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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 John Williams.

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.

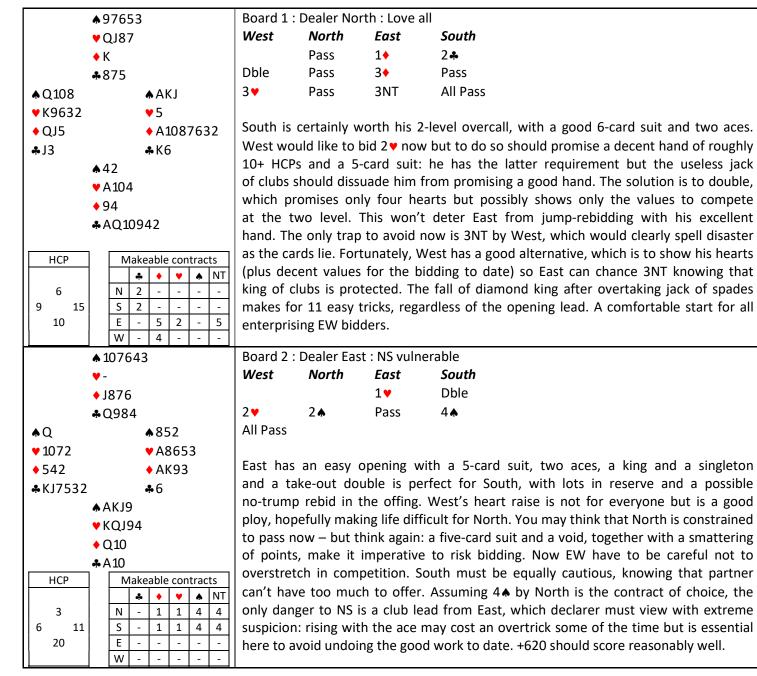
Overall winners: The overall winners of all Simultaneous Pairs events hosted by the English Bridge Union will each receive a cash prize of £100 per pair. This is an increase from £50 in 2018. The winners of the Bridge England Sims and the Club Stratified Sims will also receive this prize – these events 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. The draw will be made at the AGM in November. These aspects are unchanged from 2018.

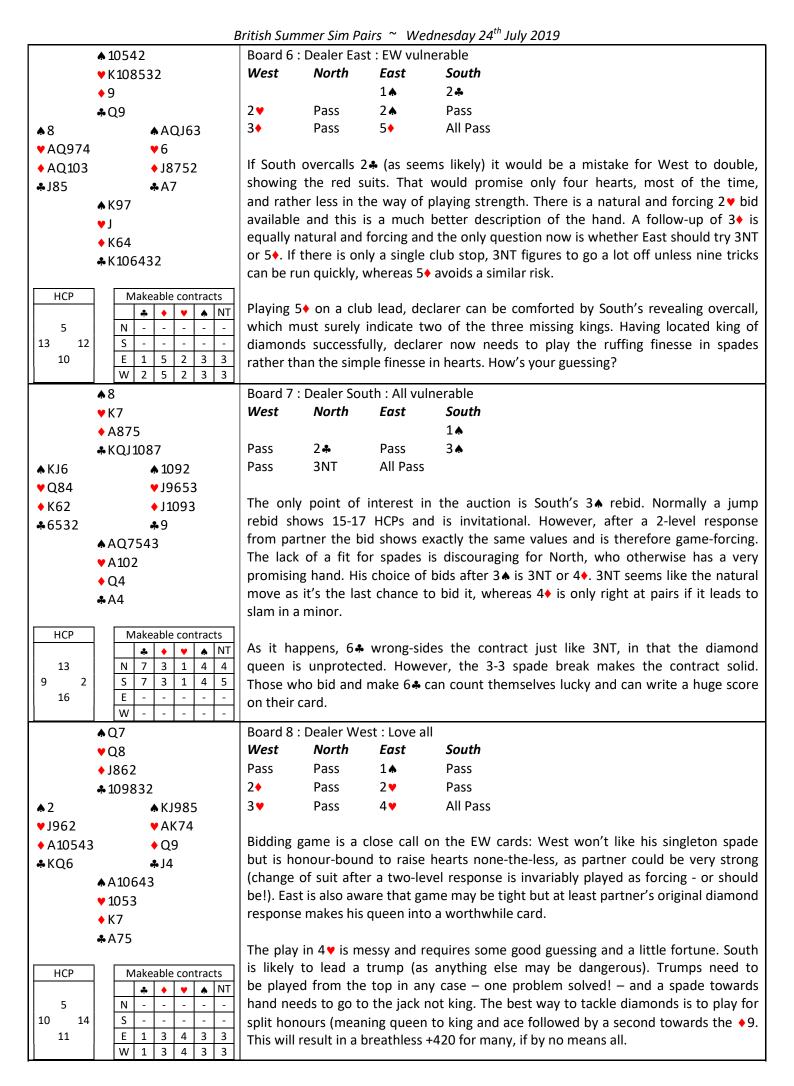
This prize draw allows the EBU to redistribute some of the proceeds back to the clubs which have participated, and it is hoped it will be reinvested in providing services and activities for its members, or supporting a local cause of its choosing. You can find the full details, results and last year's 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.

