

## Last Week's Leaders

### 7/14 Saturday 0-30

1st OA: **Robert Roark & Sharon Koster** (56.4%)  
2nd OA (Tie): **Robert Griffin & Verna Gibson** (53.2%)



### 7/17 Tuesday Eve

1st OA: **Richard Horvitz & Karen Kalla** (63.2%)  
2nd OA: **Judith Lucas & Natalie Steinberg** (55.6%)

CBA Seminars	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30 Sat	21 Jul 12:30	Amy Fisher	Second Hand Low
	99er Tue	17 Jul 6:30	Patrick Hoffman	Responding to Partner's Preempts

## CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

Mon NLM 7 PM CBA      Wed Homestyle 11:00 AM CBA  
Tues 99er 7 PM CBA      Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY BC  
Thurs NLM 7 PM CBA      1st Fri 99er 10:00 AM NKY BC

**0-30 Sat 1 PM CBA (Lecture at 12:30 PM)**

## Area Tournaments

Jul 28 - 29      Lexington KY      **S for NLM**

**July 12 – 22**      Philadelphia, PA      **N**

**Jul 30 – Aug 5**      Fairborn, OH      **R**

For Details go to <http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/>

The **Summer Nationals** are underway in **Philadelphia** until July 23, 2012. Keep up with the fun by checking the [daily bulletins online](#). Watch top level competition at [BridgeBase Online](#). See the Spingold Cup KO Teams. Join the fun from Cincinnati!

## A Spectacular Finish – by Steve Moese

The **Grand National Teams Championship Flight** ended July 15, 2012 with one of the all-time thrilling finishes ever! Bridge Base Online carried the excitement! Lilienstein (District 24 New York) was leading by 4 IMPs over Spector (Florida District 9) going into the last hand. **What do you lead from West?**

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♥	2♣	3♣ <sup>1</sup>
4♣	4♦ <sup>2</sup>	P	4♣ <sup>2</sup>
X <sup>3</sup>	XX <sup>4</sup>	P	5♣ <sup>2</sup>
P	5♦ <sup>2</sup>	P	5♥ <sup>2</sup>
P	5♠ <sup>2</sup>	P	5N <sup>5</sup>
P	7♥	All Pass	

*Hands Rotated:*

**West holds:**

♠ 98

♥ 104

♦ AJ54

♣ AQJ103

**Opening Lead: ???**

1 = Limit Raise or better; 2 = Control Bid; 3 = Lead director;  
4 = Penalty; 5 = Pick a Slam

West led a trump, likely thinking that choosing an Ace wasn't necessary – opponents would do that for him. A trump would also cut down on cross ruffs.

To add to the drama, the last 15 hands were even with small gains for both teams. It would be hard to know who was ahead. Cohler made a risky decision to bid a GRAND SLAM that could not make – it was the only way his team could win!!! The championship came down to one lead.

Unfortunately the only lead to beat the hand was the ♣A. The debate continues whether the right lead should have been found at the table. This is not the first time that world class players failed to find the right Ace lead against a grand slam. Here's the full hand:

### Board 64

**East**      ♠ K 6 5  
**Deals**      ♥ K J 9 2  
**E-W Vul**    ♦ K Q 9 7 3  
                 ♣ K 2

**Berkowitz**  
*Rotated  
so South  
Declares*

### Hurd

♠ 9 8  
♥ 10 4  
♦ A J 5 4  
♣ A Q J 10 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

### Woolridge

♠ Q 10 4  
♥ 3  
♦ 10 8 6 2  
♣ 9 8 6 5 4

### Cohler

♠ A J 7 3 2  
♥ A Q 8 7 6 5 2  
♦ -  
♣ 7

Opponents bid to 6♥s at the other table and got the same trump lead.

In 7♥, Cohler judged to win the trump in dummy and ruff a ♦. Returning to dummy with a trump (all out now), declarer

took the necessary ♠ finesse. When the ♠J held, 13 tricks were available (2 losing ♣s were dumped on the long ♠s and declarer could cross ruff the rest for 13 tricks. The 12 IMPs gained on this hand meant a come-from-behind 8 IMP win! Bidding and making an unmakeable Grand Slam on the very last hand of the match certainly takes luck. The winners took advantage of their opportunity.

With this win, the Florida Team posts their 4<sup>th</sup> Championship in the past 6 years. Jeff Meckstroth wins his record 9<sup>th</sup> and Eric Rodwell his 8<sup>th</sup> GNT Championship. Congratulations to Warren Spector, Mike Becker, Gary Cohler, David Berkowitz, Jeff Meckstroth, and Eric Rodwell - 2012 GNT Champions.

