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First-time Junior players from the University of Nebraska Mike McQuistan, Gopi Shah, Dan Augustyn and Dan Blobaum.

## Four newcomers try for Junior Team berth

Four students from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln came to the Chicago NABC to play in yesterday's U.S. Junior Team Trials. What's so unusual about this is that none of the team members had ever played duplicate bridge before.

The four --- Dan Blobaum, 21, Dan Augustyn, 21, Gopi Shah, 18, and Mike McQuistan, 20 --- came specifically to play in the Junior contest and joined ACBL yesterday directly before the event.

"I heard about the tournament from a friend," said Shah, who is in Chicago for the summer. She contacted Blobaum, Augustyn and McQuistan, who were visiting Chicago this week to ask them to play in the event.

"We don't play any conventions," said Augustyn, a math and philosophy student. "We are trying to play Blackwood."

The team won three of 13 five-board matches, earning their first masterpoints.

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Barbara Nudelman

## Chairman thanks players, staff

Chicago NABC Tournament chair Barbara Nudelman expressed her thanks to all of the participants in the 1998 Summer NABC.

"We hope that everyone had a wonderful time and we're glad so many came out to play. We think we did a good job and hope everyone who joined us here in Chicago feels the same way."

Nudelman, who is a past president of the ACBL and past District 13 Director, has been on the staff of five NABCs and has chaired three of those.

"I want to thank my co-chair Jackie Addis as well as all of the committee chairs. Thanks also to the very professional ACBL staff, especially meeting planners Nancy Foy and Jeff Johnston.

"I would also like to congratulate the staff of the Chicago Hilton on a job well done."

## Junior Trial final today

Four teams qualified from the round-robin phase of the Junior Team Trials to advance to this afternoon's semifinal contest.

The team of Thomas Carmichael, David Wiegand, Chris Carmichael and Joel Wooldridge will face the squad of Brandon Carpenter, Steven Shuman, Matt Shuman, Todd Wolford and Joe Grue.

In the other match, Samuel Erlichman, Chris Lubesnik, Kent Mignocchi, Ari Greenberg, John Kranyak and Samuel Hirschman (Brian Glubok, npc) will take on the team of John Hurd, Alan Epley, Lisa Kow, Brian Meyer, Michael Kitces and Kevin Bathurst.

The winners of the semifinal matches will face off this evening with the winner earning the title of U.S.I and the right to represent the U.S. as part of its Junior team in international competition.

## What a Spingold day! Final: Baze vs. Nickell

Richard Schwartz thought his team had beaten Grant Baze by a single IMP -- BAZE thought they had won by a single IMP. One of the Spingold semi-finalists was wrong. A careful check of all the results uncovered 1-IMP errors on boards 33 and 45 from the third quarter, and both mistakes were against SCHWARTZ. That meant a final tally of BAZE 141, SCHWARTZ 140. So BAZE will get the chance to defend their 1997 Spingold victory in today's final.

The surprising John Onstott team started fast against Nick Nickell. ONSTOTT led after 29 boards, but

three boards later at halftime, NICKELL was in front by 15. Then the roof fell in on ONSTOTT. In the third quarter NICKELL scored 82 unanswered IMPs before finally giving up seven on the last deal of the set. NICKELL had no trouble holding on, winning easily, 183-73.

NICKELL, winner of four of the five past Spingolds, will field a team consisting of Nickell and Dick Freeman, Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth, and Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway.

Back to the SCHWARTZ-BAZE match. It was high drama. SCHWARTZ

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Playing behind screens are Grant Baze, to left of screen, partner Mike Whitman (back to camera), and Robert Levin.

## ShIPLEY party a family reunion

Last night's testimonial party to Bobbie Shipley, national tournament director, was much more than just a goodbye party -- it was a family reunion. Bobbie already has announced she will retire at the end of this year.

Twenty-nine members of her family helped Bobbie celebrate. That includes her husband Dean, six of her seven children and their spouses, and 16 of her 21 grandchildren. They came in all directions from many states to help Bobbie's friends honor their mother.

