

## North-Western Regional Pairs – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – FOB Notes

(Assuming weak NT, Transfers, 4-card majors, weak 2's)

Just a few comments to help you with your post mortems

| <p style="margin: 0;">♠ 75<br/>♥ Q96<br/>♦ KJ1032<br/>♣ J96</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ J93                      ♠ KQ102<br/>♥ J2                         ♥ AK1053<br/>♦ A8654                    ♦ Q<br/>♣ A108                     ♣ K42</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ A864<br/>♥ 874<br/>♦ 97<br/>♣ Q753</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">HCP</th> <th colspan="5" style="text-align: center;">Makeable contracts</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 5%;"></td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♣</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♦</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♥</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♠</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">S</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">E</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> </table> | HCP          |                    | Makeable contracts |   |   |   |    |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | 7 |  | N | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | 17 | S | - | - | - | - | - |  | 6 | E | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 |  |  | W | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | <p style="margin: 0;">Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>West</i></th> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>North</i></th> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>East</i></th> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>South</i></th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1♥</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2♦</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2♠</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3NT</td> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin: 0;">All roads lead to 3NT - but no doubt some will find other contracts to play in! East's 2♠ is a reverse bid showing 17+ HCP, 5 hearts and 4 Spades. West's 3NT should show a minimum hand.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Declarer should make 11 tricks, 3 spades, 5 hearts, 1 diamond and 2 clubs. Those declarers who get a small diamond lead from North might negotiate 12 tricks.</p> | <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |  | Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |  |
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|  |              |                    | ♣                  | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |          |  |  |
| 7  |              | N                  | -                  | - | - | - | -  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |          |  |  |
| 10   | 17           | S                  | -                  | - | - | - | -  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |          |  |  |
|  | 6            | E                  | 3                  | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |          |  |  |
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|  | Pass         | 1♥                 | Pass               |   |   |   |    |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |          |  |  |
| 2♦   | Pass         | 2♠                 | Pass               |   |   |   |    |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |          |  |  |
| 3NT  | All Pass     |                    |                    |   |   |   |    |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |             |              |             |              |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |     |          |  |  |

| <p style="margin: 0;">♠ QJ1042<br/>♥ KJ974<br/>♦ J<br/>♣ KQ</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ -                              ♠ A9763<br/>♥ Q532                        ♥ A6<br/>♦ AK1083                    ♦ Q6542<br/>♣ 10542                     ♣ 3</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ K85<br/>♥ 108<br/>♦ 97<br/>♣ AJ9876</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">HCP</th> <th colspan="5" style="text-align: center;">Makeable contracts</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 5%;"></td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♣</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♦</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♥</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">♠</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">S</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">E</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">W</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> </table> | HCP          |                    | Makeable contracts |   |   |   |    |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | 13 |  | N | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 9 | 10 | S | 2 | - | - | 1 | - |  | 8 | E | - | 5 | - | - | 1 |  |  | W | - | 5 | 1 | - | 1 | <p style="margin: 0;">Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>West</i></th> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>North</i></th> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>East</i></th> <th style="width: 25%;"><i>South</i></th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin: 0;">A strange hand – the four players could throw the board in or the bidding could go to all the way to the 5-level!</p> <p style="margin: 0;">E/W can make 11 tricks in a diamond contract and might get to 3♦ if either of them open the bidding.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">If North opens or overcalls he will probably not be able to stop below 3♠ and will probably be doubled and lose 200, 500 or more!</p> <p style="margin: 0;">It's not unreasonable to bid with the North hand – but in hindsight having half of your points in 3 cards should ring warning bells!</p> | <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |  |  | All Pass |  |
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| 13   |              | N                  | 2                  | - | - | 1 | -  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |              |             |              |  |  |          |  |
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|  | 8            | E                  | -                  | 5 | - | - | 1  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |              |             |              |  |  |          |  |
|  |              | W                  | -                  | 5 | 1 | - | 1  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |              |             |              |  |  |          |  |
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|  |              | All Pass           |                    |   |   |   |    |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |              |             |              |  |  |          |  |

