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Gilmour Maintains His Lead in Day 4 of the Knickerbocker Cup

Variable winds marked the fourth day of match racing at the Knickerbocker Cup on Manhasset Bay in Port Washington. Winds out of the NE held steady at about 8-10 knots for most of the day, but disappeared early afternoon, never to return. The hoped-for southerly didn't filled in and racing was cancelled late afternoon. The second round robin was completed, and semi-finals begun when the wind died. At a skippers' meeting that was held on the Race Committee boat out on the bay, several decisions were made: the 5-8 place finishers decided to compete in a sail-off if held before end of day, but with the wind not cooperating, the sail-off never took place, and 5th place through 8th place were final based on position at the end of the second round robin: 5. Cameron Appleton, 6. Andy Horton, 7. Morten Henriksen, and 8. Mathieu Richard. The second decision was made by Peter Gilmour, who as the leader, could choose which of the other semi-finalists he would like to sail against - Ed Baird, Ken Read or James Spithill. He chose Ed Baird, which makes sense as these two skippers have won the Knickerbocker Cup in the past (Ed Baird won in 1993, 1994 and 2000, and Peter Gilmour won in 1998). Racing will be fierce as Gilmour/Baird and Read/Spithill match up on Monday, September 3rd.

Results at the end of the day, Sunday, September 2nd, with two round robins completed:

		<u>RR1 (14 Flights)</u>	<u>RR2 (9 Flights)</u>
Peter Gilmour	United States	10 wins/1 loss	9 wins/2 loss
Ed Baird	United States	9 wins/2 losses	6 wins/5 losses
Ken Read	United States	9 wins/2 losses	5 wins/6 losses
Andy Horton	United States	7 wins/4 losses	5 wins/5 losses
Morten Henriksen	Germany	6 wins/5 losses	5 wins/6 losses
Cameron Appleton	New Zealand	5 wins/6 losses	8 wins/3 loss
James Spithill	United States	5 wins/7 losses	9 wins/2 losses
Mathieu Richard	France	4 wins/7 losses	6 wins/4 losses
Jes Gram-Hansen	Denmark	4 wins/7 losses	6 wins/4 losses
Gustav Nilsson	Sweden	3 wins/8 losses	1 win/9 losses
Lars Nordbjerg	Denmark	3 wins/8 losses	2 wins/9 losses
Andrew Arbuzov	Russia	1 win/10 losses	3 wins/7 losses

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