Tournament directors turned out en masse to wish their friend and co-worker all the best in her retirement. Many friends and former directors who used to work with Bobbie also added their congratulations and best wishes.

Bobbie has been the assistant head director at all North American Bridge Championships for the past eight years. She also was honored at last Monday's Goodwill Committee meeting.

## Vugraph a dazzler

Today's vugraph presentation promises to be another dazzling show. The top two Spingold seeds, defending champion BAZE and four-time champion NICKELL will go at it for 64 boards starting at noon and 7 p.m.

Barry Rigal once again will be the chief commentator, with assistance from Chip Martel, Kit Woolsey, P.O. Sundelin, Chris Compton and Richard Colker.

## Mixed Team final

Two great sessions gave the Berkowitzs and the Bjerkan a two-board lead on the field as 52 Master Mixed Teams head into today's two final session of the board-a-match tournament. David and Lisa Berkowitz, with teammates James and Cheri Bjerkan, scored 37.5 matches out of a possible 52 -- a fine performance.

Two teams are tied for second with 35.5. On one team is Beverly Bluth, Lynne Schaeffer, Julie Rowe, Abraham Pineles, Marty Hirshman and Ronald Kraft. The second team is made up of Jeff Miller, Nancy Wittwer, Stanley Katz and Gloria Kessler.











# BULL GOES 1-1, DAMAGES VUGRAPH

In a gripping match, Baze-Whitman and the Poles jumped out strong, leading by 37 at the half. Schwartz nearly blew out the Polish sausage in the third, smoking back 76 IMPs to lead by 33, headed to the wire. In the toughest loss imaginable, the I-95 boys, (Levin-Weinstein), Frisco Smith, and Horse-Canyon (Lair-Schwartz), lost 12 IMPs on the last board to lose by 1.

Earlier in the fourth quarter, Zmudzinski chose to defend four vulnerable spades holding the equivalent of a strong 2 spade bid -- amazingly his opponents contracted to take ten vulnerable tricks at spades -- despite containing a total of two trumps. The Z-Ski analyzes all 52 cards during the bidding, he gets it right! No slam his way, and he collects 800 on defense -- no double, just down EIGHT vulnerable tricks! Simultaneously, the other Ski's go plus 200 against 6 spades doubled. If it wasn't what happened, it could not be true. Fortunately, this amazing confluence of events saved the Bull from an ignominious 0-2 in the semifinals.

For the Bull, this was not the only bad news of the day -- the Bull himself was nearly hamburger meat (and I mean Bovine fatality) as Hamman-Soloway and Meckwell stampeded roughshod over a tired Cinderella Onstott. Congrats to the losers, it's tough bridge. A special salute by the Bull, to Wittes-Grabel, winning the GNT, before succumbing four-handed with Compton-Onstott, to Nickell, the U.S. Bermuda

Bowl representatives.

## #1 Baze v. #2 Nickell

Nickell's boys are rested, Baze never sleeps, Whitman in the finals for the first time ever, Meckwell super strong, Hamman-Soloway the world's best pair? Folks, the team can play. A special tribute for Zmudzinski-Balicki and Lesniewski-Szymanowski: the first foreigners to begin to consistently perform in the big three -- Spingold, Reisinger, and Vanderbilt. They have mental toughness -- look for them to win in Lille. In Albuquerque and Chicago combined, the Poles and Baze have won three matches by a total of 4 IMPs.

In the final, only 64 boards, Nickell is fresher because of a romp in the semis. The Poles hang tough, but Meckstroth-Rodwell use MAFIA in the fourth quarter to bid to the cold 7 clubs with KQJ10 opposite Ax. At the end, Nickell stands up to take a bow, Nickell by 2.

## NEWSFLASH: BULL HEADED FOR FRANCE, WHERE, AT LEAST, THEY DON'T COOK BEEF BEFORE THEY EAT IT.

Swami picks Nickell, the Poles and The French to make it to the final four in the Lille Rosenblum. Who will join them? Iceland? Or a darkhorse American team?

