



# Labtest Contest Time

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**[Last March I held a “Labtest Contest”](#), giving readers of this blog a chance to win something cool simply by guessing how many t-cells I have. Well, tomorrow I get my routine labs done! So pony up with those guesses.**

For a refresher, here are the rules (subject to change, just like my t-cells):

## **Official Rules**

1. You have to post your guess (between 300 and 700 t-cells) on my [Poz blog Comments section](#)
2. Relatives are disqualified (only because that makes this seem official)
3. Closest wins- no Price is Right logic applied.
4. One vote per person.
5. **Deadline is Monday, July 12, 2010 at 11:59 EST.**

I should have my lab results by next Tuesday, and will post them on the blog mid-next week.

I got a killer idea for what I’m going to give away this time- for a clue, [go check out my coffee blog, Decker’s Daily](#), and let the speculation begin. You may remember that [the contest was fierce last March](#), and the ultimate winner was Charles Oliff, who has carried the title with grace since his incredible victory, when he guessed 567, missing the actual result of 565 by just two tiny little t-cells.

He’s looking to hit it right on the mark this time and defend his title. He also gave this very classy victory speech, which went a long way toward helping some of the other near-miss guessers cope with their defeat:

March 17, 2010: “I would first like to thank the poz blog, for giving me a place to comment my guess. I would like to thank Shawn Decker for his awesome book and music - without which, I might never have followed his twitter feed and seen the contest. I would also like to thank my

fellow contestants - for we are all winners here in having Shawn's numbers be good. Thank you, thank you, I will wear the t-shirt with pride." - Charles Oliff

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Charles won a Screw Smarter t-shirt. And since the last contest, he and his lovely wife Rachel became parents- congratulations! If ever there was a time to pounce on the distracted champion, now is it. And, as I wrote, this time I really have something really special up my sleeve. I told ya where to go for a clue, and that's all I can reveal at this time... so good luck with your guessing!

Positively Yours,

Shawn

**AWESOME MUSIC NEWS: "Pictures From America" by my friend, [Lauren Hoffman](#), is NPR's Song of the Day today. It's from her incredible new album, *Interplanetary Traveler*... check it out!**

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