| <p style="margin: 0;">♠ KQJ97<br/>♥ A<br/>♦ K106<br/>♣ K532</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ A1042      ♠ -<br/>♥ 8              ♥ KJ1076<br/>♦ J7              ♦ AQ9532<br/>♣ Q109876      ♣ AJ</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ 8653<br/>♥ Q95432<br/>♦ 84<br/>♣ 4</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">16</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">7      15</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">2</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>3</td></tr> </table> | HCP      |          | 16    | 7      15 | 2  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | - | - | 2 | - | S | - | - | - | 1 | - | E | 4 | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | W | 4 | 4 | 1 | - | 3 | <p>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>3♣ (H+D)</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dbl</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>A lively hand requiring restraint by both sides. East has a lovely hand – he only needs as little as the ♥Q for him to have a good play for 4♥! If E/W have some way of showing a 2-suited overcall like Ghestem, East can wheel it out now. 3♣ shows the 2 unbid suits either 6-10 or 16+.</p> <p>E/W can make 10 tricks in clubs or diamonds so 3♠x-1 will be a good score for N/S. 4♠x-2 will not!</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | 1♠ | 3♣ (H+D) | Pass | 3♦ | Pass | Pass | 3♠ | Dbl | All Pass |  |  |
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| 16  |          |          |       |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
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| 2   |          |          |       |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
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|   | ♣        | ♦        | ♥     | ♠         | NT |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| N   | -        | -        | -     | 2         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| S   | -        | -        | -     | 1         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| E   | 4        | 4        | 1     | -         | 1  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| W   | 4        | 4        | 1     | -         | 3  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| West  | North    | East     | South |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| Pass  | 1♠       | 3♣ (H+D) | Pass  |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| 3♦  | Pass     | Pass     | 3♠    |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |
| Dbl   | All Pass |          |       |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |          |      |    |      |      |    |     |          |  |  |

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|--|-------|------|----------|-----------|----|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|------|-------|------|-------|----|------|-----|----------|
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| 9  |       |      |          |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| 12      9  |       |      |          |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| 10   |       |      |          |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
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|  | ♣     | ♦    | ♥        | ♠         | NT |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| N  | -     | -    | -        | 1         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| S  | -     | -    | -        | 1         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| E  | 2     | 1    | 1        | -         | 2  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| W  | 2     | 1    | 1        | -         | 2  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| West   | North | East | South    |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |
| 1♥   | Pass  | 1NT  | All Pass |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |    |      |     |          |

♠ A10972  
 ♥ AQ96  
 ♦ QJ9  
 ♣ 10  
 ♠ Q3                      ♠ J65  
 ♥ 873                      ♥ 105  
 ♦ K853                     ♦ A10642  
 ♣ J873                     ♣ AQ5  
                               ♠ K84  
                               ♥ KJ42  
                               ♦ 7  
                               ♣ K9642

| HCP |    |
|-----|----|
| 13  | 11 |
| 6   | 10 |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | 2 | - | 4 | 4 | 2  |
| S                  | 2 | - | 4 | 4 | 2  |
| E                  | - | 1 | - | - | -  |
| W                  | - | 1 | - | - | -  |

Board 5 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          | 1♠    | Pass | 2♣    |
| Pass     | 2♥    | Pass | 4♥    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

N/S can make 10 tricks in either major. More often than not the 4-4 fit provides an extra trick because the side suit can be used to discard losers.

On this hand for instance if E/W refuse to take their diamond trick – it can be discarded on the spades. However if Spades were trumps, declarer would have no discard coming on the heart suit and would have to give E/W their diamond trick even if they forgot to take it!

