The Welsh Bridge Union Autumn Simultaneous Pairs Friday 7th September 2018 Session 7167



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Thank you for supporting the WBU Simultaneous Pairs - I hope you enjoyed the hands and the commentary, which was done for us by Chris Rochelle and as always we are very grateful.

The funds raised from this event will help support the Wales Air Ambulance (http://www.walesairambulance.com/) and the WBU and its work with the development of bridge in Wales.

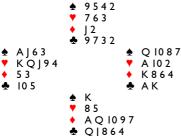
Please tell your friends at other clubs who may not have played in this event that we will be running another one in the Spring as we normally do and we would love to have them join us - as with this one, it will be run over a week, with five sets of hands available, one for each day, so you can play every night if you want to – and we certainly hope you will try and play more than once!

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Best wishes - and enjoy your bridge!

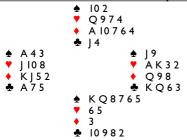
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Board I. Dealer North. Vulnerability None



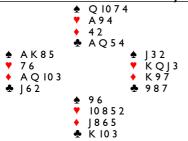
After a I♠ opening by East South may overcall 2D. West will bid Hearts or show a good raise to 3♠. Even if East opens a strong NT Most E-W will play in 4 of a major making II tricks. At pairs with K to 4♠ East may try 3NT also making II for a good score and South may lead a ♠ giving I2 tricks for a very good score.

Board 2. Dealer East. Vulnerability N/S



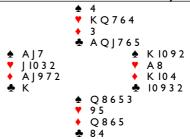
After a I♣ or a I♥ opening by East some South's may risk a 2♠ overcall. This could go for 500. But more likely it will just make it more difficult for E-W to get to 3NT. In 3NT as long as you duck the first spade you will end up with 10 tricks. 4♥ should also make. If South starts his singleton Diamond for a ruff. The spade lose goes away. A strong NT opening from East would probably always get you to 3NT but you still need to be careful in play.

Board 3. Dealer South. Vulnerability E/W



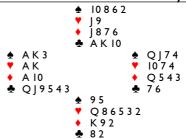
After a pass by South a weak NT from West will probably end the bidding. On a Club lead N-S will take 4 Clubs and A♥. On a Spade lead if West inserts the J then gets the Diamonds right by finessing the 10. North will have to be careful with his discards or E-W will make 9 Tricks. Which will make all the difference at pairs scoring

Board 4. Dealer West. Vulnerability All



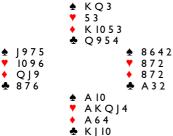
After a I → opening from West what do you do with the North hand bid 2NT to show the 2 suits. Or more likely bid 2 club intending to bid Hearts later. East will probably double and West may show Hearts and stop North getting to high. If he bids a conservative 2 ◆ North will probably bid 3 ▼ and could play in 4 ♣ Doubled or not for a poor score. Although E-W can make 3NT and 4 ♠ it is difficult to get to 4 ♦ is a more likely contract.

Board 5. Dealer North. Vulnerability N/S



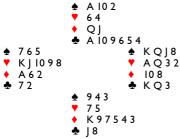
Another 3 NT for E-W. After a 2NT opening and a Stayman enquiry. I expect every pair to be in 3NT. The double dummy program says you can beat this by leading a Spade or Heart. Then switching to the J◆ when you are in with the first club. Although the bidding will be simple I think both the declarer play and defence are difficult and anything between 7 and 10 tricks will be made.

Board 6. Dealer East. Vulnerability E/W



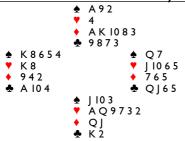
This is the opposite of Board 5 there are 12 top tricks in NT or Hearts but how do you bid it. After a 2NT opening by south do you make a try with the North hand with a flat 10 count. If so how? do you use Stayman to see if partner has 5♠ or can you look for a minor suit fit or just bid 4NT quantitative. A 2 Club opening with a 2NT rebid to shoe 22-23 may get you there. But with no fit 1 think a lot of pairs will be in 3 or 4NT making 12.

