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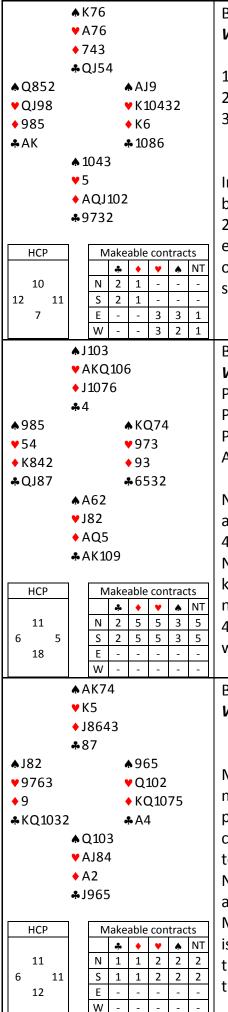
I hope you enjoy the event and also the commentary provided by a leading expert. The commentator for this set of hands is Sally Brock.

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	▲ J1054	Board 1	: Dealer l	North : Lo	ove all
	♥95	West	North	East	South
	♦ KQ97		Pass	2♣	Pass
	* 1076	2♦	Pass	27	Pass
♠98	♦ KQ	3♥	Pass	4 ♥	All Pass
♥832	♥AKQJ104	5	1 4 3 5	- -	All 1 033
♦ A652	♦ J4				
& J983	A K5				
	▲A7632				pener and after West's raise should simply bid
	♥76	game. V	Vest has i	no reaso	n to proceed. If South makes a passive lead of,
	◆ 1083	say, a t	rump, de	eclarer ca	an make 11 tricks by drawing trumps in two
НСР	♣Q42 Makeable contracts	rounds	and playi	ng the 🕭	A-K-x, setting up a club for a diamond discard,
пср	Iviakeable contracts ♣ ♥ ♠ NT	with the	e 💙 8 as an	entry.	
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6	E 3 1 4 - 4 W 3 1 4 - 4				
	▲AK2	Board 2	· Dealer I	Fact · NS	vulnerable
	♥AKQ3	West	North	East	South
	◆ AK98	West	North	Pass	Pass
	* 102	Pass	2♣	Pass	2 ♦
1 06	▲ J984				
∀ J87	♥1092	Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♣ ЭМТ
♦Q653	♦ J42	Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
\$ 9754	& AJ3	All Pass			
	▲ Q753	_			
	♥654		•		me it is held by North and the auction is similarly
	♦ 107		•	-	tes the possibility of a spade fit but then does not
	♣ KQ86	have end	ough to do	o more th	an bid 3NT. According to Deep Finesse, North can
		make 12	tricks in I	NTs. Supp	ose East leads the ♥10. Declarer wins in hand and
НСР	Makeable contracts	plays a c	club, East	ducking, t	then returns to hand with a heart to play another
23	♣ ♥ ♠ NT N 5 5 6 5 6	club. If I	East ducks	s, declare	er can succeed by simply ducking a club. So East
3 7		wins and	d plays a t	hird hear	t, which declarer wins and plays a fourth round of
7	E		• •		and West a diamond. Declarer now plays three
	W				Vest to discard a diamond. Then declarer plays his
			-	-	red in diamonds and spades.
		top club	, anu easi	is squeez	eu in ulamonus anu spaues.



Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable					
	North		South		
			Pass		
1NT	Pass	2♦	Dble		
2♥ 3♥	Pass	2NT	Pass		
3♥	All Pass				

In absolute terms 4♥ is not such a bad game for EW, but it becomes bad after South doubles the transfer. East is just about worth a try with 2NT (though it would not be unreasonable at matchpoints to pass 2♥, expecting to lose two diamond tricks immediately). With a minimum opposite West signs off in 3♥. As long as neither defender broaches the spade suit, 9 tricks only can be made.

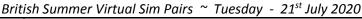
Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable					
West	North	East	South		
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣		
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠		
Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT		
All Pass					

North's three 10s and good 5-card heart suit make his hand worth an opening bid. South bids 2. and North rebids 2. South has to bid 4th suit forcing in order to make sure the bidding reaches game, and North has to choose between 2NT and 3. My preference is for 2NT, keeping the bidding low (and it is nearly a spade stopper!). There seems no reason for South to try to play in hearts and a simple quantitative 4NT seems about right, and North is quick to pass. It looks as if declarer will make 11 tricks on any lead.