There is no excuse for not being in game. South has 7 losers and even counting points he has 10+1+2=13

♠ 103  
 ♥ 965  
 ♦ 10854  
 ♣ J973  
 ♠ QJ9754                ♠ AK6  
 ♥ 2                        ♥ KQ84  
 ♦ J7                        ♦ A32  
 ♣ Q1042                ♣ K65  
                               ♠ 82  
                               ♥ AJ1073  
                               ♦ KQ96  
                               ♣ A8

| HCP |    |
|-----|----|
| 1   | 19 |
| 6   | 14 |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | - | 1 | 1 | - | -  |
| S                  | - | 1 | 1 | - | -  |
| E                  | 2 | - | - | 4 | 2  |
| W                  | 2 | - | - | 4 | 2  |

Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all

| West | North | East | South    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 2♠   | Pass  | 4♠   | All Pass |

West opens a weak 2♠ showing 6 spades and 6-10 HCP. East has enough to raise to 4♠. The 4-3-3-3 shape should put him off investigating slam.

3NT by East is a good matchpoint bid but having all his points in Aces and Kings should sway East to the safer suit contract. So maybe bidding 2NT as an enquiry and then when you hear partner is minimum, bidding 4♠ is a better way to bid it! If you hear partner is max for her 2♠, try 3NT.

Those in 3NT will probably make 10 or 11 tricks because South will never find the killing ♦K lead to beat it.

♠ 102  
 ♥ 952  
 ♦ 1052  
 ♣ AQJ109  
 ♠ J7                      ♠ AKQ8543  
 ♥ AK76                    ♥ 1043  
 ♦ J76                      ♦ AK4  
 ♣ K854                    ♣ -  
 ♠ 96  
 ♥ QJ8  
 ♦ Q983  
 ♣ 7632

| HCP |    |
|-----|----|
| 7   | 16 |
| 12  | 5  |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | - | - | - | - | -  |
| S                  | - | - | - | - | -  |
| E                  | - | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5  |
| W                  | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6  |

Board 9 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             | Pass         | 2♣ (23+)    | Pass         |
| 2NT         | Pass         | 4♠          | Pass         |
| 5♥          | Pass         | 6♠          | All Pass     |

With the heart suit breaking 3-3 there are 12 tricks in a heart or spade contract. Certainly making only 11 tricks whether you are in 4♠ or 6♠ will be a near zero score.

It's not an easy slam to bid – and those who do bid it are probably bidding it on 'gut' instinct. Certainly if West gets a 2♦ waiting bid response he may talk himself out of slam. It looks like 4♠+2 will be very common.

The No-Trumpers will also make 12 tricks as long as West plays the hand – to protect his ♣K from attack.

♠ 964  
 ♥ 103  
 ♦ J8754  
 ♣ A52  
 ♠ K5                      ♠ AQJ8  
 ♥ J874                    ♥ 965  
 ♦ K632                    ♦ A9  
 ♣ 1096                    ♣ K743  
 ♠ 10732  
 ♥ AKQ2  
 ♦ Q10  
 ♣ QJ8

| HCP |    |
|-----|----|
| 5   | 14 |
| 7   | 14 |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | - | 1 | - | - | -  |
| S                  | - | 1 | - | - | -  |
| E                  | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 1  |
| W                  | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 1  |

Board 10 : Dealer East : All vulnerable

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             |              | 1NT         | All Pass     |

There is no reason to be any higher than 1NT by E/W. Hopefully no West will use Stayman!

