



# Daily Bulletin



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## Lall Team Leads Round Robin O'Rourke in Second Place by .12 VPs!

The team captained by Hemant Lall (Ira Chorush, Allan Falk, Peter Friedland) is leading the Round Robin with 105.30 VPs. In second place, with 105.18 VPs, is the Lou Ann O'Rourke team (Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Joe Grue, Curtis Cheek).

### Round Robin After Day 1

TEAM	TOTAL	#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Simson	83.19	1		7.67	11.90				8.10	15.24		2.64					5.75	17.99		13.90	
Cayne	81.48	2	12.33				14.59	7.25	18.19	0.63			1.44				13.15	13.90			
USA Jr II	55.95	3	8.10			2.42			3.89		10.00	5.41				7.25	16.38			6.10	
O'Rourke	105.18	4			17.58		16.11		18.73	14.25				16.64	7.67	6.10				8.10	
Jacobs	67.51	5		5.41		3.89		6.85	14.59					10.50				16.11	5.08	5.08	
Rogaff	84.90	6		12.75			13.15				6.47		14.25	13.15	3.36	6.85	14.92				
Robinson	55.97	7	11.90	1.81	16.11	1.27	5.41				4.46	6.47				8.54					
Lynch	91.74	8	4.76	19.37		5.75					6.85				16.11	12.75		11.90	14.25		
Lall	105.30	9			10.00			13.53	15.54	13.15			5.08		13.90					17.99	16.11
USA Jr I	80.76	10	17.36		14.59								1.62	6.85	5.75	14.59	14.59	5.41			
Mahaffey	96.66	11					5.75	13.53	14.96	18.38				15.54	8.54	17.79				2.21	
Colchamiro	74.77	12		18.66		3.36	9.50	6.85			13.15			12.75	9.50					1.10	
Kamel	79.51	13				12.33	16.64	3.89	6.10	14.25	4.46	7.25									14.59
Milner	92.38	14			12.75	13.90	13.15	11.46	7.25								15.24	17.36	1.27		
Lewis	63.27	15	14.25	6.85	3.62		5.08				5.41	11.46	10.50								6.10
Deutsch	46.73	16	2.01	6.10			3.89		8.10		5.41	2.21			4.76					14.25	
Meltzer	76.46	17				11.90	14.92		5.75	2.01	14.59		18.90	2.64		5.75					
Ekeblad	94.64	18	6.10		13.90		14.92			3.89		17.79		5.41	18.73	13.90					

### USBC 6-BOARD VP SCALE

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	19	16.89	3.11
1	10.5	9.5	20	17.13	2.87
2	10.99	9.01	21	17.36	2.64
3	11.46	8.54	22	17.58	2.42
4	11.9	8.1	23	17.79	2.21
5	12.33	7.67	24	17.99	2.01
6	12.75	7.25	25	18.19	1.81
7	13.15	6.85	26	18.38	1.62
8	13.53	6.47	27	18.56	1.44
9	13.9	6.1	28	18.73	1.27
10	14.25	5.75	29	18.9	1.1
11	14.59	5.41	30	19.06	0.94
12	14.92	5.08	31	19.22	0.78
13	15.24	4.76	32	19.37	0.63
14	15.54	4.46	33	19.51	0.49
15	15.83	4.17	34	19.65	0.35
16	16.11	3.89	35	19.78	0.22
17	16.38	3.62	36	19.91	0.09
18	16.64	3.36	37	20	0
	Winner	Loser		Winner	Loser



#### Hospitality Crew

Joan Gerard, Barbara Nudelman and Terry Currie

# The U.S. Bridge Championships: Three From Day One

By Rich Colker

They say that if you could get off to the best lead, or make the right switch at trick two, on every deal that you defend you'd be a threat to win every event you enter. To see if you're a candidate for such stardom, try your luck on this one from the first match in the round-robin stage of the USBC. With everyone vulnerable, second in hand, you pick up S:7654 H:K D:J1076 C:A982. RHO opens a 15-17 notrump, you pass (this isn't the test), LHO bids 2H (transfer to spades), and partner doubles. RHO bids two spades (showing at least three spades), you pass, LHO bids 3NT, partner passes, and RHO bids 4S, all pass. You're on lead and try the H:K. (Keeping partner happy is important and he won't be for long if you ignore his helpful intrusions.) Dummy comes down and you see:

**Dummy**  
S:KQ932  
H:QJ  
D:93  
C:KJ75

**You**  
S:7654  
H:K  
D:J1076  
C:A982

Partner follows with the H:6 (standard signals) and declarer with the H:4. Well, this is the test. Are you up to finding the "killing" continuation?