Board 7. Dealer South. Vulnerability All



After 2 passes North will open I♣ East could Double but INT is more likely. West will transfer to Hearts and the Heart game should be reached. If South leads the J♣ North has to go up with the A and switch to a Diamond to hold it to I0 tricks. If he lets it run Declarer can get rid of his second club on the spades or 2 small diamonds on the spades and clubs.

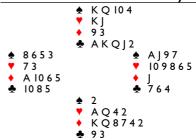
Board 8. Dealer West. Vulnerability None



If West passes or open spades North will bid Diamonds South will bid Hearts North will show his clubs and South will bid 3 or 4Hearts over 3Hearts North will pass or bid 3NT

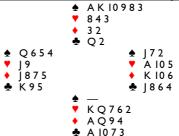
Both 3NT and 4♥ have chances. In 4♥ West must lead or switch to a Spade to set up the forth trick. And in NT the lead of the Q♠ means West can be end played after the run of the diamonds. So I expect a range of scores from -100 to plus 420 to N-S.

Board 9. Dealer North. Vulnerability E/W



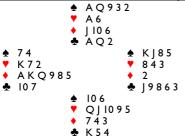
I ♣ from North I ♦ from South North needs to bid 2NT to right side 3NT if he bids I ♠ South Could bid 2NT and end up as declarer. There are always II tricks by North. But by South a Spade lead (dummy's second suit is normally a good lead) N-S will be held to 10 tricks.

Board 10. Dealer East. Vulnerability All



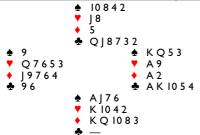
After I♥ from South I♠ from North 2♣ from South what does North bid a sensible 2♥ or 2 or 3♠. Over 2♥ South may pass or make a try with 3♦ which North should except. Over a spade bid South will probably bid NT and North correct to hearts. But game will probably be missed. Against ♥ west need to start a trump to stop ruffs and II tricks. A North spade contact will make 9 or 10 tricks. I think this Board will also produce a wide range of scores. From -200 in 4♠ to plus 650 in 4♥ and everything in between

Board 11. Dealer South. Vulnerability None



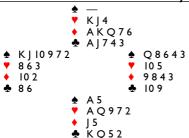
A part score battle some South's may open 2 and end up too high. If not West will open 1 North will overcall IS. East Should bid INT. West will pass or bid 2 and North will bid 2 or Double to show a good hand and South will bid 2 these are the last making contracts. But I don't expect the bidding to stop there. A lot of West's will bid 3 and North's 3 .A range of score with a lot of failing contracts.

Board 12. Dealer West. Vulnerability N/S



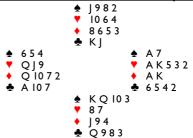
After 2 pass's East will open 2NT South a 13 count and a void may be tempted to bid. If he does he will soon regret it. If not what does West do 5 5 in the reds opposite a 2NT he will transfer to \$\forall\$ then bid NT or D. 3NT and \$4\forall\$ should be at least 1 or 2 down. Against \$4\forall\$ South has to be careful with his leads and discards or \$4\forall\$ or more likely \$4\forall\$ could make.

Board 13. Dealer North. Vulnerability All



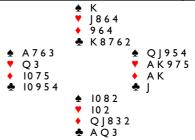
A big hand for N-S if North starts I♣ then it should be plain sailing. South will make some sort of forcing bid 2NT or 2♥ and whether West bids spades or not you should get to a least 6. If North opens the more solid ♦ suit then it is more difficult After I♦-P-I♥ West could bid 2♠ North could cue bid spades but then 4♠ from East will make it more difficult and some pairs may miss the small slam. Although 7NT is the top spot anybody bidding 7♥ will score well.

Board 14. Dealer East. Vulnerability None



A more straight forward hand I♥ from East 2♦ from West 2NT or 3♣ from East and everybody should be in 4H. After the K♠ lead east will win the A draw trumps and play on diamonds when the J drops in 3 round he will have II tricks. On a club lead he can only draw 2 trumps before unblocking A,K of diamonds and crossing to dummy with a trump. 450 should be a common score but some will only make 10

Board 15. Dealer South. Vulnerability N/S



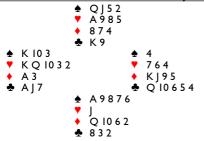
After 3 passes East will open I♥ or I♠ West will bid I or 2S. East will then make a slam try possibly a 4♣ splinter and West will sign off. The double dummy program make I2 by dropping the singleton K of Spades. In the real world most will take the finesse and end up with II tricks.