It might be difficult to hold E/W to just 7 tricks. South needs to switch to diamonds early – and he is more likely to switch to Spades after a top heart lead. So most declarers will make 1NT+1.

| <p>♠ K1053<br/>♥ KJ<br/>♦ Q108<br/>♣ AJ74</p> <p>♠ 987                      ♠ A6<br/>♥ AQ97                    ♥ 108653<br/>♦ 97                         ♦ A42<br/>♣ Q1082                  ♣ K63</p> <p>♠ QJ42<br/>♥ 42<br/>♦ KJ653<br/>♣ 95</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">14</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8      11</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">7</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP   |          | 14    | 8      11 | 7  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | S | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | E | 1 | - | 3 | - | - | W | 1 | - | 3 | - | - | <p>Board 11 : Dealer South : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>A few interesting points here. Opening a weak NT in third seat should be avoided – hence the 1♣ opening. South with only 8 points does best to show his major. Having opened in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, North does not have to find a rebid. East should protect either with a double or with 2♥.</p> <p>It takes a diamond lead and continuation to hold N/S to 8 tricks. There will be a few N/S who won't even find their spade fit!</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | Pass | 2♥ | Pass | Pass | 2♠ | All Pass |  |
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| N  | -     | 2        | -     | 2         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |
| S  | -     | 2        | -     | 2         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |
| E  | 1     | -        | 3     | -         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |
| W  | 1     | -        | 3     | -         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |
| West   | North | East     | South |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | 1♣    | Pass     | 1♠    |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | Pass  | 2♥       | Pass  |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | 2♠    | All Pass |       |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |      |    |      |      |    |          |  |

| <p>♠ J9<br/>♥ AK52<br/>♦ K3<br/>♣ Q9865</p> <p>♠ KQ104                  ♠ A82<br/>♥ 86                        ♥ J974<br/>♦ Q102                    ♦ 976<br/>♣ AK32                   ♣ J104</p> <p>♠ 7653<br/>♥ Q103<br/>♦ AJ854<br/>♣ 7</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">13</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">14      6</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">7</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> | HCP      |      | 13    | 14      6 | 7  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | S | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | E | - | - | - | - | 1 | W | - | - | - | - | 1 | <p>Board 12 : Dealer West : NS vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1NT</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>1NT is the best spot for E/W although any 'brave' South who finds a 2♦ overcall will probably scrape home if he can play as good as he bids.</p> <p>1NT has 6 top tricks for E/W and the 7<sup>th</sup> will come from either a club or diamond trick. This 7<sup>th</sup> trick will be up for grabs for either side until the end.</p> <p>If West decides to enter the auction it will get very messy!</p> | West | North | East | South | 1NT | All Pass |  |  |
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| S  | 1        | 2    | 1     | 1         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |     |          |  |  |
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| West   | North    | East | South |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |     |          |  |  |
| 1NT  | All Pass |      |       |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |     |          |  |  |

| <p>♠ 87642<br/>♥ 7<br/>♦ KQ4<br/>♣ KQ86</p> <p>♠ A                      ♠ K3<br/>♥ KJ86                  ♥ 109532<br/>♦ 1095                    ♦ 873<br/>♣ 109753                ♣ A42</p> <p>♠ QJ1095<br/>♥ AQ4<br/>♦ AJ62<br/>♣ J</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">10</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8      7</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">15</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>4</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>4</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP   |          | 10    | 8      7 | 15 | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | 1 | 4 | - | 4 | - | S | 1 | 4 | - | 4 | 1 | E | - | - | - | - | - | W | - | - | - | - | - | <p>Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Probably the only flat board of the session – everyone in 4♠ making 10 tricks.</p> <p>There isn't even a cunning way to get E/W to crash their AK of trumps! Leading the ♠Q from hand is a good try but it doesn't work this time.</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |  |
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| N   | 1     | 4        | -     | 4        | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |      |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| S   | 1     | 4        | -     | 4        | 1  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |      |      |    |      |    |          |  |
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| Pass  | Pass  | Pass     | 1♠    |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |      |      |    |      |    |          |  |
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| <p>♠ Q63<br/>♥ 10<br/>♦ J954<br/>♣ AKQJ9</p> <p>♠ AJ8                      ♠ 97542<br/>♥ KQ3                      ♥ 2<br/>♦ AKQ1082                ♦ 7<br/>♣ 2                            ♣ 1076543</p> <p>♠ K10<br/>♥ AJ987654<br/>♦ 63<br/>♣ 8</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">13</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">19      0</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP   |          | 13    | 19      0 | 8  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | - | 2 | - | - | S | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | E | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | W | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | <p>Board 14 : Dealer East : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>Dbl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td></td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>There will be many different results and any side getting a plus score will do well.</p> <p>Some Souths will open 3♥ and others 4♥. If South opens 3♥ some Wests might even try 3NT. It hard to see E/W stopping in 3♠ so 4♠ seems a common contract. There are 4 tricks to lose, 2 trumps and 2 aces. Even going one off in 3♠ or 4♠ will be an ok result for E/W.</p> <p>The top prize will go to any E/W pair that can manage to pass 3♥x or 4♥x.</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | 4♠ | 4♥ | Dbl | Pass |  | All Pass |  |
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| Pass  | 4♠    | 4♥       | Dbl   |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |    |     |      |  |          |  |
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| E   | 2        | 5    | 5     | 4 | 2  |   |   |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |    |          |  |      |
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| 1♠  | All Pass |      | Pass  |   |    |   |   |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |    |          |  |      |

