

British Summer Sim Pairs



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Welcome to the British Summer 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 Julian Pottage.

Prizes in 2019

Heat winners: There will no longer be a prize draw for the heat winners from each club. The budget for these prizes has been added to that for the overall winners.

Overall winners: The overall winners of all Simultaneous Pairs events hosted by the English Bridge Union will each receive a cash prize of £100 per pair. This is an increase from £50 in 2018. The winners of the Bridge England Sims and the Club Stratified Sims will also receive this prize – these events were previously excluded from the prizes.

Host clubs: Every affiliated club which enters a heat of any EBU organised event, will be included in a random draw. One 'entry' in the draw is awarded for every ten tables (or part thereof) which take part in any single heat. The draw will be made at the AGM in November. One 'entry' in the draw is awarded for every ten tables (or part thereof) which take part in any single heat. The draw will be made at the AGM in November. These aspects are unchanged from 2018.

This prize draw allows the EBU to redistribute some of the proceeds back to the clubs which have participated, and it is hoped it will be reinvested in providing services and activities for its members, or supporting a local cause of its choosing.

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

Blue points are awarded to the top third of the field. Provisional master points are shown but the event is not finalised until all results are in and score corrections have been made. This usually takes about three weeks. It really helps us if you can keep your scorecard for that period. Clubs should keep travellers if still used.

Jeremy Dhondy, Chairman EBU

<p>♠ 94 ♥ 10532 ♦ K64 ♣ AJ63</p> <p>♠ AKQ8 ♠ 632 ♥ K876 ♥ AJ ♦ J2 ♦ AQ98 ♣ 1092 ♣ Q854</p> <p>♠ J1075 ♥ Q94 ♦ 10753 ♣ K7</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">HCP</th></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>13</td><td>6</td></tr></table> <table><tr><th colspan="7">Makeable contracts</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>♣</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>♠</th><th>NT</th><th></th></tr><tr><td>N</td><td>-</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><td></td></tr><tr><td>E</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td></td></tr></table>		HCP		8	13	13	6	Makeable contracts								♣	♦	♥	♠	NT		N	-	-	-	-	-		S	-	-	-	-	-		E	3	3	2	4	4		W	4	2	3	4	3		<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>Pass</td><td>1NT¹</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2♣²</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♦³</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3NT</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>1) 12-14. 2) Stayman, asking for 4-card majors. 3) Denying a 4-card major.</p> <p>With 26 HCP and no fit anywhere, East-West should reach 3NT at just about every table. Holding a suit headed by the jack-ten without the eight or nine, it is normal to lead fourth highest rather than the jack. Declarer wins in dummy and does best to run the ♣10. After doing this it is easy to make three spade tricks, two heart tricks, two diamonds and two clubs. A tenth trick comes about either with a winning view in the diamond suit or by squeezing South in spades and diamonds.</p> <p>If South leads the ♠J at trick one, the fall of the ♠9 allows a finesse of the ♠8 on the third round and an easier path to ten tricks.</p>		West	North	East	South		Pass	1NT ¹	Pass	2♣ ²	Pass	2♦ ³	Pass	3NT	All Pass						
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♠AQ86

♥87

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♣K874

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

Board 18 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable

West

North

East

South

3♦¹

All Pass²

1) Looking at 10 cards in the minors and the favourable vulnerability, East cannot resist.

2) With the ♦K not pulling full weight, North cannot really stretch to bid 3♥.

The strongest defence against 3♦ is a heart lead and a trump switch. If, as seems quite plausible, declarer uses the ♦A entry for running the ♣10, South does best to duck. The defenders then score a ruff (or an overruff) as well as two tricks in each red suit and one in each black suit.

If East passes as dealer, West (being in third seat), may open a weak 2♠. This should fail by two tricks after a top heart lead and a club switch. If North mistakenly continues hearts, this sets up the ♥Q and allows declarer to escape for one down. Despite holding the majority of the high card points, North-South with their balanced hands and being vulnerable are unlikely to declare.

♠10832

♥Q643

♦K9643

♣-

♠AK96

♥AK87

♦A

♣KJ72

♠Q7

♥J10952

♦Q752

♣Q10

♠J54

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♦J108

♣A986543

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N	-	-	-	-	-	
S	-	-	-	-	-	
E	2	1	4	2	4	
W	2	1	5	1	4	

Board 19 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable

West

North

East

South

3NT¹

All Pass

3♣

1) The club holding strongly suggests 3NT despite the risk of missing a major-suit fit.

A 3NT overcall of an opposing pre-empt necessarily covers a wide variety of hands. Without the 3♣ opening, you would not mind being in 6♥ on the East-West cards. The ♥Q will fall singleton or doubleton just over half the time. With it, the chance of a club ruff shoots up, as does the chance of finding North with the guarded ♥Q. Indeed if South is on lead and starts with the ♣A, the limit in a heart contract is ten tricks because North can score a club ruff at trick two and make the ♥Q later.

In a no-trump contract, the defenders can clearly score the ♦K and the ♣A. There is a danger that North, trying to protect three suits, will have to make a losing discard and allow declarer to take the remainder. A spade switch helps to break up any squeeze.

♠A1062

♥AJ42

♦Q65

♣Q4

♠9

♥865

♦A1087

♣AJ1082

♠J8753

♥Q109

♦KJ93

♣K

♠KQ4

♥K73

♦42

♣97653

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

Board 20 : Dealer West : All vulnerable

West

North

East

South

Pass

1NT¹

All Pass²

1) 12-14.

2) East is too weak to overcall 2♠, whether it shows just spades or spades and a minor. West might double if that shows the minors (cannot be for penalties by a passed hand).

On a seemingly normal spade lead North can escape for one down in 1NT by cashing four spade tricks and two hearts. West will surely discard at least one heart, warning declarer off taking the heart finesse in an attempt to make the contract.

If East-West find their diamond fit, they should score 130. The ♥J is onside, the ♣Q is short, and North's opening bid gives a declarer a big clue about who to play for the ♦Q. If North-South play a strong 1NT, East might overcall 1♠, in which case South bids 1NT. If West starts with the ♣J, the defenders will struggle to cash all their tricks and declarer might escape for one down.

<p>♠76 ♥K105 ♦A9752 ♣KQ10</p> <p>♠Q52 ♠AJ83 ♥A74 ♥QJ63 ♦J106 ♦K3 ♣A842 ♣965</p> <p>♠K1094 ♥982 ♦Q84 ♣J73</p>	<p>Board 21 : Dealer North : NS vulnerable</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1NT¹</td><td>All Pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>1) 12-14.</p> <p>If North-South play a strong no-trump, they might bid 1♦-1♠-1NT – but if East stretches slightly to double 1♦, West will take some action.</p> <p>Normally 1NT fails by one trick, the defenders scoring two spades, three hearts and one trick in each minor. It could go two off if East decides to lead a spade and declarer decides to put up dummy's king because then the defenders score three spade tricks rather than two.</p> <p>If East, noticing the favourable vulnerability, decides to make a Landy 2♣ to show the majors, West will bid 2♦ to ask for further information and East will bid 2♥, it being normal to show the lower suit with equal length. 2♥ should scrape home but could fail if South gets in at the right moment to give North a spade ruff.</p>	West	North	East	South		1NT ¹	All Pass																																																																	
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