Board 5 :	Dealer N	orth : NS	vulnerable
West	North	East	South
	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Maybe East will pass but the two 10s and the 5-card diamond suit make it worth a weak NT to me (and it is even easier to open 1♦ if playing strong NT). It looks as if that would silence everybody. As NS can make 8 tricks in NT, it all depends whether East can hold his losses to two down. A heart lead looks normal, and by the end of that trick North will know that his partner has only 4 hearts (the ♥3 is in dummy and declarer will surely play the ♥2), so he needs to look elsewhere. Maybe he will return a diamond to the king and ace and I guess South is likely to return a diamond. That will give declarer a second diamond trick to go with the 3 clubs he has on top. It is hard to see how the defence can manage to take 9 tricks.

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	▲ 76	Board 6	: Dealer B	East : EW	vulnerable
	♥ 1062	West	North	East	South
	♦J532			1♦	Pass
	♣ J1086	1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
▲ KJ432	▲ A9	2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
♥AQJ3	∀ K98	3♥	Pass	4 ∀	All Pass
♦ 64	AKQ97	5	1 0 3 3	-	
♣ A3	* 752		M will ros	ch clam	with their combined 21 points, but it is not really
	▲Q1085			-	with their combined 31 points, but it is not really
	♥754				is the best suit to play in, so even not bidding
	◆ 108				you play in hearts. There are various methods
	♣ KQ94		-		. Here I have tried 2 (game forcing, as opposed
					East cannot show 4 hearts or 3 spades and as his
НСР	Makeable contracts	diamond	ls are so	good he b	bids them. West introduces hearts and East can
2	N	see adva	intages in	playing th	nere even if a 4-3 fit. Suppose North leads a club.
15 16		Declarer	wins, pla	ys the 🗚	-K and ruffs a spade. When they don't break he
7	E 3 6 7 6 5	needs he	earts to b	reak. He d	comes back to a trump and ruffs another spade.
	W 3 6 7 6 5	He now	tries his t	op diamo	nds. South ruffs the third while declarer pitches
				•	return, draws trumps and claims.
	♦9763				l vulnerable
	∀ K92	West	North	East	South
	♦8432	West	North	Lust	1 ▼
	* 18		Dese	2.	
▲AKJ4	♠52	Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
♥3	♥ 10874	2♦	2♥	Pass	Pass
♦ AK109	65 🔶 J	3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
♣ Q3	* 1097542	All Pass			
	▲ Q108				
	♥AQJ65				
	♦ Q7	Who kr	iows? So	uth is ve	ery balanced for his 3° bid and maybe he
	♣ AK6	should r	bass. Mav	be West	will double 3♥ to try for (and succeed to get)
	<u></u>	-	-		ard in defence for EW to collect two A-Ks and
НСР	Makeable contracts	-	•		e against 3• is a trump lead but declarer can
4	♣ ♥ ▲ NT N - - 2 - -				
17 1		Sui noic	i nis ioser	s to a spa	ide, a heart and 2 clubs.
18	E 1 3 - 2 -				
18	W 1 3 - 2 -				
18	W 1 3 - 2 - ▲AKJ85	Board 8	: Dealer \	Nest : Lo	
18	W 1 3 - 2 - ▲ AKJ85 ♥ KJ76	Board 8 <i>West</i>	: Dealer \ North	Nest : Lov East	
18	W 1 3 - 2 - ▲AKJ85 ♥KJ76 3				ve all
	W 1 3 - 2 - AKJ85 VKJ76 3 742	West	North	East	ve all South
▲32	W 1 3 - 2 - ▲ AKJ85 ♥ KJ76 ◆ 3 ♣ 742 ▲ 1076	West Pass Pass	North 1 ♠	East Pass	ve all South 2♣
▲ 32 ♥853	W 1 3 - 2 - AKJ85 VKJ76 3 742 AQ9	West Pass	North 1 ♠	East Pass	ve all South 2♣
 ▲ 32 ♥ 853 ◆ J10985 	W 1 3 - 2 - AKJ85 VKJ76 3 742 AQ9 K762	West Pass Pass All Pass	North 1♠ 2♥	East Pass Pass	ve all South 2♣ 4♠
▲ 32 ♥853	W 1 3 - 2 - AKJ85 VKJ76 3 742 AQ9 K762 K86	West Pass Pass All Pass If decla	North 1♠ 2♥ rer gets	East Pass Pass everythi	ve all South 2♣ 4♠ ng right he can make 11 tricks in spades,
 ▲ 32 ♥ 853 ◆ J10985 	W 1 3 - 2 - ▲ AKJ85 KJ76 ◆ 3 - 742 ▲ 1076 × AQ9 ◆ K762 * K86 ▲ Q94 -	West Pass Pass All Pass If decla losing ju	North 1♠ 2♥ rer gets ust 2 hea	<i>East</i> Pass Pass everythin	ve all South 2♣ 4♠ ng right he can make 11 tricks in spades, it is not clear why he should get everything
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Board 9 :	Dealer N	orth : EW	vulnerabl
West	North	East	vulnerabl <i>South</i>
	1♣	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