| <p style="margin: 0;">♠ A93<br/>♥ KQ8<br/>♦ KJ83<br/>♣ A32</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ 1054        ♠ J2<br/>♥ 10642      ♥ AJ93<br/>♦ 7542        ♦ A1096<br/>♣ 54           ♣ Q76</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ KQ876<br/>♥ 75<br/>♦ Q<br/>♣ KJ1098</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">17</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">0</td><td style="text-align: center;">12</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">11</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>5</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>5</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>5</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP   |          | 17    |   | 0  | 12 | 11 |  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | S | 5 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | E | - | - | - | - | - | W | - | - | - | - | - | <p>Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Declarer will make 10, 11 or 12 tricks in Spades or No-Trump – hopefully there will be nobody in 5♣.</p> <p>3NT is a good matchpoint contract with a combined 28 HCP. Most declarers will bid the safer 4♠. If declarer guesses the location of the ♣Q he will make 11 tricks – assuming East takes his two aces when he gets his chance...and some East's won't see the urgency to cash out.</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |  |
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| N  | 5     | 3        | 2     | 5 | 5  |    |    |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |     |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| S  | 5     | 2        | 1     | 5 | 5  |    |    |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |     |      |    |      |    |          |  |
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| West   | North | East     | South |   |    |    |    |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |     |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | 1♦    | Pass     | 1♠    |   |    |    |    |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |     |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | 1NT   | Pass     | 3♣    |   |    |    |    |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |     |      |    |      |    |          |  |
| Pass   | 4♠    | All Pass |       |   |    |    |    |  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |     |      |    |      |    |          |  |

♠ AKJ10  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ KQJ874  
 ♣ 85

♠ Q52                      ♠ 984  
 ♥ QJ764                  ♥ 108  
 ♦ 1093                    ♦ A5  
 ♣ Q6                        ♣ AJ10743

♠ 763  
 ♥ AK953  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ K92

| HCP |    |
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| 14  | 9  |
| 7   | 10 |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
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| N                  | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1  |
| S                  | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1  |
| E                  | - | - | - | - | -  |
| W                  | - | - | - | - | -  |

Board 17 : Dealer North : Love all

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          | 1♦    | 2♣   | 2♥    |
| Pass     | 2♠    | Pass | 3NT   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

3NT will go 2 down if West leads a club but will make plus 1 or plus 2 if he doesn't. Some East's might not overcall 2♣ and now West will not find the killing club lead.

5♦ makes an easy 11 tricks thanks to the spade finesse. Any pair bidding 4♠ knowing that is a 4-3 fit deserve the great matchpoint score that they will get.

Do we all play 2♥ by South here as forcing? A very important area of partnership discussion. If it is forcing, what are you going to bid next week with ♥AQJxxx and out.