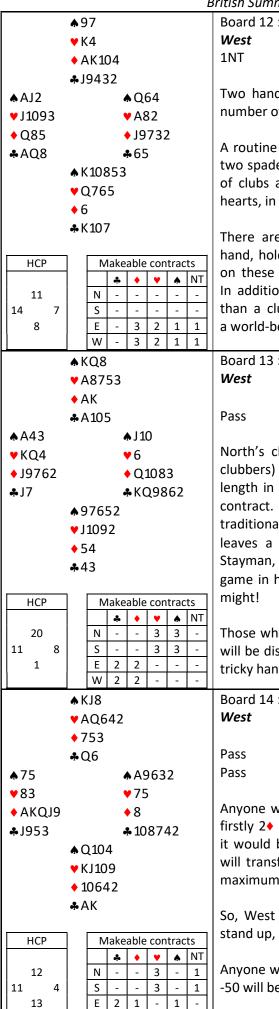
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	▲AKJ103	Board 3 :	Dealer Sout	th : EW vu	nerable
	♥A	West	North	East	South
	♦ K6				Pass
	♣KQ1072	Pass	1♠	Pass	2
		Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	
♠87	▲Q54	r ass	4 क	All Fass	
♥K1074	♥QJ9653				
♦ 10753	♦ A84			•	ere? Well, in the days of strong twos, 2 A might
♣J96	*8			-	on but even then, the suit isn't quite good enough,
	♠962	nor the c	overall trick	potential	And 24, if the only strong bid available, is scarcely
	♥82	a viable	alternative	. 1 ≜ is u	nlikely to lead to a missed game. East would like
	♦ QJ92	to interve	ene but aga	ain, his ha	nd lacks sufficient playing tricks, vulnerable opposite
	♣A543	a passed	partner.	Assuming	South raises spades, the only problem for North
		is overrea	aching; the	re will be	many layouts where slam is laydown. Here there are
НСР	Makeable contracts	two unav	voidable los	sers. Iťs j	ust a matter of luck - and perhaps attitude - as to
			NS score -50	-	
20	N 5 2 - 5 3				
4 9	S 5 2 - 5 3	Good lucl	<1		
7	E 1				
	W 1				
	∧ 72	Board 4 :	Dealer Wes	st : All vuln	erable
	♥AQJ65	West	North	East	South
	◆ J52	1NT	All Pass		
	♣K92				
A 11000		Only a 1	2-count bu	t look at	those intermediates in the West hand! On a heart
▲J1098	AKQ3				ded seven top tricks already and need to avoid setting
∀ K8	♥9732				which isn't easy unless a low one is led originally (or
♦A1064	♦8		•	i ueciarer,	which is it easy unless a low one is led originally (of
♣A108	* 7643	ace and a	nother).		
	♠654	2		C 	en de la companya de
	♥ 104				contract: this seems unreachable because East can't
	♦ KQ973				in case the response is $2 \blacklozenge$ (though in that case he
	♣QJ5		•		respond 2 A anyway). However, passing 1NT will be
		the norm	al choice. +	90 may the	en be the normal result.
НСР	Makeable contracts				
	🔺 🔶 💙 🔺 NT				d a heart at all then his side stands to benefit after
11	N - 2 1 - 1	careful pl	lay. The ma	gic lead is	a low diamond and when declarer ducks South must
12 9	S - 2 1 - 1	be carefu	ıl to return	the 🔶 7.	Then declarer is doomed to accept a heart through,
8	E 1 2 -	however	he plays. Ar	ny plus sco	re to NS will be magic.
	W 1 2 -				
	▲Q9764	Board 5 :	Dealer Nor	th : NS vul	nerable
	♥63	West	North	East	South
	♦8732		Pass	Pass	1♦
	♣AK	Pass	1♠	Pass	4 🌲
♠8	▲J103	Pass	4	Pass	5♦
♥ 105	¥1103 ▼KQ874	Pass	6♠	All Pass	
			U -14	, 1 000	
♦ 654	♦Q9	A colinta	r hid in du	hs is not	the best news North could receive and he's obliged
♣QJ8543					-
	AK52	-			ntly. It's now a question as to whether South summons
	♥AJ92	-	•		es, North will almost certainly take up the opportunity
	♦ AKJ10	to recove	r lost groun	α.	
	* 7				
					ance their arm if slam is to be reached and sure
НСР	Makeable contracts	-			luck in terms of finding the diamond queen
	🕂 🔶 💙 🔺 NT	favourabl	y placed.	There are	those who bid 50% slams on principle and those
9	N - 6 4 6 6	who don	't. There's	no right	or wrong. However, fortune favours the brave (and
3 8	S - 6 4 6 6	lucky) he	re.		
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20	E 1				
	E 1 - - - - W 1 - - - -				