## SPINGOLD KNOCKOUT TEAMS

119 Teams

Grant Baze, La Jolla CA; Michael Whitman, San Francisco CA; Adam Zmudzinski - Cezary Balicki - Marcin Lesniewski - Marek Szymanowski, Poland

vs

Nick Nickell, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX; Paul Soloway, Mill Creek WA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Naperville IL

100.00 3/4 Richard Schwartz, Flushing NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Robert Levin, Windermere FL; Steve Weinstein, Glen Ridge NJ

100.00 3/4 John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Chris Compton, Oklahoma City OK; Ross Grabel, Huntington Bh CA; Jon Wittes, Claremont CA

60.00 5/8 Jeffrey Wolfson, Boca Raton FL; Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale FL; Michael Rosenberg, Tukkahoe NY; Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Castro Valley CA

60.00 5/8 Bart Bramley - Howard Weinstein - Tom Fox, Chicago IL; Sidney Lazard Sr, New Orleans LA; Steve Garner, Northfield IL; Walter Schafer Jr, Bloomingdale IL

60.00 5/8 George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace, Italy

60.00 5/8 Rita Shugart, Pebble Beach CA; Andrew Robson, Carmel CA; Tony Forrester, England; Geir G Helgemo, Trondheim, Norway

40.00 9/16 James Cayne, New York NY; Chuck Burger, W Bloomfield MI; Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL; David Berkowitz, Old Tappan NJ; Michael Seamon, Miami Beach FL; Mike Passell, Dallas TX

40.00 9/16 Michael Lawrence, Berkeley CA; Hugh Ross, Oakland CA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, West Hurley NY; Michael Becker, Boca Raton FL; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ

40.00 9/16 Bobby Wolff, Dallas TX; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Dan Morse, Houston TX; George Rosenkranz, Mexico City; Jon Baldursson, Iceland; Magnus Magnusson, Sweden

40.00 9/16 John Sutherlin, Dallas TX; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Drew Casen, Coconut Creek FL; William Pollack, Warren NJ; Ron Sukoneck, Annandale VA; Mark Cohen, Glen Ridge NJ

40.00 9/16 Eddie Wold - Robert Morris, Houston TX; Marc Jacobus - Harold Lilie, Las Vegas NV; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Jerry Clerkin, North Vernon IN

40.00 9/16 Luella Slaner - Joel Friedberg, Scarsdale NY; Marty Bergen, Farmingdale NY; Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Peter Boyd, Silver Spring MD

40.00 9/16 Michael Polowan - Mark Feldman, New York NY; Larry Robbins, Deerfield IL; Jerry Goldfein, Chicago IL

40.00 9/16 Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; George Steiner - John Schermer, Seattle WA; Robert Blanchard - Jim Krekorian, New York NY; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

14 Teams

Thomas Carmichael, Iselin NJ; David Wiegand, Portland OR; Chris Carmichael, Atlanta GA; Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY

vs

Brandon Carpenter, Whitehouse TX; Stephen Shuman - Matt Shuman, Richardson TX; Todd Wolford, Aurora OH; Joe Grue, Minneapolis MN

Samuel Ehrlichman, Flushing NY; Chris Lubesnik, Glendale CA; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY; Ari Greenberg, Malibu CA; John Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Samuel Hirschman, Southfield MI

vs

John Hurd, Charleston SC; Alan Epley, Kent WA; Lisa Kow, Pleasant Hill CA; Brian Meyer, Buffalo NY; Michael Kites, Great Falls VA; Kevin Bathurst, Brentwood TN

## Junior Trial

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Anne Hoffman, a coach for the U.S. Junior Team and a patron of the Junior program, purchased the ACBL memberships for the foursome that became one of the 14 teams participating in the Trials.

"At the trials two years ago, only nine U.S. teams entered the competition. This year there are 13 U.S. teams and one Swedish squad that's playing as an exhibition team. The program is successful and growing."

The winner of the Trials will become U.S. I, one of the two teams to represent the U.S. in international competition.

The Trials are being conducted by the U.S. Junior Team Selection Committee. The committee's chair, Bobby Wolff, has worked hard to help create a U.S. Junior squad that is a formidable force in world competition. Hoffman and G.S. Jade Barrett, npc of the U.S. Junior team, are also members of the selection committee.