♠ 1084  
 ♥ K32  
 ♦ J82  
 ♣ KQ105

♠ AK632                      ♠ QJ9  
 ♥ 654                        ♥ 107  
 ♦ KQ                         ♦ A1096  
 ♣ J73                        ♣ A642

♠ 75  
 ♥ AQJ98  
 ♦ 7543  
 ♣ 98

| HCP |    |
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| 9   | 11 |
| 13  | 7  |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
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|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | - | - | 1 | - | -  |
| S                  | - | - | 1 | - | -  |
| E                  | 2 | 3 | - | 4 | 2  |
| W                  | 2 | 3 | - | 4 | 2  |

Board 18 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable

| West | North | East | South    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
|      |       | Pass | Pass     |
| 1♠   | Pass  | 2♣   | Pass     |
| 2♠   | Pass  | 4♠   | All Pass |

This is a really interesting hand for declarer. A heart lead will beat 3NT - assuming North doesn't block the run of the heart suit.

4♠ is a much better contract which has 10 top tricks on a top club lead. Declarer does very well if he lets the ♣K win trick one (Bath Coup). If declarer does win trick one, he can still recover if remembers to unblock the ♦KQ before winning the third round of trumps in dummy. Now he can cash the ♦A and ♦10 for his 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tricks.

If declarer doesn't foresee this little entry problem he might lose 2 hearts and 2 clubs and go down in 4♠.

| <p style="margin: 0;">♠ J652<br/>♥ QJ32<br/>♦ K10<br/>♣ J54</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ 4                      ♠ AQ93<br/>♥ K6                     ♥ A10874<br/>♦ AJ97                  ♦ 8642<br/>♣ KQ8632              ♣ -</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ K1087<br/>♥ 95<br/>♦ Q53<br/>♣ A1097</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8</td><td style="text-align: center;">10</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">13</td><td style="text-align: center;">9</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> | HCP      |      | 8     | 10 | 13 | 9 | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | - | - | - | - | S | - | - | - | - | - | E | 2 | 4 | 2 | - | 1 | W | 2 | 4 | 2 | - | 1 | <p>Board 19 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♦</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♦</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">Another hand where E/W need to be disciplined in their bidding. West is not strong enough to reverse into 2♦ over 1♥. West's 2♣ rebid should warn East to stay out of trouble. East is void in partner's long suit, has no points in their fit-suit diamonds and has 6 points in a suit where partner rates to be short.</p> <p>Quite a few E/W will try various game contracts, 3NT, 4♥, even 5♦ but all these contracts are doomed.</p> | West | North | East | South |  |  |  | Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ | All Pass |  |  |
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| E  | 2        | 4    | 2     | -  | 1  |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |  |  |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
| W  | 2        | 4    | 2     | -  | 1  |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |  |  |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
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| 3♦   | All Pass |      |       |    |    |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |  |  |  |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |

| <p style="margin: 0;">♠ J<br/>♥ Q53<br/>♦ 8752<br/>♣ AQJ52</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ AQ1053              ♠ K842<br/>♥ J10984              ♥ K62<br/>♦ J6                     ♦ AK10<br/>♣ 9                      ♣ 1043</p> <p style="margin: 0;">♠ 976<br/>♥ A7<br/>♦ Q943<br/>♣ K876</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">10</td><td style="text-align: center;">13</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8</td><td style="text-align: center;">9</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> | HCP      |      | 10    | 13 | 8  | 9 | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | S | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | E | - | - | 3 | 4 | 1 | W | - | - | 3 | 4 | 1 | <p>Board 20 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">Of course not everyone will get to 4♠ and some may even languish in 1♠+2, or +3 or+4.</p> <p>Yes some declarers will make 11 tricks.</p> <p>The defence is interesting. After a club lead and continuation, if North keeps his ♥Q until the third round of the suit then declarer will only get 2 heart tricks and be held to 10 tricks.</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |  |  |
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| E   | -        | -    | 3     | 4  | 1  |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
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| Pass  | Pass     | 1♣   | Pass  |    |    |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |
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| 4♠  | All Pass |      |       |    |    |   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |