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	▲ Q1072	Board 9 :	Dealer Nor	th : EW vu	Inerable
	♥AQ3	West	North	East	South
	♦ A64		1NT	Pass	2♥
	& 654	Pass	2	All Pass	
▲ KJ	▲63				
♥K65	♥ 10987	There are	e those wh	no would	jump to 3 after the transfer, bidding to the level
♦ K82	◆ QJ107				nising any extra values. There are others who would
▼K02 ◆KJ1082					pre being so extravagant. It's just a matter of agreed
•• KJ106Z					be zero chance of making more than seven tricks in
	▲A9854			•	ayed by South and West happens on a heart lead) so
	♥J42			-	stands to gain. However, there are those who will
	♦ 953				t cards after the bidding shown, knowing there will
	♣ Q7	· ·			true there are only four losers outside trumps but
	1 <u> </u>				finesse will be taken into the supposed weaker hand,
НСР	Makeable contracts	-			poor match-point result.
12	♣ ♥ ▲ NT N - - 1 -				
	N - - 1 - S - - 1 -	The ten r	ocult for oil	hor cido ic	EQ in snados for NS or 2. making for EW, with many
7	E 3 3 2				-50 in spades for NS or 3. making for EW, with many
	W 3 3 2	midaling	results in b	etween.	
	♦ KQ32	Board 10	: Dealer Ea	st : All vuln	erable
	♥KJ3	West	North	East	South
	◆ K62			Pass	Pass
	♣Q65	1*	Dble	1 🗸	1
	▲J986	3♥	All Pass	- •	
◆A974	♥10865		/ 11 1 000		
		The full a	uction is di	fficult to n	redict as there is room for either side to push the boat
♦ A93	♦ QJ4				orth chances to intervene over the opening bid: well,
♣KJ9732					a major and a decent smattering of points. However,
	▲A10754				and more suitable to defence, at first sight, so a pass
	♥Q2				has a chance to introduce hearts, however, the sky's
	♦ 10875	-	-		nediate punt for $4 \forall$ is not impossible. The contract
	* 104				n normal play, so perhaps the auction shown is a little
	1 <u> </u>		•	-	Il Gengis Khans
НСР	Makeable contracts	anacinic.		verenote	
14	♣ ♥ ▲ NT N - - 2 -	Results a	re imnossih	le to nred	ict but +620 or even +790 to EW can't be discounted.
	S 2 -		•	•	ge, certainly.
6	E 3 2 4 - 2	1 170 ligu			
	W 3 2 5 - 2				
	♠73	Board 11	: Dealer So	uth : Love	all
	v A1093	West	North	East	South
	♦ 1085				Pass
	♣AQJ3	Pass	1NT	All Pass	
▲ J1062	▲AQ54				
♥K7	♥862	Yes, this h	hand may w	vell be pas	sed out at many tables and there's no disgrace in that.
◆A963	◆ 002 ◆ Q7		-		orth his salt has to find something other than "All Pass"
▲ 1076	► K942		•		rths will no doubt find a reason to open light third
•• 10 / 0					mini no-trump but, otherwise the best excuse is that
	▲ K98		•		ght and there are two 10s to boot.
	♥QJ54			, ,	-
	◆ KJ42	Those wh	nose no-tru	ımp openi	ng starts above 12-14 might open 1. and arrive in
	* 85				part-score, where no less than ten tricks await, thanks
				•	of the cards. Others who just like to bid will play 1NT
НСР	Makeable contracts				e spades, a club and a diamond for +120.
11	♣ ♥ ▲ NT N 2 2 4 - 2				
		The regul	ation resul	t of All Pa	ss will probably score a bit below average and those
10	E 1 -	-	e it will be s		
	W 1 -				
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Board 12 : Dealer West : NS vulnerableWestNorthEastSouth1NTAll Pass

Two hands in a row? Why not? Pairs play is all about engineering the maximum number of tricks and hands like this can be very exciting.

A routine club lead – and continuation when next on play – will guarantee declarer two spade tricks, three hearts and two clubs for +90. He has only to duck one round of clubs and remember to play a spade to the jack when in dummy with ace of hearts, in order to achieve this.

There are other possibilities, of course. South may decide to protect, fourth in hand, holding both majors, which is somewhat undisciplined and very unproductive on these cards – unless you count the opportunity for EW to contrive a penalty. In addition, North may decide that an original diamond lead holds more promise than a club. Well, it does – for the opponents! So, +90 for EW is unlikely to be a world-beater, one way or another.

Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable						
Nest	North	East	South			
	2NT	Pass	3♥			
Pass	3♠	All Pass				

North's choice of opening bid will surely be universal (except maybe for strong clubbers) and whilst it's tempting for South to pass, he should consider that his length in spades will prove useless in NTs whereas it carries weight in a major-suit contract. He would like to bid $3 \bigstar$ promising five spades and four hearts in the traditional style but this has to be played as forcing, for obvious reasons. So that leaves a simple transfer to $3 \bigstar$ as the only playable option apart from simple Stayman, if played (though that might induce a wildly excited North to jump to game in hearts). Can $4 \checkmark$ be made? It shouldn't against steadfast defenders – but it might!

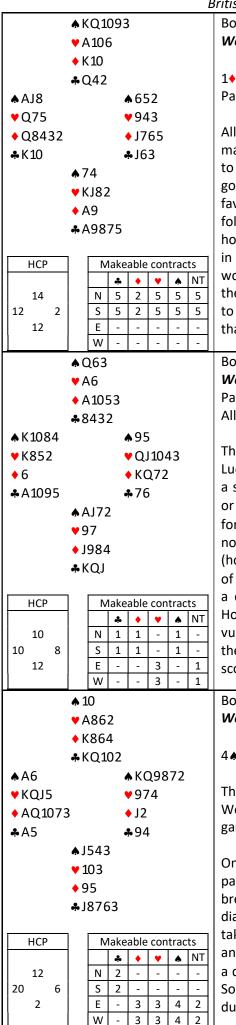
Those who manage +140 on the NS cards sill surely score well. A no-trump contract will be disastrous, comparatively speaking, on the lead of either minor. This is a very tricky hand, even for experience players.

Board 14 : Dealer East : Love all						
West	North	East	South			
		Pass	1NT			
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥			
Pass	4 💙	All Pass				

Anyone who thinks of bidding over 1NT with the West cards needs a reality check: firstly 2♦ is likely to mean something else and secondly, how much more satisfying it would be to lead diamonds out against a no-trump contract! After a pass North will transfer into hearts and South will surely jump to promise his 4-card suit and maximum(ish) values.

So, West gets his chance to lead diamonds anyway and amazingly, three of them stand up, with ace of spades still to come.

Anyone who goes plus with the NS cards will expect to score very well indeed, whilst -50 will be as near as dammit to average. Agreed?



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Board 15 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable							
West	North	East	South				
			1*				
1♦ Pass	1	2♦	Pass				
Pass	3NT	All Pass					

All roads seem to lead to 3NT and North is slightly favourite to be declarer, which matters little on a diamond lead. This is now a race to the line for declarer, who has to decide which black suit to attack first. Although there is a numerical advantage in going for clubs, spades are preferable because of suit quality, and West is a strong favourite to hold the ace. So, win ace of diamonds and play a spade to the queen followed by a heart to the king: when another spade is played the suit is established however West defends. Note also that declarer now has nine certain tricks already in the bag, whereas, had he played on clubs by leading towards the king first, he would have lost both diamond stops by the time he could claim eight tricks, but with the spade ace still to be knocked out. There are 11 tricks available by playing hearts to advantage before tackling the spades – but who would be reckless enough to do that? +600 looks to be the regulation score here. Anything more owes a lot to luck.

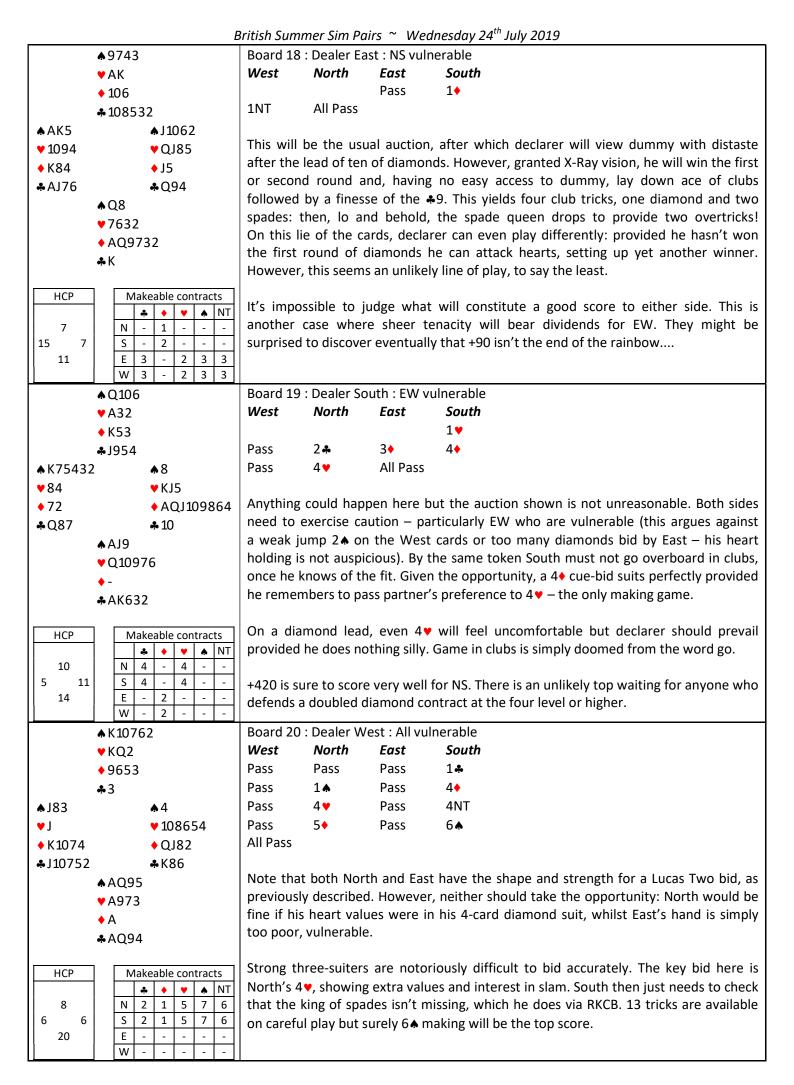
Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT			
All Pass						