When Bobby Wolff, many time U.S. and World Champion, held this hand he thought for quite a while before leading to trick two. Let's consider what he might have been thinking about. Partner has hearts, but if he held eight of them he might have bid 3H (or even 4H) over 2H instead of doubling. So declarer likely holds three hearts and partner ace sixth. Declarer also has three (and possibly four) spades for his 2S bid, so declarer has at least six and possibly seven minor-suit cards while partner has at most a singleton trump. Declarer also has 15-17 HCP, and partner the H:A (your king did hold trick one), which means partner can't have more than another jack—and if he has that it must be the S:J (since you can see the other three). So declarer is marked with the D:AKQ and C:Q as well as the S:A (and possibly the S:J). Not much to work with if you're going to set this contract. Counting your potential tricks, you can see two hearts and one club, but you'll need another trick which can only come from a ruff. Since partner can have at most one spade, he must cooperate and have another singleton. The only other singleton he can have which does your side any good is if it's a singleton club, since then you can play the ace and continue the suit for partner to (hopefully) ruff with his other singleton—a trump. So you cash the C:A, partner following with the ten (don't bother to look at the spot: even if it's the "discouraging" deuce it's the only one partner has), and continue with the C:9. Partner, bless him, ruffs with the S:J and cashes the H:A for down one. Congratulations!

**Dummy**  
S:KQ932  
H:QJ  
D:93  
C:KJ75

**You**  
S:7654  
H:K  
D:J1076  
C:A982

**Partner**  
S:J  
H:A1076532  
D:8542  
C:10

**Declarer**  
S:A108  
H:984  
D:AKQ  
C:Q643

Oh, and just to show partner that you're really on the ball and not just a one-trick pony, you should ruff his H:A and play a third club "just in case" declarer was pulling a fast one and bid 2S with only two of them. Maybe you are a threat to win whatever you enter.

If you feel sorry for the above declarer who was unlucky enough to play this hand against Bobby Wolff (or you), consider the following poor soul. (No names here, but for a suitable consideration we'd consider naming names.) The auction started the same way (1NT-Pass-2H-Db1), and fate would have it our unlucky South remembered his partnership agreement: a redouble asked partner to bid spades to declare the hand from his side, which might have considerable positional advantages. So South redoubled. Alas, poor North, who forgot his partnership agreement and thought the redouble was penalty—to play. He dutifully passed, and soon was "enjoying" the dubious honor of declaring 2H redoubled in his three-two fit with a seven-one trump split! The good news for him was that East led the H:A, killing one of the defense's trump tricks. The bad news was that he could only manage to take three diamonds, one spade and one heart for down three, minus 1600 (remember the redouble). Now that's a player to feel sorry for!

Science in bidding can be wonderful, but on this next deal it worked against the bidders. As South, with East the dealer and both side's vulnerable, you pick up S:10873 H:K53 D:8 C:97543. The actual auction was both artificial and complex, but the gist of it was that RHO opened a 15-17 notrump and LHO showed a 4=1=3=5 hand with 13-14 HCP before they settled in 6D. It's your lead. Remember, you're still only a probationary member of the order of killing leaders.

Our actual South was none other than 1998 World Open Pairs Champion and 2000 World Olympiad Teams runner-up Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola. "Pepsi" knew he could account for at least twelve of the thirteen clubs in the deck: LHO showed five in the auction, RHO had at least two for his opening 1NT bid, and he was looking at five more of them. That left partner with not too many—at most one—and maybe he could even ruff the opening lead. (Yes, partner didn't double for a club lead but he knew you heard the auction and could work out what to lead.) So South tabled a low club. Now, to fully appreciate what happened next, we need to look at the full deal.

