

British Winter Sim Pairs



Thursday
16th January 2020

Welcome to the British Winter Simultaneous Pairs. Thank you for playing. I hope you enjoy the event and also the commentary provided by a leading expert. The commentator for this set of hands is Heather Dhondy.

This is the start of the 2020 Simultaneous Pairs season, so it's a new year for prizes. Every host club will be entered in to a prize draw made at the AGM in November. So the club at which you have played today has a chance to win one of ten cash prizes of £250. The prize for the overall winners of each Sim Pairs is £100, and we wish you luck in trying to win it.

You can find all the full details, results and last year's prize winners at www.ebu.co.uk/sims/

You can earn Blue points and they are awarded to the top third of the field. Don't be too impatient for the results! Provisional results will appear quickly but they won't be finalised and nor will the Master Point awards until all results are in and score corrections have been made. This can take up to three weeks. It really helps us if you can keep your scorecard for that period. Clubs should keep the travellers if still used.

Coming up in February (4th & 6th) is the Bridge England Simultaneous Pairs. This year money raised will be to help support Junior Bridge. I hope you will support this event and look forward to you playing.

Ian Payn, Chairman EBU

| <p>♠ K92 ♥ AJ1063 ♦ A62 ♣ 74</p> <p>♠ J10 ♠ Q87653 ♥ 852 ♥ 97 ♦ Q85 ♦ 107 ♣ AQJ82 ♣ K96</p> <p>♠ A4 ♥ KQ4 ♦ KJ943 ♣ 1053</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="70 1249 188 1435"> <thead> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>12</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="229 1249 470 1435"> <thead> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>-</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>-</td><td>2</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> </tbody> </table> | HCP | | 12 | | 10 | 5 | 13 | | Makeable contracts | | | | | | | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | 5 | 5 | - | 2 | S | - | 5 | 5 | - | 2 | E | - | - | - | - | - | W | - | - | - | - | - | <p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 808 1029 965"> <thead> <tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td>1♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td></tr> <tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>4♥</td></tr> <tr><td>All pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This hand is not a good advertisement for opening 1NT with a five-card major.</p> <p>To start with, the opponents can cash the first five club tricks, however in practice, a spade will probably be led against either game contract. Now declarers in 3NT could cash out for nine tricks, but they are likely to try the diamond finesse and go down, since they will realise that +400 is not going to get them a good score when +420 at least is available in hearts.</p> <p>4♥ is a more straight-forward affair. Declarer will take a high ruff in dummy on the third round of spades and try the diamond finesse for the overtrick, taking ten tricks when it fails.</p> | West | North | East | South | | 1♥ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All pass | | | |
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| <p>♠ 754 ♥ Q986532 ♦ A6 ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ 6 ♠ AKJ98 ♥ K107 ♥ AJ4 ♦ J53 ♦ 1098 ♣ QJ7432 ♣ A9</p> <p>♠ Q1032 ♥ - ♦ KQ742 ♣ K1085</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="70 1928 188 2114"> <thead> <tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>6</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="229 1928 470 2114"> <thead> <tr><th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th></tr> <tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | HCP | | 6 | | 7 | 17 | 10 | | Makeable contracts | | | | | | | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | N | - | 1 | - | - | - | S | - | 1 | - | - | - | E | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | W | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | <p>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 1487 1029 1644"> <thead> <tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1♠</td><td>Pass</td></tr> <tr><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>2 NT</td><td>Pass</td></tr> <tr><td>3NT</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>North-South will do well to remain silent and let their opponents get on with the bidding. No one can make anything much, and nothing works for East-West in 3NT. They only have 24 points between them but are likely to reach it on the auction above. West will be encouraged by the six-card suit, but unfortunately there is a bad break.</p> <p>If North-South do venture into the auction and buy the contract, they will score poorly for going minus, as many East-West pairs will also be failing.</p> | West | North | East | South | | | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2 NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass | | |
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| <p>♠ QJ75 ♥ 75 ♦ KQ754 ♣ 52</p> <p>♠ A1096 ♠ K432 ♥ J108 ♥ AK9 ♦ 8 ♦ A1093 ♣ AQ974 ♣ 86</p> <p>♠ 8 ♥ Q6432 ♦ J62 ♣ KJ103</p> | <p>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;">West</th> <th style="width: 15%;">North</th> <th style="width: 15%;">East</th> <th style="width: 15%;">South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♣</td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♠</td> <td></td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Despite the bad trump break, 4♠ is still the best contract for East-West. It will make ten or eleven tricks depending on the play, but declarer does best to take the club finesse, cash the top tricks, and attempt a cross-ruff.</p> <p>3NT is more problematic even though all suits are guarded twice. Declarer will probably attempt to establish clubs and will get to nine tricks, but that will not score well against the spade games.</p> | | West | North | East | South | | | | | Pass | 1♣ | | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | | Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♠ | | All Pass | | |
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| <p>♠ K108 ♥ Q73 ♦ 982 ♣ J974</p> <p>♠ J5 ♠ 63 ♥ K1085 ♥ J642 ♦ KQ5 ♦ A1074 ♣ A1083 ♣ KQ5</p> <p>♠ AQ9742 ♥ A9 ♦ J63 ♣ 62</p> | <p>Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;">West</th> <th style="width: 15%;">North</th> <th style="width: 15%;">East</th> <th style="width: 15%;">South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Dbl</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♦</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3♥</td> <td>All pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>East will pass West's 1NT opening bid but must be prepared to back in when 2♠ from South is passed back round. Now West should start a scramble by bidding 2NT over partner's take-out double in an attempt to find a four-four fit. East's 3♦ is their lowest four-card suit, and West will correct to 3♥.</p> <p>Against 3♥, the defence have two tricks in each major suit, but declarer has little problem taking the rest. This will out-score those going one down in 2♠.</p> | | West | North | East | South | | 1NT | Pass | Pass | 2♠ | | Pass | Pass | Dbl | Pass | | 2NT | Pass | 3♦ | Pass | | 3♥ | All pass | | |
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| <p>♠ J864 ♥ A52 ♦ J96 ♣ Q98</p> <p>♠ K92 ♠ Q753 ♥ K9743 ♥ QJ ♦ 754 ♦ KQ2 ♣ J7 ♣ K1053</p> <p>♠ A10 ♥ 1086 ♦ A1083 ♣ A642</p> | <p>Board 5 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%;">West</th> <th style="width: 15%;">North</th> <th style="width: 15%;">East</th> <th style="width: 15%;">South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>All pass</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There is nothing much making by either side on this deal, so you will do best to stay quiet if you are North-South. With two balanced hands there is no particular reason to get active in the bidding.</p> <p>What do you lead against 2♥ with the South cards? A trump is a possibility, as is ace and another spade. This is the defence to beat it legitimately. Now North does best to take the first trump and give South a ruff, allowing South to get off lead safely with a trump. If North wins the second trump and gives partner a ruff, South has a problem getting off lead, and will need to underlead one of the aces to avoid giving a trick to declarer.</p> | | West | North | East | South | | | Pass | 1NT | Pass | | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | All pass |
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| <p>♠ 8 ♥ 954 ♦ KQ765 ♣ K852</p> <p>♠ K10976 ♠ J4 ♥ QJ2 ♥ A86 ♦ 32 ♦ J84 ♣ Q93 ♣ J10764</p> <p>♠ AQ532 ♥ K1073 ♦ A109 ♣ A</p> | <p>Board 6 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>North-South have a combined 25 count and 3NT is a good contract, but the difficulty is reaching it. I think that the auction given above will be a popular one, and it isn't clear which of them can do anything different.</p> <p>In 2♥, declarer has only one entry to dummy (without blocking the diamonds) so should use it to play a trump to the king. When these are three-three with the ace right, declarer will emerge with ten tricks.</p> | West | North | East | South | | | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♥ | All Pass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>♠ 8 ♥ Q1072 ♦ A1062 ♣ AK82</p> <p>♠ 109654 ♠ K2 ♥ KJ4 ♥ 83 ♦ J843 ♦ K975 ♣ 5 ♣ J10976</p> <p>♠ AQJ73 ♥ A965 ♦ Q ♣ Q43</p> | <p>Board 30 : Dealer East : Love all</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>This will be a popular auction to the normal contract of 4♥. The key is how many tricks are made. Although twelve tricks are possible, I don't expect many pairs to make that many without any assistance from the defence.</p> <p>A reasonable line looks to be to win the likely club lead in the South hand and play the ace of spades and ruff one. Now you will come to eleven tricks either by ruffing another spade in dummy and losing two trump tricks, or by playing a trump to the ace and one back towards the queen, and losing one trump and a long spade.</p> | West | North | East | South | | | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |
|--|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|--|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|----------|--|
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Pass | 1♠ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 13 | 7 | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | |
| 5 | 15 | N | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| | | S | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| | | E | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | W | - | - | - | - | - |