This is an excellent hand for those who play the so-called (and increasingly popular) Lucas Two bids, whereby a bid of 2 in either major promises a five-card suit with a second (usually minor) suit of four-plus cards in reserve, and a total of 6-10 HCPs or thereabouts. So here East would open $2 \checkmark$ and – whether or not South doubles for take-out – West would raise defensively to $3 \checkmark$. As the cards lie, NS now have nowhere to go. They can concede 140 in hearts or play at the three level in a minor (hoping to guess which one East holds!) – a daunting proposition. In the absence of a Lucas Two the only recourse for a belligerent East would be to open a weak $2 \checkmark$ a card short. This would be suspect when vulnerable opposite a passed partner. However, some pairs who play the Lucas convention require two 5-card suits when vulnerable, increasing the possibility that South will get to open 1NT here and play there. Though unsuccessful, probably, this will give NS their best chance of a decent score.

Board 17 : Dealer North : Love all							
West	North	East	South				
	1*	2♠	Pass				
4 🛦	All Pass						

The beauty of weak jump overcalls is that they limit the hand immediately: here West will be pretty certain that slam isn't worth exploring and will simply raise to game – surely in spades! East's problem is to make it.

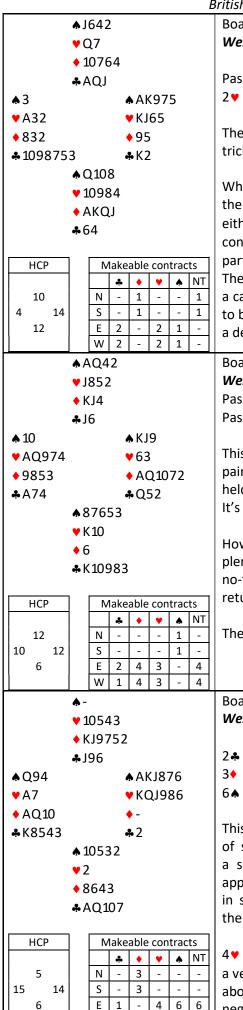
On anything other than a club lead (some Norths will open 1 if that's the partnership style), the contract is easy. On a club lead, however, the bad trump break means that the contract is against the odds. How to get rid of a club or diamond loser? The only answer, apart from the doomed diamond finesse, is to take three rounds of trumps and play a heart to king and ace (or persevere with another round if North ducks). North can cash a club but is then stuck, unable to lead a diamond productively. Declarer can now profit from the fall of 10 to win the 9. South can take his trump when he wants but can't prevent a diamond discard on dummy's last heart. Declarer needs to be tenacious – and very lucky.