"We want to recognize the efforts of our volunteer Junior Support Staff in helping to evaluate the performance of the Juniors in the Trials," said Barrett. The volunteers --- Blair Seidler, Steve Altus and Kevin Wilson --- are helping to select members of U.S. II, a squad whose members will be composed of those Juniors chosen by the selection committee.

"The U.S. Junior Team will be made of the members of U.S. I and II, as well as four other players who will be on the team in an apprentice role," said Barrett. "These developing players will serve as alternates and give the program continuity."

## Spingold

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led by 9 with two boards to go, and on the next-to-last deal they picked up another 2 IMPs to up their lead to 11. On the very last board, Robert Levin and Steve Weinstein took a phantom save and went for 800. That cost 12 IMPs, and suddenly BAZE was the winner.

Originally the vugraph crew announced that SCHWARTZ had triumphed, but Chief Commentator Barry Rigal pointed out to the spectators that a correction might be in the works and it could make a difference in the winner.

The match was incredibly interesting. Mark Lair and Richard Schwartz played during the first half, and things didn't look good -- SCHWARTZ was down by 39. There was no indication that a turnaround might be in the works. But Ron Smith and Lair had a positively devastating set in the third quarter -- they had one bad result but the rest were good enough for an 86-10 quarter and a 37-IMP lead.

Then the Polish quartet took over -- they ran 40 unanswered IMPs and moved ahead by 3. Finally Lair and Smith made a heart game on a Namyats auction, setting the stage for the last-second drama that carried over into the post mortem period.

So BAZE is in the final again with Michael Whitman, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezary Balicki, Marcin Lesniewski and Mark Szymanowski.



**Play in progress in the U.S. Junior Team trials. Semifinal and final rounds of play take place today. See story page 1.**





THURSDAY-SATURDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY CONTINUOUS PAIRS

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SATURDAY FLIGHT A PAIRS

Table with columns for time, A, B, name, and score. Contains 78 Pairs.

2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 5/20 PAIRS

Table with columns for time, A, B, name, and score. Contains 18 Pairs.

2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 50/100 PAIRS

Table with columns for time, A, B, name, and score. Contains 24 Pairs.

2ND SATURDAY AFTERNOON 199ER PAIRS

Table with columns for time, A, B, name, and score. Contains 24 Pairs.

2ND SATURDAY 300/750/1500 PAIRS

Table with columns for time, B, C, D, name, and score. Contains 208 Pairs.

2ND FRIDAY-SATURDAY KNOCKOUTS

Bracket 1

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Bracket 2

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Bracket 3

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Bracket 4

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Bracket 5

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Bracket 6

Table with columns for time, name, and score. Contains 12 Teams.













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# TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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\*Unless otherwise indicated, Strati-Flighted Open events are divided: A (3000+/0-3000 and separate); B, C & D stratified -- B (750-1500), C (300-750), D (0-300). Strat breaks for Stratified Open and Senior events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500).

## Sunday, August 2, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Strati-Flighted Open Swiss Teams*	playthru 7 matches of 7 boards	\$88 team	NorthWest Exhibit Hall, lower level
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams*	playthru 7 matches of 7 boards	\$88 team	NorthEast Exhibit Hall, lower level

## Sunday, August 2, 1998, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Stratified Fast Open Pairs*	1st & 2nd	\$44 pair	International Ballroom, 2nd level
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## Sunday, August 2, 1998, 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

MIXED BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1st & 2nd F	\$96 team	Continental Ballroom, Lobby level
Junior Team Trials		\$20 (with Junior coupon)	Marquette Room, 3rd floor
Stratified Side Pairs*	single	\$22 pair	Williford Room, 3rd floor
199er, 99er, 49er, 0-20 & 0-5 Pairs	single	\$20 pair	Williford Room, 3rd floor
Stratified 199er Swiss Teams	single	\$40 team	Williford Room, 3rd floor

## Sunday, August 2, 1998, Noon & 7:00 p.m.

SPINGOLD KO TEAMS		\$108 team	PDR 5 and 7, 3rd floor
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*Make your plans now to play at the Fall NABC in Orlando  
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