Maybe some would bid 4♠ directly over the weak 2♥ overcall. But it looks as if all roads would lead there. Only if West leads a diamond does there seem to be any chance of declarer making overtricks. But if West does lead a diamond, declarer can win the +J, cash the +A, cross to a trump, discard a club on the \mathbf{A} K, take a ruffing club finesse, eventually emerging with 12 tricks. A weak jump overcall at adverse vulnerability should show a pretty good suit, so I think the *****A is a better lead.

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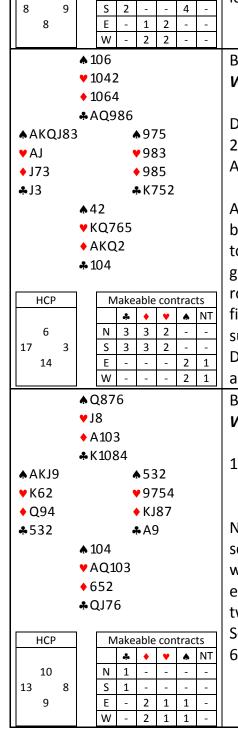
Board 10 : Dealer East : All vulnerable					
West	North	East	South		
		Pass	1♥		
Dble	27	Pass	Pass		
2♠	Pass	Pass	37		
All Pass					

A lot of close decisions here. Should South bid 3^v with his nice-butbalanced hand? Or should he sell to 2. And should West choose to defend, and if so should he double to try for that magic 200. It takes good defence to defeat 3*. West, I am sure, would start with two rounds of spades. He then needs to switch to a club to East's king (East's first spade should show how many he has, but the second should show suit preference). Then a third round of spades, giving a ruff-and-discard. Declarer ruffs in hand and plays the ♥K, but West wins and plays another spade, promoting a second trump tricks for the defence.

Board 11 : Dealer South : Love all

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Neither side can make 1NT, according to Deep Finesse. So any plus score should score well. With West in 1NT, North needs to lead a club, which as well as setting up 3 club tricks for the defence, knocks a vital entry out of the dummy. Declarer plays on diamonds, but North ducks two rounds before winning the A and cashing club tricks, leaving South on lead. A heart now leaves declarer with no chance of more than 6 tricks.



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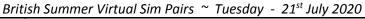
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Board 12	2 : Dealer	West : NS	S vulnerable South Pass
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
27	All Pass		