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	▲ 7	Board 21	: Dealer No	rth : NS vu	nerable		
	v K10962	West	North	East	South		
	♦ 10865		Pass	Pass	1		
	♣A107	2*	All Pass				
A 00	▲ 108653	2 010	/ 11 1 455				
▲Q9		Δεεμπίησ	South or	ons light	third in hand (which is perfectly normal, even		
♥AJ4	♥Q3	-					
♦ AQ9	♦ K72				between double, 1NT and 2. Perhaps one should add		
♣K8652	♣ Q93	• •	•	• •	pessimistic but works well here as EW will wind up		
	AKJ42	-			oices, double is flawed in that it doesn't feature four		
	♥875	-	•	•	artner can help in spades, and 2.4 would normally		
	♦ J43	-			r a good 5-carder. It seems to be close between the		
	♣ J4	last two choices, coming down to a matter of partnership style. 1NT works out best,					
		-			des, two clubs and a heart, but an overtrick will often		
НСР	Makeable contracts	be forthco	oming, as a	in early hea	art switch is unprofitable. 2. is safe, even after three		
	🔺 🔶 💙 🔺 NT	rounds of	spades.				
7	N - 1 1						
16 7	S - 1 1	The trave	ler is sure t	o display a	variety of results, small but critical.		
10	E 2 1 2						
	W 2 - 1 2						
	▲AQ109	Board 22		st : EW vulr			
	♥632	West	North	East	South		
	♦Q986			Pass	1*		
	♣ K4	Pass	1♠	Pass	2*		
♠8762	♦543	Pass	2NT	All Pass			
♥QJ75	∀ A8						
♦ AK7	♦ 10432	This is a h	orrible auc	tion, which	could be improved by North opting for a 1 + response		
♣ Q7	♣J982	at his firs	t turn or b	y South be	nding his hand a little to open 1NT in the first place.		
	♣KJ			•	taken because the end result is likely to be 2NT and it		
	▼K1094			nand plays			
	◆ J5	2NT can	always be	made but	it involves some good guessing. Attacking diamonds		
	♣ A10653		•		rs are in the same hand, but this won't be obvious.		
				•	leave spades untouched early on: they can be cashed		
НСР	Makeable contracts		•	-	useful stepping stones beforehand.		
11	♣ ♥ ♠ NT N 2 2 2 2 2						
12 5	S 2 2 2 2 2 2	Another n	nixed bag o	f results is	likely, with 120 to NS scoring a bit above average (?)		
12	E						
I)	W						
]	W	Board 23	: Dealer So	uth : All vul	nerable		
	W - - - ♠ K108532			uth : All vul <i>East</i>			
	₩ ★K108532 ♥9	Board 23 West	Dealer So North	uth : All vul <i>East</i>	South		
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	W - - - ▲ K108532 ♥ 9 ▲ AJ94 ♣ KQ	West Pass	North 1♠	East 2♥	South		
▲AJ64	w	West	North	East	South Pass		
♥J82	w - - - - ▲ K108532 9 ◆ AJ94 - - ▲ KQ ↑7 - ▲ 7 ◆ A10753 -	West Pass Pass	North 1♠ 2♠	East 2♥ All Pass	South Pass Pass		
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	♦ AJ7	Pass	1NT	All Pass	
	♣J108				
▲ KJ763	♠92	This will b	e the large	ly unanimo	ous choice of auction so it's all about how many tricks
♥542	₩92 ♥AQ87	North can	-	,	,
♦K642	♦ 853	And the	answer is -	– a lot! Oi	n a regulation heart lead declarer has three spade
♣ Q	♣ K953				eading to the 10), two heart tricks, three diamonds
	♦ 54			-	finesse, and one club. All it needs is for a second
	♥K106				nd that's far from impossible – for +180 to be
	♦Q109	recorded.			
	♣A7642	recorded.			
	Makeable contracts	So, +150 i	night feel g	good to NS	initially, but when the traveller is opened it's likely to
НСР	INTRACED DE CONTRACTS ♣ ♥ ♠ NT	represent	no more th	nan an aver	age score – and maybe even less!
13	N 4 3 2 3 4				
9 9	S 4 3 2 3 4	lt's a hard	game som	etimes	
9	E				
	W				
	♠8652		: Dealer No		
	♥QJ1074	West	North	East	South
	♦A76		Pass	Pass	Pass
	♣ 6	1*	1♥	2♥	3♥
♠AK7	▲ J109	3NT	All Pass		
∀ K8	♥6				
♦Q8	♦ KJ432				line, obviously, but with a certain outside entry it
♣KQ1098	84 & A752		-	-	suit led. How should East respond? Well, it's normal
	▲Q43		•	•	asure and to bid the opponents' suit to show a value
	♥A9532				aise hearts pre-emptively and West has to decide
	♦ 1095	-			ord to investigate slam for fear of getting too high). At
	♣ J3				ach would be to bash 5.4, but at pairs it may be worth
		the risk of	trying no-t	rumps in th	ne hope of overtricks.
HCP	Makeable contracts	On a hear	+ lood doolo		
	🐥 🔶 💙 🔺 NT				e top tricks, after which giving up a diamond is clearly
7	N			•••	e overtrick may come from a successful spade finesse
17 9 7	S - - - - E 5 4 1 2 4	along the	way. Only s	someone de	esperate for a good result would risk that.
	W 5 4 - 2 4				
	♠K3	Board 26	: Dealer Eas	st : All vulne	erable
	♥73	West	North	East	South
	♦ 9763			Pass	1
	♣AJ1093	Pass	1NT	All Pass	
▲ Q9	▲A10652				
♥J98652		Some wil	open 1	with the Ea	ast cards and it's true that on the rule of 19 he has
◆ J	◆ 10854		•		nine cards in his two longest suits). However, we're
1 V J			-	•	ne actions which may misfire and here it should be
	•6	not nere			•
♣K752	♣6 ▲1874		at the spad	e suit is po	oor and six of the HCPs are outside the two biddable
	▲ J874	added that	-	-	oor and six of the HCPs are outside the two biddable one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate.
	▲ J874 ♥ K10	added tha suits: bet	ter perhap	s to hold o	
	▲ J874 ♥ K10 ♦ AKQ2	added tha suits: bet South wil	ter perhap I open 1♠	s to hold o if playing	one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate.
	▲ J874 ♥ K10	added tha suits: bet South wil North has	ter perhap I open 1♠ 5 no choice	s to hold o if playing but to re	one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate. 4-card majors (the suit may be lost otherwise) and
& K752	 ▲ J874 ♥ K10 ◆ AKQ2 ♣ Q84 	added tha suits: bet South wil North has	ter perhap I open 1♠ 5 no choice	s to hold o if playing but to re	one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate. 4-card majors (the suit may be lost otherwise) and espond 1NT, 2. being short of the expected values
	▲ J874 ♥ K10 ♦ AKQ2	added tha suits: bet South wil North has nowadays	ter perhap l open 1 s no choice s. The contr	s to hold o if playing e but to re act has bee	one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate. 4-card majors (the suit may be lost otherwise) and espond 1NT, 2. being short of the expected values
& K752	 ▲ J874 ♥ K10 ◆ AKQ2 ♣ Q84 Makeable contracts ▲ ◆ ◆ ▲ NT N 4 3 - 1 4 	added tha suits: bet South wil North has nowadays Whatever	ter perhap I open 1 5 no choice 5. The contr 5 suit is led	s to hold o if playing e but to re act has bee , declarer i	one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate. 4-card majors (the suit may be lost otherwise) and espond 1NT, 2* being short of the expected values on wrong-sided – but these things happen.
♣ К752 НСР	 ▲ J874 ♥ K10 ◆ AKQ2 ♣ Q84 Makeable contracts ▲ ◆ ♥ ▲ NT N 4 3 - 1 4 S 4 3 - 1 4 	added tha suits: bet South wil North has nowadays Whatever running t	ter perhap I open 1 s no choice . The contr suit is led he &8 to r	s to hold o if playing e but to re act has bee , declarer i epeat the f	one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate. 4-card majors (the suit may be lost otherwise) and espond 1NT, 2. being short of the expected values en wrong-sided – but these things happen.
♣ К752 НСР 8	 ▲ J874 ♥ K10 ◆ AKQ2 ♣ Q84 Makeable contracts ▲ ◆ ◆ ▲ NT N 4 3 - 1 4 	added tha suits: bet South wil North has nowadays Whatever running t initially, t	ter perhap I open 1 s no choice The contr suit is led he +8 to r hat adds up	s to hold of if playing but to re act has been declarer if epeat the forto nine tr	one's fire in the hope of overcalling if appropriate. 4-card majors (the suit may be lost otherwise) and espond 1NT, 2* being short of the expected values en wrong-sided – but these things happen. in NTs has little choice but to finesse clubs (start by finesse by running the queen). If they've led a heart