| <p>♠ 1075 ♥ 105 ♦ KQ98 ♣ K962</p> <p>♠ J94 ♠ A82 ♥ AQJ7632 ♥ K984 ♦ 632 ♦ A10 ♣ - ♣ Q1085</p> <p>♠ KQ63 ♥ - ♦ J754 ♣ AJ743</p> | <p>Board 31 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>The auction is likely to begin with 1♣ and a 3♥ overcall by West. The auction has become a little high for North, especially without four spades, so will probably pass. Now East will raise to 4♥, and will South come back in with a double? On the hand it is the winning action as 5♣ is only one down, where 4♥ is an easy make.</p> <p>5♣ suffers from a trump loser, a diamond and a spade. Declarer has enough entries to dummy in diamonds to lead towards the king and queen of spades.</p> | West | North | East | South | | | | 1♣ | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |
|--|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|--|--|----|----|------|----|----------|
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1♣ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 8 | 13 | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | |
| 8 | 11 | N | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | - |
| | | S | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | - |
| | | E | - | - | 4 | - | 3 |
| | | W | - | - | 4 | - | 3 |

| <p>♠ 1076 ♥ 102 ♦ K1084 ♣ A532</p> <p>♠ 852 ♠ A943 ♥ K85 ♥ Q976 ♦ 9532 ♦ Q ♣ 986 ♣ KJ107</p> <p>♠ KQJ ♥ AJ43 ♦ AJ76 ♣ Q4</p> | <p>Board 32 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Dbf</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3NT</td> <td>All pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>North-South need to reach 3NT on this deal, but it may not be so easy if East opens in third seat. South must double East's 1♣, but what do you do when North responds 1♦? You are certainly worth another move, and whether it is to bid 2♣ or raise diamonds, North is maximum for the simple 1♦ response and needs to show the extra strength with a jump to game.</p> <p>There is no lead to hurt declarer, and the singleton queen of diamonds removes any guess in that suit. It is now a simple matter of leading towards the ♣Q for the ninth trick.</p> | West | North | East | South | Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Dbf | Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 3NT | All pass | |
|--|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------|------|----|-----|------|----|------|----|------|-----|----------|--|
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Dbf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pass | 3NT | All pass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 7 | 12 | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT | |
| 3 | 18 | N | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| | | S | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| | | E | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | W | - | - | - | - | - |