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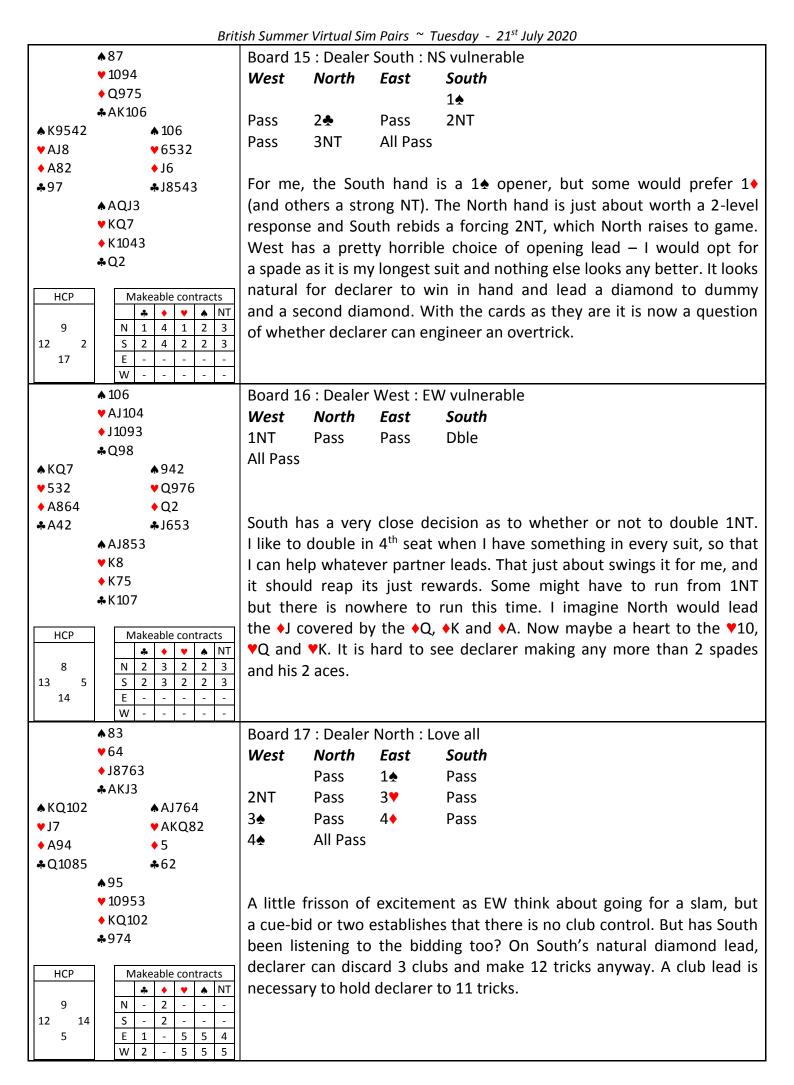
At adverse vulnerable neither North or South would be happy to reopen, so at most tables I would expect East to buy the hand in 2* (strong no-trumpers will probably open the East hand 1NT and play there). It looks as if declarer will lose only 2 spades, 2 hearts and a club in either hearts or NTs. Declarer's best chance of an overtrick on a diamond lead is to cash both diamonds, play a heart to dummy (South must duck), ruff a diamond and exit with a heart. South can cash his hearts and exit with a club. Declarer wins two club tricks and exits with a club. However, a careful North will exit with the 49, ducked to dummy's AJ, and now the defenders must still make 2 spade tricks.

Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable South West North East All Pass Pass 3

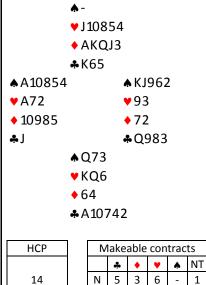
Some Norths might open the bidding, but this works better for the strong no-trumpers who would open 1 than the weak no-trumpers who would normally open a weak NT. Whether North opens or not, the East hand looks like a good contender for a vulnerable 3 • opening or overcall. That is likely to buy the contract and it looks as if there are 10 tricks there on any lead.

Board 14 : Dealer East : Love all					
West	North	East	South		
		Pass	1♠		
Pass	27	Pass	4♥		
All Pass					

Although South has only 11 HCP, the two 5-card majors make it well worth an opening $1 \pm -$ silencing West. When North responds $2 \forall$, South should jump to game with his good distribution. Suppose East leads a diamond. Declarer should win in hand and play a small club. If East goes in with the ace, declarer can discard two spades on the minor-suit winners; if East ducks, then declarer can discard the other club loser on his top diamond. Either way declarer should make 11 tricks.



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		East : NS	5 vulnerable
West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West has a tricky rebid: $2 \diamond$ or $3 \diamond$? Or should be raise hearts? Anything could be right and the hand could work well for some people with fancy bits of system. After the more aggressive $3 \diamond$ rebid, East seems to have a clear 3NT bid. What should South lead? I'm sure most would go for their good 5-card club, but declarer will soon be claiming at least 10 tricks. A spade lead works somewhat better – if North switches to a club, then South a spade and North another club, the defenders will soon have 7 tricks lined up in front of them.