**Sam Lev**  
S:K5  
H:J87642  
D:Q1064  
C:Q

**Alan Sontag**  
S:AJ42  
H:10  
D:972  
C:AKJ86

**Peter Weichsel**  
S:Q96  
H:AQ9  
D:AKJ53  
C:102

**"Pepsi"**  
S:10873  
H:K53  
D:8  
C:97543

Put yourself in declarer's, Peter Weichsel's, shoes. Against suit contracts most good players lead aggressively, and South was certainly a good player. In addition, Peter knew that South knew from the auction that dummy would have five clubs, and if he (South) held a club honor (onside) it might be a good idea to force declarer to decide at trick one whether or not to finesse rather than allowing him to wait until later in the hand when he would know whether he needed to finesse. So Peter, with lots of controls but missing several important intermediates (the D:Q, S:K, H:K, C:Q), had to make a crucial decision right away. Was South trying to talk him out of a winning finesse or was he leading a singleton? Or was he leading from length, hoping to give North a ruff (in which case he was odds-on to hold the queen himself)? Peter went with the odds and finessed at trick one. Unlucky. Sam Lev won the C:Q and returned a heart. Peter won the ace, ruffed a heart, finessed the D:J and cashed the D:A. When he discovered that trumps were four-one he cashed the D:K and led a club to dummy's ace for a quick heart pitch. But Lev was able to ruff in and led a heart to Pepsi's king; down two and still a trick to lose. Ugh! Those who live by Science occasionally die by Science.

We would like to publish your hand...submit to Rich for consideration!

# United States Bridge Championship 2005 Team Rosters

Bye teams are ranked by Positioning Points (PP). All other teams are ranked by average Seeding Points (SP).

Team number randomly drawn at Thursday Evening's Captains' Meeting.

## **Schwartz**

*(Bye to Quarterfinals)*

Richard Schwartz  
Michael Becker  
David Berkowitz  
Larry Cohen  
Jim Krekorian  
Drew Casen  
(83.50 PPs)

## **Welland**

*(Bye to Round of 16)*

Roy Welland  
Bjorn Fallenius  
Michael Rosenberg  
Zia Mahmood  
45.50 (PPs)

## **Simson (1)**

Doug Simson  
Walter Johnson  
Dennis Clerkin  
Jerry Clerkin  
Mark Tolliver  
Marc Zwerling  
20.27 (SPs)

## **Cayne (2)**

Jimmy Cayne  
Michael Seamon  
Bobby Levin  
Steve Weinstein  
Charlie Weed, NPC  
59.73 (SPs)

## **USA Jr Team II (3)**

Noble Shore  
Charlie Garrod  
Andrew Hurd  
Tim Crank  
Mike Rice  
Jon Rice  
3.26 (SPs)

## **O'Rourke (4)**

Lou Ann O'Rourke  
Mike Passell  
Eddie Wold  
Joe Grue  
Curtis Cheek  
44.28 (SPs)

## **Jacobs (5)**

George Jacobs  
Ralph Katz  
Steve Garner  
Howard Weinstein  
Billy Cohen  
Ron Smith  
Ralph Cohen, NPC  
56.54 (SPs)

## **Rogoff (6)**

Bruce Rogoff  
Josh Parker  
Jeff Aker  
Michael Kopera  
(4.49 (SPs)

## **Robinson (7)**

Steve Robinson  
Peter Boyd  
Kit Woolsey  
Fred Stewart  
Mark Feldman  
Bart Bramley  
(32.71 (SPs)

## **Lynch (8)**

Dennis Dawson  
Roger Bates  
Bobby Wolff  
Dan Morse  
Pratap Rajadhyaksha  
Steve Landen  
Venkatrao Koneru, NPC  
41.19 (SPs)

## **Lall (9)**

Hemant Lall  
Ira Chorush  
Allan Falk  
Peter Friedland  
7.24 (SPs)

## **USA Jr Team I (10)**

Kevin Bathurst  
John Kranyak  
Joel Wooldridge  
John Hurd  
Justin Lall  
Ari Greenberg  
Robert Rosen, NPC  
5.13 (SPs)

## **Mahaffey (11)**

Jim Mahaffey  
Barnet Shenkin  
Mark Lair  
Garey Hayden  
Gary Cohler  
Chris Willenken  
29.39 (SPs)

## **Colchamiro (12)**

Mel Colchamiro  
Janet Colchamiro  
Steve Bloom  
Betty Bloom  
Jan Martel  
Sally Woolsey  
7.47 (SPs)

