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**Subject:** Hoity Toity/Adel Verpflichtet Semi-Finals Announced

Greetings Art Bandits, Thieves, and Parolees!

Congratulations to Suzanne Tuch – who finished the preliminary rounds with the most points (21 – tied with Ken Gutermuth) and the most spaces (23). As it worked out the spaces tie-breaker was needed, all those with 17 or more points made it into the semi-finals. The final point scores are posted at: [http://www.gameaholics.com/adv\\_tournament.htm](http://www.gameaholics.com/adv_tournament.htm).

A lot of people finish the game with 3-5 cards and no set. However, David Jefferson managed to finish 5 spaces over the lines with just 1 card left. Alas, he finished third in that game (which saw four players pass the line).

Jürgen Kopsch and Pete Staab both finished 12 spaces past the line (out of the maximum of 13) for the best first-place finishers of the tournament.

Interestingly, only two of the semi-finalists finished any game with the A-1468 in hand – just once each. But, of the other 20 players, 15 finished with the 1468 in hand (some multiple times). But six of the semi-finalists finished with the D-1616 as their oldest final card... Only two others did – the two DeMarcos (Tom and Wendy McCallion).

Before I announce the semi-final pairings, I'd like to thank all participants for their speedy play – only two players were ever noted as being beyond the 48 hour rule (and none a second time such that no penalties were applied). I really appreciate the fun, fast games we all enjoyed. I hope you'll all join in again this coming October 1<sup>st</sup>.

I'd also appreciate any comments on this year's five-games-at-once approach (vs. the old staggered starts) or any other aspects of the format at this time. Your comments will determine what we do next year.

And now, drum roll please, the pairings for the semi-finals. Each player plays in two games (which means everyone plays at least one or two opponents twice). The winners advance together with the best second-place finishers to fill five finalist spots. Good luck to all of you!

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