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Board 27 : Dealer South : Love all						
West	North	East	South			
			1NT			
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass			
2♥	All Pass					

There's no reason not to open a weak no-trump with the South cards: four quick tricks represents a reasonable start.

When 1NT is passed round to East it's important to get into the auction and the most important thing is to have a bid to show both majors (usually 5-4 shape, either way round, or 5-5). The 2. bid shown may be your answer but your pet convention may dictate otherwise. West will bid 2. with a heavy heart, but as partner has denied the values to double 1NT, 2. is certainly preferable to 3. The best lead is surely a trump and although this finds the queen for declarer it's a card which would have dropped anyway. The upside is that it allows another trump to be led once the lead is regained, but that can't stop declarer scoring eight tricks for a decent score.

ard 28 : Dealer West : NS vulnerable				
est	North	East	South	
SS	1NT	Pass	2♥	
SS	2 🛦	All Pass		

This is no more than a possible auction, so many are the variations available. Some pairs jump raise with four-card support when partner transfers, regardless of HCPs held, which would work out very badly here as the cards lie terribly for NS. It's difficult to foresee other than two down.

However, one down in 2 represents a good result for NS because EW can make plenty of tricks in diamonds, hearts or no-trumps. Note that the tricks available in no-trumps apply equally when defending: just picture a heart lead and diamond return, for instance!

The traveller will make interesting reading, that's for sure....