## **Kamel (13)**

Nagy Kamel  
Greg Hinz  
Alexander Kolesnik  
Ira Hessel  
Shawn Quinn  
Joe Quinn  
5.77 (SPs)

## **Milner (14)**

Reese Milner  
Marc Jacobus  
John Mohan  
Sam Lev  
Mark Molson  
Jacek Pszczola  
32.60 (SPs)

## **Lewis (15)**

Paul Lewis  
Linda Lewis  
Jim Robison  
Arnie Fisher  
Doug Doub  
Adam Wildavsky  
20.35 (SPs)

## **Deutsch (16)**

Seymon Deutsch  
Chris Compton  
Gaylor Kasle  
Grant Base  
Ross Gabel  
Jon Wittes  
26.10 (SPs)

## **Meltzer (17)**

Rose Meltzer  
Kyle Larsen  
Alan Sontag  
Peter Weichsel  
Lew Stansby  
Chip Martel  
56.12 (SPs)

## **Ekeblad (18)**

Russ Ekeblad  
Ron Rubin  
Geoff Hampson  
Eric Greco  
Fred Gitelman  
Brad Moss  
44.98 (SPs)

# Schedule of Play

## Saturday, May 14: Round Robin

- 10:00 - 1:00 Three 6-board matches (\*clumped)  
*15 minute break*
- 1:15 - 3:15 Two 6-board matches (\*clumped)  
*60 minute break*
- 4:15 - 8:15 Four 6-board matches. (\*clumped)

\*No score comparisons during a clump

**Captains' Meeting immediately after  
the conclusion of Round Robin**

## Sunday, May 15: Round of 16

- Segment 1 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 1-15  
Segment 2 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 16-30  
*1 Hour 15 minute break*
- Segment 3 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm Boards 31-45  
Segment 4 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Boards 46-60

## Monday, May 16: Round of 16

- Segment 5 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 61-75  
Segment 6 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 76-90

**Captains' Meeting immediately after  
conclusion of the round of 16.**

## USBF Charity Gala

**4:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**followed by light dinner and panel show**

## USBC Hospitality Room 577

**Open Daily**

**Breakfast: 8:45 am - 10:15 am**

**Lunch: 1:15 pm - 2:40 pm (Sat)**

**Drinks: 4:30 - 7:30**

### HOSTESSES' NOTE

Your hostesses apologize for the inconveniences incurred on our first day in business. We hope that things will be running more smoothly in future days to come. We are also working on improving the logistics of the hospitality room set up.

**HAVE A GREAT DAY!**



**Saturday's Lunch**  
Famous Memphis Tuna

## Tuesday, May 17: Quarter-final

- Segment 1 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 1-15  
Segment 2 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 16-30  
*1 Hour 15 minute break*
- Segment 3 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm Boards 31-45  
Segment 4 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Boards 46-60

## Wednesday, May 18: Quarter-final

- Segment 5 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 61-75  
Segment 6 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 76-90  
*1 Hour 15 minute break*
- Segment 7 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm Boards 91-105  
Segment 8 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Boards 106-120

## Thursday, May 19: Semifinal

- Segment 1 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 1-15  
Segment 2 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 16-30  
*1 Hour 15 minute break*
- Segment 3 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm Boards 31-45  
Segment 4 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Boards 46-60

## Friday, May 20: Semifinal

- Segment 5 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 61-75  
Segment 6 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 76-90  
*1 Hour 15 minute break*
- Segment 7 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm Boards 91-105  
Segment 8 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Boards 106-120

## Saturday, May 21: Final

- Segment 1 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 1-15  
Segment 2 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 16-30  
*1 Hour 15 minute break*
- Segment 3 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm Boards 31-45  
Segment 4 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Boards 46-60

## Sunday, May 22: Final

- Segment 5 10:00 am – 12:15 pm Boards 61-75  
Segment 6 12:30 pm – 2:45 pm Boards 76-90  
*1 Hour 15 minute break*
- Segment 7 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm Boards 91-105  
Segment 8 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Boards 106-120

**Entry Fees: \$115 per team, per session**

**\*REMINDER\***

**NO CELL PHONES IN THE PLAYING AREA**

**ATTENTION!!!**

**Please don't confuse the balcony  
ledge with the trash can!**