Board 19 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
			Pass			
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass			
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass			
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠			
All Pass						

If West opens 1♥ the auction is very different because North makes a take-out double and East would undoubtedly bid 4♥. South bids 4♠ and EW are helpless – they pass and lose 420 or bid 5♥ and lose 500 (though the defenders have to be careful to play diamonds or declarer might be able to eliminate the black suits and then endplay North). It works better for a weak NT. East transfers and West shows a maximum with a heart fit. This might buy the hand but an intrepid North doubles and South should take the low road and not punish his partner. –170 is perhaps the best score EW can hope for.

Board 20 : Dealer West : All vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣			
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥			
Pass	4♥	All Pass				

Should EW get into the auction? West does not have an opening bid, and I don't think East is worth a vulnerable overcall. South bids his 5-card suit and West has no real reason to bid now. North bids his second suit and South jumps to 3^{\heartsuit} , invitational. North has no reason to bid more than game with such poor trumps so simply settles for 4^{\heartsuit} . Although slam makes as the cards lie, it needs clubs 4-1 with West holding a singleton honour – hardly with the odds.

Board 2	1 : Dealer	North :	NS vulnerable <i>South</i>
West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1NT
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

I would be tempted to open that North hand with a weak NT, but its probably not such a good idea with 4-5 in the majors. South responds 1NT and West is too good to do anything but double (take-out of hearts). East bids his clubs, South passes (hopefully!) and West bids his 5-card suit. No-one has any reason to bid on and declarer will have to play well to make his partscore.

Board 22 : Dealer East : EW vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
		1NT	2♠			
3♥	3♠	All Pass				

All very tricky. East's weak 1NT opening looks clear. Many people these days play 'Multi Landy', whereby a 2M overcall shows five in that major with a 4-card or longer minor. That South hand seems to fit the bill non-vulnerable. Then West has to decide how much to bid. Lebensohl would apply here for some people but it is not clear that that helps much. Either West bids 2NT as a preliminary to showing a non-forcing hand but when North bids 3 West can't show his suit without bidding game anyway. Maybe he should bid 3^v, but then what does he do over 3♠? If he bids 4♥ North may double and get a magic 200.

Board 23 : Dealer South : All vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
			1♥			
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT			
Pass	3NT	All Pass				

uld probably bid as above, hoping that my two 10s would nough to justify the slight overbid. Not this time. It is not difficult lest to lead his fourth-highest diamond, and declarer has no chance aking more than 7 tricks. A good hand for underbidders.

