev, Capt Will Engel Nik Demirev	Howard Liu Daniel Levin William Watson
Stauber		Allan Stauber, Capt Kerri Sanborn	Stephen Sanborn Lewis Finkel
Weinstein		Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Clement Jackson Bob Etter	Franco Baseggio Josh Sher Alex Kolesnik
Todd		Robert Todd, Capt Les Bart	McKenzie Myers Gloria Bart
Rosenfeld		Jason Rosenfeld, Capt Victor Chubukov	Drew Becker Eric Mayefsky
Zeller		Michael Zeller, Capt Matthew Meckstroth	Kelley Zeller Cameron Shunta

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed. A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

Screens

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

1. General Rules
 - a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
 - b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
2. In the Open Room:
 - a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
 - b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
 - c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
3. In the Closed Room:
 - a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
 - b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
 - c. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.

VuGraph Information

The 2010 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches (there will be 5 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts in the afternoon of Monday, June 21st. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website (www.bridgebase.com)** where you can either 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 THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. For cell phone logon, go to **www.bridgebase.com/mobile**.

There will usually 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 <http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph/schedule.php>**)

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, unless one or more matches gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other match, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32, 16 & 8, 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. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2010 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

You can usually find the hand records for Vugraph matches on the PSBRIDGE website at <http://psbridge.gotdns.com/bbo/allvug/>, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2010USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

A Parental Nightmare...

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed nicely made up and everything neat and tidy. Then he saw an envelope propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad".

With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter with trembling hands:

Dear Dad,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with you and Mom.

I've been finding real passion with Joan and she is so nice. I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercings, tattoos, her tight motorcycle clothes and because she is so much older than I am but it's not only the passion, Dad, she's pregnant.

Joan says that we are going to be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood, enough for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Joan has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it and trading it with the other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want.

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for cancer so Joan can get better; she sure deserves it!

Don't worry Dad, I'm 15 years old now and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit so you can get to know your grandchildren.

Your son,
Chad

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the report card that's in my desk drawer.

ROUND ROBIN INFORMATION

There are 18 teams entered in the Round Robin. They are divided into 2 divisions, the Bulls and the Bears after June 11, the final date for teams to make roster changes.

Assigning Teams to Divisions

Teams will be separated into two divisions as follows:

The highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bears.

The second highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bulls.

The next four highest seeded teams in the Round Robin will be separated into two pairs, with team 3 and team 6 one pair and team 4 and team 5 the other.

These pairs will be randomly assigned to the Bears and the Bulls.

This method of dividing each group of 4 teams into two pairs and randomly assigning the pairs to either Bears or Bulls will be repeated for the rest of the teams in the Round Robin.

Bears	Bulls
1. Schwartz	11 Welland
2. Jacobs	12 Mahaffey
3. Milner	13 Gordon
4. Rogoff	14 Deutsch
5. Chan	15 Harris
6. Miller	16 Cohen
7. Demirev	17 Stauber
8. Weinstein	18 Todd
9. Zeller	19 Rosenfeld

Each division will play a complete Round Robin of 9 board matches on Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th. The matches will be scored using the **USBF 9 Board Victory Point Scale** (see page 6). At the end of this Round Robin, the 3 teams in each division with the lowest number of Victory Points will be eliminated.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, the 12 teams remaining in the Round Robin after stage 1 will play 6 more matches, with each surviving team playing each of the surviving teams from the other division. These matches will also be 9 boards long and scored using the USBF VP scale. Each team will carryover its full VPs from matches against the surviving teams in its division, and a percentage of the VPs from matches against teams that have been eliminated.

How the carryover is to be calculated.

Carryover From First Stage of Round Robin

A. For matches between two teams that both continue to the second RR stage, there will be 100% carryover of VP scores.

B. Carryover from matches against the 3 non-qualifiers in each Division will be determined by a two-step process. The net result will be that the 6 Continuing Teams from Division A, as a group, will have exactly the same aggregate carryover (457.5 VPs) as the 6 Continuing Teams from Division B.

First step: if your team continues to RR2, we'll discount your score against each individual non-qualifier as follows:

(a) take that non-qualifier's total Winning Percent (its VPs/160); then

(b) double that Winning Percent ; and then

(c) multiply this second figure times your VP score against that team, to calculate your "Discounted Carryover Score."

(For example, suppose Grundy, a non-qualifier, scores 70 total VPs, for a 43.75% Winning Percent. If you beat Grundy by a score of 16 - 4 VPs, you'd get 87.5% (2 x 43.75%) of your 16 VPs against Grundy, so your Discounted Carryover Score from that match would be 14 VPs).