Board 29 : Dealer North : All vulnerable					
West	North	East	South		
	Pass	1♠	Pass		
2*	Pass	2♥	Pass		
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass		
6♠	All Pass				

This is all about the bidding. First, note that after a two-level response, any change of suit is absolutely forcing these days. Although East is worth a lot more than a simple change of suit, there's no harm in going slowly. The reward for this approach comes when West finds himself a bit too strong to simply bid game in spades and shows this via fourth-suit-forcing. Now East must take the bull by the horns.

4♥ simply won't do justice to the hand. If he has a bid like 4♦ available, announcing a very big hand for the bidding to date, that will do nicely: failing that, a jump to 6♥ is about right. Yes, there's a slight risk of lacking the two key aces but that seems negligible. And nothing ventured....!

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AKQ5				st : Love all				
♥ 1097642		West	North	East	South			
◆ 106				Pass	1♦			
	* 9	Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥			
▲107432		Pass	3 🗸	All Pass				
♥AQ3	♥5							
◆43	◆ AKQ2	South's hand will represent an opening bid for most of us and some will be						
•43 ♣K62	◆AKQ2 ♣J1083	equally happy to overcall on the West cards: however, if one accepts the criterion						
TRUZ	▲J1002	that an overcall should be based on either a good hand or a good suit, this one falls						
♣ -		short (you wouldn't want partner contesting too high – or leading a spade if						
♥ KJ8		defending – would you?). Left to his own devices, North will respond 1♥ and East						
	◆ J9875	will hopefully pass (whilst he holds the unbid suits and some values, all of those are in						
	♣AQ754	the opponents' suit). South should prefer a simple heart raise to a change of suit						
НСР	Makeable contracts	to 2*, given his minimum hand and NS will do well to stop short of game from then on.						
	A A V A NT							
9	N 2	Heart contracts are unlucky for NS, especially if three rounds of trumps are played						
9 11	S 2	initially, or following two top diamonds: otherwise there will be good scores of 140 or						
11	E 2 2 1	even bett	er on the t	raveller. Bu	t there are sure to be minus scores to NS too			
	W 1 2 1							
	∧ Q			outh : NS vu				
	♥972	West	North	East	South			
	◆A1098763	Dace	2	Dace				
	♣Q3	Pass Pass	2♦ 3NT	Pass All Pass	2NT			
♦853	▲A10976	F d 3 3	2111	All Fass				
♥10654	♥ AQ3	Should North respond 1NT or 2. Anyone remotely pedantic will opt for 1NT,						
♦ J5	♦ 42	lacking the 10 HCPs normally required for a two-level response, hoping to then						
♣ K974	♣ 652	introduce diamonds painlessly thereafter. The optimists will risk 2+ anyway,						
	▲ KJ42	buoyed by the excuse that queen of spades has been upgraded by partner's choice						
	♥ KJ8	of opening bid. After 2+ South will have a choice between a forcing 2NT (usually						
	◆ KQ	played as 15-19) and 3NT (usually played as 15-17). 3NT will be reached either way						
	♣AJ108	but those who respond 1NT initially will have wrong-sided the contract – potentially						
НСР	Makeable contracts	ruinous but safe as houses on this particular layout.						
ПСР	INIAREADIE CONTRACTS ♣ ♥ ♠ NT							
8	N 3 4 3 2 4	3NT pron	nises to yie	eld a fairly	unanimous ten tricks. It's difficult to make less but			
4 10			more are always possible in this imperfect world.					
18	E							
	W							
	♦53			est : EW vu				
	♥Q10	West	North	East	South			
	♦ KJ106	Pass	Pass	2 🗸	2NT			
	♣QJ976	Pass	3NT	All Pass				
▲AJ96	▲ KQ	_						
♥42	♥KJ9863				maximum weak 2 vrather than a minimum 1 v			
♦Q742	♦ 95	(king-queen bare is not the best spade holding, the heart suit is a tad gappy and						
* 1043	* 852	there is no great shape). What should South do now? Well, 2♠ is a faint possibility						
▲ 108742		despite the awful suit and 2NT lacks a second heart stop, but the latter is clearly						
	♦ A75		nd (especia	ally if partne	er has 5-card Stayman available).			
	◆A83							
♣ AK					as to be careful to husband his resources carefully.			
		It would be a mistake to unblock both top clubs before playing ace and another diamond financing the 10. The correct line is to unblock only one before taking						
HCP Makeable contracts		diamond, finessing the 10. The correct line is to unblock only one before taking						
		the diamond finesse, using the second as a re-entry to finesse again for the important over trick. It would be nice to think that 1420 will represent a flat						
9 <u>N 4 4 - 2 4</u> 7 9 <u>S 4 4 - 2 4</u>		important over-trick. It would be nice to think that +430 will represent a flat board. Dream on!						
15	E 1	buaru. Dr						
	W 1							