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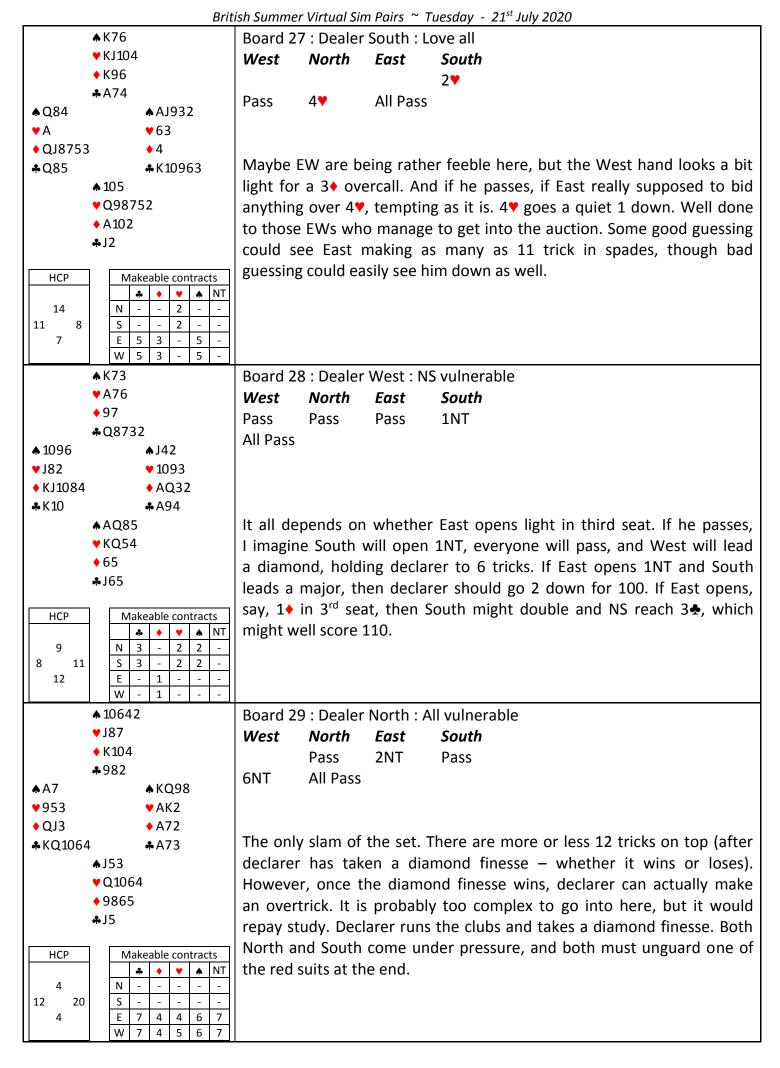
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♣AQ4	* 7632		-	-	forward enough. But what should North lead?
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	♦A106	away. It	also puts	declare	r in dummy and if he plays either minor to his
	♣J1085	aueen h	ne will be	struggli	ng to make more than 9 tricks – and if starts
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	♣A984	2♣	Pass	27	Pass
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♥Q95	∀ K1073	3NT	All Pass		
♦ 10654	♦ AK7				
♣QJ	♣ K52				
	♠94	Maybe	West sho	uld bid (only 2NT at matchpoints scoring, but I would
	♥A84	expect	most to	be in g	game. Much may depend on how declarer
	♦ QJ32	-		-	ch minor should South go for as an opening
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			-		1 or 2 in dummy with a club honour. A heart
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Board 30 : Dealer East : Love all							
West	North	East	South				
		Pass	Pass				
1NT	Dble	2♦	Pass				
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦				
Pass	3NT	All Pass					

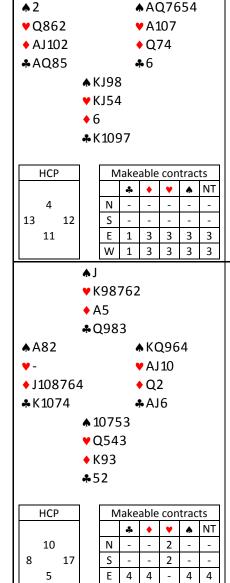
There look to be 5 top tricks to take against 3NT, but it might not be as easy as all that. Suppose East leads a diamond. Dummy does not look at all threatening. Is there really a reason for West to win his ace and switch to hearts? If he does not do that declarer will surely get clubs right and make 11 tricks.

Board 31 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
			Pass			
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass			
2♣	Pass	27	Pass			
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass			

4441 hands are the bane of my life – neither balanced nor with suits to bid. With a singleton minor I much prefer treating them as balanced, but if I open 1NT with a singleton major that never seems to turn out well. After East bids 4th suit forcing, the raise shows 4-card support (in the old days when FSF was not game-forcing it was needed to show any good hand, but those days are past). East's spades don't look good enough to play facing a singleton or void, so he goes for the NT game. It is not a thing of beauty, however, and declarer will have to take some good views to succeed.

Board 32 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable						
West	North	East	South			
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥			
37	Pass	4♠	All Pass			

Even those playing a weak 2 should refrain from opening one with such a poor suit at unfavourable vulnerability. At favourable vulnerability North is a bit good for a pre-empt so I would reluctantly concur with the 1 opening. After the 1 overcall and 2 raise, West has to do something to show some enthusiasm and East is happy to proceed to game. I guess South has no reason to avoid a heart lead, and now careful handling should be able to restrict losers to 1 spade and 2 diamonds. Of course, some NSs will sacrifice (especially if South bid 3 over 1 - a good shot playing a 5-card major system).



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