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Greetings Adel Verpflichtet Tournament Players!

The preliminary rounds ended earlier today. All of the scores and final preliminary rankings are posted on the website (http://www.gameaholics.com/adv_tournament.htm). As it turns out, no tie-breakers were needed -- it took 18 points to qualify for the semi-finals (the top ten players). Some very good players had 17 and 16 points (including our defending champion and some previous finalists), but it's not enough this time around.

Four players qualified with 18 points -- Curt Collins, Mike Kaltman, Keith Layton, and Tom DeMarco. Four more qualified with 19 points -- Steve Fitchett, Alex Bove, Bob Menzel, and Anthony Daw. The last two scored 22 points -- George Seary and John Pack. In last year's tournament, it took 20 points to get into the final (no semi-finals were played).

Thank you all for playing. Most of the games were fast and furious -- and a lot of fun. Thanks for being such great opponents! I encourage you all to follow the semi-finals on the website.

The semi-finalists were randomly split between the first two games. For games three and four, players were again randomly paired -- with the limitation that every player would face at least two new opponents.

Here are the semi-final pairings:

Game Name: BPA ADV 08S-1
Comment: Steve F, Alex B, Bob M, Curt C, Mike K
Players: 5

Steve Fitchett surfitch surfitch@comcast.net
Alex Bove Montu GamerMontu@gmail.com
Bob Menzel baub64 baub64@msn.com
Curt Collins Spleen Curt.CollinsII@sms-demag.us
Mike Kaltman Coyotek4 Coyotek44@aol.com

Game Name: BPA ADV 08S-2
Comment: John P, George S, Anthony D, Keith L, Tom DeM
Players: 5

John Pack johnrpack john@gameaholics.com
George Seary GeorgeS armada@pronetisp.net
Anthony Daw dawgamer dawgamer@msn.com
Keith Layton keithl4170a keithl4170@comcast.net
Tom DeMarco Tom DeMarco TomAnneTim@comcast.net

Game Name: BPA ADV 08S-3
Comment: Steve F, Bob M, Curt C, George S, Keith L
Players: 5

Steve Fitchett surfitch surfitch@comcast.net
Bob Menzel baub64 baub64@msn.com
Curt Collins Spleen Curt.CollinsII@sms-demag.us
George Seary GeorgeS armada@pronetisp.net
Keith Layton keithl4170a keithl4170@comcast.net

Game Name: BPA ADV 08S-4
Comment: Alex B, Mike K, John P, Anthony D, Tom DeM
Players: 5

Alex Bove Montu GamerMontu@gmail.com
Mike Kaltman Coyotek4 Coyotek44@aol.com
John Pack johnrpack john@gameaholics.com
Anthony Daw dawgamer dawgamer@msn.com
Tom DeMarco Tom DeMarco TomAnneTim@comcast.net

The password should be selected by the player who creates the game and emailed to the rest of the players. Please sign up and begin play as soon as possible. Any player who is AWOL on Saturday evening will be replaced by the next ranking player from the preliminaries (Andy Latto).

As in the preliminaries, please log in and make your moves at least once per day. That will allow us to start the final on time.

Five players will advance including all of the winners and the best second place finishers as needed to make five (with multiple possible if a single player wins more than one semi). No third place players will advance -- even if the final would be four players.

Thank you and good luck to everyone!

John