Second step: In each Division, the Continuing Teams collectively are entitled to a total of 157.5 carryover VPs from their matches vs. the non-qualifiers. To achieve that goal, we'll pro-rate their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers, to ensure they sum to 157.5 (i.e., we'll multiply them by $157.5/X$, where "X" is the aggregate of all their Discounted Carryover Scores).

(For example, for the Continuing Teams in Division A as a group, if their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers sum to 210 VPs, each Continuing Team would get 75% ($157.5 / 210$) of its Discounted Carryover Scores vs. the non-qualifiers. In the Grundy example, you'd get 75% x 14 VPs, which yields a net carryover of 10.5 VPs from that match).

Provided, no VP score against any non-qualifier can end up counting for more than 100% of its original face value. If, in a rare case, it turns out the carryover formula would produce that result, scores against that non-qualifier will be factored down (pro-rated) to 100% of face value, while scores against the other two non-qualifiers will be factored up by a combined equal amount (so that total carryover from matches against all non-qualifiers still equals 157.5).

NOTE: Average carryover from the first stage to the second stage will be 76.25.

After the full Round Robin, the 8 teams with the highest VP totals will advance to the Round of 16, where they will be joined by the Meltzer & Robinson teams, who have byes to the Round of 16. The bracket for the KO stages of the USBC will be set before the Round of 16.

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Setting the KO Bracket

After the Round Robin, the teams will be assigned numbers that establish the bracket for all of the Knockout rounds. We're often asked how the assignment is done, so here is what will happen. First, the team seeding points will be adjusted by adding 8 seeding points to the totals for each of the first and second place finishers in the Round Robin, 4 to the 3rd place finisher and 2 to the 4th place finisher. Then the teams qualifying from the Round Robin will be ranked based on their current seeding point totals. The teams will then be assigned KO team numbers as follows, subject to one other adjustment - the team that scored the highest Victory Point total in the Round Robin has the right, after the assignments have been done, to request that it be "re-shuffled" with its original shuffle group.

- 1 Nickell
- 2 Diamond
- 3 Fleisher or Meltzer randomly assigned
- 4
- 5 Robinson or highest seeded team
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 6
- 7 Second & third seeded teams
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 8
- 9 Fourth, fifth, sixth & seventh seeded teams
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13 Bye (loses to Fleisher in R16) & eighth ranked team
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish)
(numbers depend on 3-4 shuffle)
- 14
- 15-16 Byes (lose to Nickell & Diamond in Round of 16)

USBF 9 Board VP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15	5	30	18.09	1.91
1	10.41	9.59	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
2	10.81	9.19	17	15.5	4.5	32	18.4	1.6
3	11.2	8.8	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
4	11.58	8.42	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
5	11.94	8.06	20	16.2	3.8	35	18.83	1.17
6	12.29	7.71	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
7	12.63	7.37	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.1	0.9
8	12.96	7.04	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
9	13.28	6.72	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
10	13.59	6.41	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
11	13.89	6.11	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
12	14.18	5.82	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
13	14.46	5.54	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.8	0.2
14	14.73	5.27	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.9	0.1
						45	20	0

Imelda Marksman...

A young blonde was on vacation in the depths of Louisiana. She wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes in the worst way, but was very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors were asking. After becoming very frustrated with the "no haggle" attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the blonde shouted, "Maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator so I can get a pair of shoes at a reasonable price!"

The shopkeeper said, "By all means, be my guest. Maybe you'll luck out and catch yourself a big one!"

Determined, the blonde turned and headed for the swamps, set on catching herself an alligator. Later in the day, the shopkeeper is driving home, when he spots the young woman standing waist deep in the water, shotgun in hand. Just then, he sees a huge 9 foot alligator swimming quickly toward her.

She takes aim, kills the creature and with a great deal of effort hauls it on to the swamp bank. Lying nearby were several more of the dead creatures. The shopkeeper watches in amazement.

Just then the blonde flips the alligator on its back, and frustrated, shouts out, "Dang it, this one isn't wearing any shoes either!"

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."
-Aristotle

There are 23 teams entered in the 2010 USBC. You can see a list by clicking on "teams entered" in the main menu on the left, or [here](#). Five teams have byes, the remaining 18 will play in the Round Robin. Dates and stages are:

Friday, June 18th, and first session Saturday, June 19th: RR1.

Second session Saturday, June 19th and first session Sunday, June 20th: RR2.

Top 8 teams join 2 teams with byes in the Round of 16

Second session Sunday, June 20th & all of Monday, June 21st: Round of 16 (90 board matches)

Tuesday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 23: Quarterfinal (120 board matches)

Thursday, June 24 & Friday, June 25: Semifinal (120 board matches)

Saturday, June 26 & Sunday, June 27: Final (120 board matches)