Congratulations to both teams for one of the most exciting finishes of all time!

# 0-30 Corner – Mike Purcell 513 702 4007 [mikpur@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mikpur@cinci.rr.com)

This Saturday I will be running the 0-30 MP section and Amy Fisher will continue our seminar series on Defense 12:30 before the game "Second Hand Low". This week we look at two hands where proper hand evaluation can make the difference in getting to game or not. Enjoy.

**Board 10**  
 East Deals  
 Both Vul

♠ K J 9 8 5 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ J 5  
 ♣ Q J 4 3

♠ A Q  
 ♥ Q 6  
 ♦ K 7 4 2  
 ♣ A K 9 7 5

♠ 7 6 4  
 ♥ A J 8 3  
 ♦ A Q 10 8 3  
 ♣ 2

EW 6♦; 3♥  
 W 5♣; 5N; 2♠;  
 E 4N; 4♣; 1♠

♠ 10 3  
 ♥ K 10 9 7 4 2  
 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ 10 8 6

**Bidding** – East with 11HCP, 2.5 quick tricks (♦AQ and ♥A) and a rebiddable 5 card diamond suit should open 1♦. Without 2.5 or more quick tricks and a rebiddable 5 card suit East should pass. West with 18HCP knows game is a minimum and slam is possible. West can respond 2♣ and East will rebid 2♦. West knows there is at least a 9 card diamond fit and must think to play in either 3NT or 6♦. Most West's will choose the surer 3NT contract as we see in the results below and will bid it right away. With ♠AQ it is important for West to bid NT

first. West should not worry about hearts in NT. West expects about 30 HCP on their side and surely some of those points from partner are in hearts.

**Play of the Hand** – Most likely lead is the ♠8 (fourth best). On this lead declarer has 2♠, 5♦, 2♣ and 1♥ off the top with one more trick in hearts that can be developed for 11 tricks and +660.

**Post Mortem** – Some 11HCP hand are better than others. With quick tricks and a 5 card or longer suit these hands will play as well as most 12 HCP hands and should be opened.

Bd 10	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 NT W	200		12	0
6 NT W	100		11	1
3 ♦ E		130	10	2
5 ♦ E		600	9	3
3 NT W		630	7.5	4.5
3 NT W		630	7.5	4.5
3 NT W		660	4.5	7.5
3 NT W		660	4.5	7.5
3 NT W		660	4.5	7.5
3 NT W		660	4.5	7.5
3 NT W		690	1	11
3 NT W		690	1	11
3 NT W		690	1	11
3 ♦ E		130	3	0
3 ♦ W		150	2	1
2 ♠ N		200	1	2
3 NT W		660	0.00	3.00

Bd 16	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♥ N	450		12	0.00
4 ♥ N	420		7	5.00
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ S	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
4 ♥ N	420		7	5
3 ♥ N	200		2	10
3 ♥ N	170		0.5	11.5
2 ♥ N	170		0.5	11.5
4 ♥ N	450		3	0
2 ♠ W	200		2	1
1 ♥ N	140		0.5	2.5
2 ♥ N	140		0.5	2.5

**Bidding** – South should open this auction 1♣ with 14HCP. North with 10HCP and 5 hearts will respond 1♥ (4+ hearts, 6+ HCP). South with 4 hearts must reevaluate their hand now that they know they have a heart fit. South hand is worth 16 support points (14 HCP and 2 more for the singleton). This is not a 12-15 minimum hand (2♥ rebid) nor a game forcing hand 19-21 (4♥ rebid) so we invite with 3♥ showing 16-18 support points. Partner should raise to 4♥ with a good 8 or more support points and pass 3♥ with 6-7 support points. With 11 support points North has an easy 4♥ raise.

**Play of the Hand** – East is likely to lead either a diamond or spade. Either way declarer has one spade loser and two club losers if they draw trump.

**Post Mortem** – Once you find a trump fit it is critical to reevaluate your hand to see if your distribution makes it more valuable. In general you can give yourself 1 more point for a doubleton, 2 for a singleton and 3 for a void. In this hand South's singleton upgraded their minimum hand into an invitational one making game possible for North-South.

**Board 16**  
 West Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ A 7 6 4  
 ♥ J 8 2  
 ♦ J 10 2  
 ♣ A 5 3

NS 4N; 4♥; 2♠;  
 3♣; EW 1♦

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

♠ J 9 2  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 3  
 ♣ K 6 4

♠ Q 10 8 3  
 ♥ A Q 7 4  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ Q 9 8 7