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Greetings Exhibitors, Detectives, and Auction Goers –

With 8 preliminary games to go...

I've updated the complete status at http://www.gameaholics.com/adv_tournament.htm. Congratulations to Greg Thatcher for his commanding lead – three wins and two seconds to total 23 points. I think we can safely conclude Greg will make it to the semi-finals. Two players trail with 18 points, Aran Warszawski and Chris – but Aran still has one game to go. Both are likely semi-finalists.

My wife, Sharee, has the honor of being the only player who hasn't yet finished a game and, therefore, has a current score of zero. Many of hers are close to completion, so we'll easily meet the March 28 deadline. Interestingly, Sharee is the only player who still has the potential to overtake Greg.

Three games have seen three exhibits and two thieves on the final move – rearranging the best sets dramatically.

Looking over the results, it appears having the largest set is a great way to come in second place. In the majority of games, the winner is the only player to cross the line (which means the largest and second-largest sets did not change who was in first place). Of course, in some of those games the player with the largest set was already in first place...

Dan Leader, Greg Thatcher, and Bob Hamel finished 9, 9, and 8 spaces beyond the line in respective wins. I thought those were impressive, and expected those would be the best finishes. Then I saw Laurie Wojtaszczyk with 11 spaces. Whoa! In Laurie's game, the smallest set had 9 cards. The largest? 10 cards (with a three-way tie that was broken by the 1468, 1650, and 1660 cards). And then there was Derek's win... Derek Landel accomplished a rare feat (the first I've ever seen) – finishing with the absolute maximum 13 spaces. That means arriving at the final 5/3 space, winning the next exhibit, and still having the best set – a nearly impossible trifecta! Congrats, Derek!

So far, no games with all five players over the line – but we do have one where four players made it across...

Anyway, check out the standings and good luck to those who are still playing!

John