♠ 43  
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 ♦ A1072  
 ♣ A986  
 ♠ KQ108      ♠ A752  
 ♥ 52            ♥ 763  
 ♦ QJ64        ♦ 85  
 ♣ 1075        ♣ KJ43  
 ♠ J96  
 ♥ KQJ84  
 ♦ K93  
 ♣ Q2

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| S                  | 2 | 2 | 4 | - | 2  |
| E                  | - | - | - | 1 | -  |
| W                  | - | - | - | 1 | -  |

Board 21 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             | 1NT          | Pass        | 2♦           |
| Pass        | 2♥           | Pass        | 3NT          |
| Pass        | 4♥           | All Pass    |              |

If you get a lucky break on this hand – you might win the event! 3NT by North will make on a club lead and go down on any other lead.

4♥ is a good contract and there's really no good reason not to bid it. It will make in practice as it only goes down on an initial diamond lead from East....and even then it will take accurate defence to beat it.

So most declarers will make their 10 tricks via, 5 hearts, 1 spade ruff, 2 diamonds and two clubs by leading a club to the queen. The play of this hand could try a few declarers though!

♠ 108632  
 ♥ J105  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ J1063  
 ♠ 54            ♠ AQ7  
 ♥ AKQ764    ♥ 98  
 ♦ Q1064      ♦ K852  
 ♣ 8            ♣ AQ95  
 ♠ KJ9  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ AJ97  
 ♣ K742

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| N                  | - | - | - | 1 | -  |
| S                  | - | - | - | 1 | -  |
| E                  | - | 5 | 4 | - | 5  |
| W                  | - | 4 | 4 | - | 5  |

Board 22 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             |              | 1♣          | Pass         |
| 1♥          | Pass         | 1NT         | Pass         |
| 4♥          | All Pass     |             |              |

Some Souths will double 1♣ on the first round but this is not advisable with so many clubs. If the opening had been 1♥ then double by South would be ok.

When East rebids 1NT showing a balanced 15-17, West has an easy 4♥ bid because he knows they have at least a 6-2 heart fit and 26+ points. Declarer loses 2 diamonds and a spade. Will South read North's ♦3 lead as a singleton?

The clever bidders will raise 1NT to 3NT hoping the hearts will run in No-Trump...but you will have a lot guessing to do to make 11 tricks so it won't be so clever tonight.

| <p>♠ K8<br/>♥ A874<br/>♦ AQ63<br/>♣ J103</p> <p>♠ AJ76                      ♠ Q10543<br/>♥ KJ105                      ♥ 2<br/>♦ J1042                      ♦ 987<br/>♣ 6                              ♣ A987</p> <p>♠ 92<br/>♥ Q963<br/>♦ K5<br/>♣ KQ542</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">14</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">10      6</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">10</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>3</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>3</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP   |      | 14    | 10      6 | 10 | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | S | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | E | - | - | - | 2 | - | W | - | - | - | 2 | - | <p>Board 23 : Dealer South : All vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>It's hard to stay out of 4♥ here but those that do will score well. There is no obvious reason to stay out of game but tonight it has no chance because of the 4-1 break with West. If it was East who had the 4-1 break, we might have some chance.</p> <p>If E/W start competing – that might keep N/S out of game.</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |  |  |  |
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| N  | 3     | 1    | 2     | -         | 2  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |
| S  | 3     | 1    | 2     | -         | 2  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |
| E  | -     | -    | -     | 2         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |
| W  | -     | -    | -     | 2         | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |
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| Pass   | 1♦    | Pass | 1♥    |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |
| Pass   | 2♥    | Pass | 4♥    |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |
| All Pass   |       |      |       |           |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |          |  |  |  |

| <p>♠ AKQ<br/>♥ Q1054<br/>♦ KJ<br/>♣ K1092</p> <p>♠ 87                              ♠ J9643<br/>♥ KJ986                      ♥ A32<br/>♦ A94                              ♦ 8632<br/>♣ 653                              ♣ Q</p> <p>♠ 1052<br/>♥ 7<br/>♦ Q1075<br/>♣ AJ874</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">18</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8      7</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">7</td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>5</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>5</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> </table> | HCP   |          | 18    | 8      7 | 7  | Makeable contracts |  |  |  |  |  |  | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | S | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | E | - | - | - | - | - | W | - | - | - | - | - | <p>Board 24 : Dealer West : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3NT</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Declarer in 3NT will make at least 9 tricks and may even make 10 or 11 if E/W don't get their heart tricks going.</p> <p>The 5♣ bidders will make an easy 11 tricks but this should prove to be under average by the end of the night.</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |
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|  | ♣     | ♦        | ♥     | ♠        | NT |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| N  | 5     | 2        | 1     | 2        | 3  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| S  | 5     | 2        | 1     | 2        | 3  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| E  | -     | -        | -     | -        | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| W  | -     | -        | -     | -        | -  |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| West   | North | East     | South |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| Pass   | 1♣    | Pass     | 1NT   |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| Pass   | 2NT   | Pass     | 3♣    |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |
| Pass   | 3NT   | All Pass |       |          |    |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |      |       |      |       |      |    |      |     |      |     |      |    |      |     |          |  |

♠ A54  
 ♥ A5  
 ♦ A8  
 ♣ AKQ1093  
 ♠ Q10876      ♠ K  
 ♥ 7432      ♥ KJ108  
 ♦ 5      ♦ QJ9743  
 ♣ 862      ♣ 74  
 ♠ J932  
 ♥ Q96  
 ♦ K1062  
 ♣ J5

| HCP |    |
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| 21  |    |
| 2   | 10 |
| 7   |    |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5  |
| S                  | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5  |
| E                  | - | - | - | - | -  |
| W                  | - | - | - | - | -  |

Board 25 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             | 2NT          | Pass        | 3♣           |
| Pass        | 3♦           | Pass        | 3NT          |
| All Pass    |              |             |              |

North doesn't have an easy opening bid and 2NT showing 21-22 is as good as any. But no matter what the opening bid is, N/S should be trying for 3NT rather than 5♣.

As long as declarer leads a heart to the Queen, he will win 11 tricks....and after the opening lead he may even torture E/W and make 12 or 13 tricks!

♠ K4  
 ♥ K4  
 ♦ Q765  
 ♣ QJ1062  
 ♠ AQ52      ♠ 106  
 ♥ AJ73      ♥ Q10652  
 ♦ 32      ♦ K84  
 ♣ K97      ♣ A54  
 ♠ J9873  
 ♥ 98  
 ♦ AJ109  
 ♣ 83

| HCP |   |
|-----|---|
| 11  |   |
| 14  | 9 |
| 6   |   |

| Makeable contracts |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|                    | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
| N                  | 2 | 3 | - | 1 | -  |
| S                  | 2 | 3 | - | 1 | -  |
| E                  | - | - | 3 | - | 1  |
| W                  | - | - | 3 | - | 1  |

Board 26 : Dealer East : All vulnerable

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
|             |              | Pass        | Pass         |
| 1♥          | Pass         | 4♥          | All Pass     |

Those who open 1NT with the West hand will probably avoid the doomed heart game.

It is difficult to make more than 8 tricks in a heart contract so anyone that makes 9 tricks will score very well indeed.

If West opens 1♥ it will require a very disciplined West to bid only 3♥ - but even then West will bid 4♥ anyway!

4♥ -2 will be common and 4♥-1 might not be too bad.