Board 16. Dealer West. Vulnerability E/W



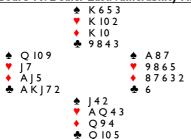
After I → from North East will overcall I → South will probably bid 3 or 4 H. If it's only 3 West will bid 3 → 4 → and 4 → could well follow If 4 → get back to North will he take the save in 5 → or more likely pass or double. Against 4 → south has to lead a → or a diamond will go on the clubs and II tricks will be made. Another Board with a huge range of scores from 3 → making by South to 4 → doubled plus I by East.

Board 17. Dealer North. Vulnerability None



Another part score battle after 2 pass's some South's will open 2♠ East will bid 3♥ and North 3♠ I off unless East raises to 4H. If south pass's West will open I♥ and East with a singleton ♠ and a 6 count will probably raise to 2♥ West will make a try but will hopefully stop in 3 going I off in 4 will be a poor score. Again a range of scores from 2♥ E-W to 4♠ N-S and most things in between.

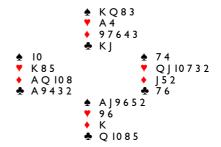
Board 18. Dealer East. Vulnerability N/S



South should pass but some will open an 11-14 NT this gets doubled East will bid 2.

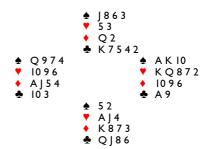
If South passes West will open I♣ after 2 passes South may well protect with INT and we will probably get back to the same 2♦ contract. But with this sort of hand every contract from I♣ to 2NT by both sides will probably be played.

Board 19. Dealer South. Vulnerability E/W



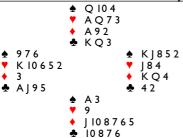
What do you open with the South Hand I♠ 2♠ or pass 2♠ works best here as it is harder for West to come into the bidding and North will probably jump to 4S. Pass is worst as East will open and W will bid H. and N-S may not get to game. Any E-W allowed to play in ♥ will score well. As will the N-S pairs who bid game.

Board 20. Dealer West. Vulnerability All



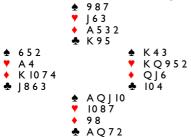
After 2 passes East will open I♥ West will bid I♠ and East could bid INT 2♥ or 2♠ which should end the auction. Top spot will be Hearts. So conservative East or those playing 5 Card majors will do best. Any optimistic Wests making a try over INT will probably get too high and go minus for a poor score.

Board 21. Dealer North. Vulnerability N/S



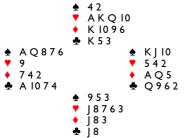
Another part score deal. After North opens IH. Non vulnerable East will probably bid I♠ South with a singleton ♥ should pass. West will raise to 2S. With a flat 17 count and adverse vulnerability do you double with the North hand if you do you will play in 3 or 4 ♦ even if you pass South well may protect with 3D. Playing in ♦ will get a good score defending 2♥ or 2♠ a poor one.

Board 22. Dealer East. Vulnerability E/W



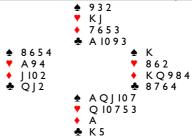
East with a poor 11 count vulnerable will still open 1♥ South will Double and West will probably bid 1NT. North does not have a sensible bid and will pass. East will then either pass or bid 2♥.1NT is doomed to 2 off. 2♥ can go the same way but this requires South to lead ♦ and clubs to get spades led from North. If South leads a spade 2♥ could well make. If a cautious East does pass South will open 1NT and play there for plus 120 and an average score.

Board 23. Dealer South. Vulnerability All



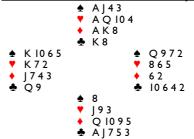
Pass from South West with a 10 count could open which works well but most will probably pass. North can open I♥ and East will pass South now needs to make some sort of pre-emptive raise to buy the contract. He is too flat to jump to 4 so he may well pass or bid 2H. This could well let E-W into the bidding but they will do well to get to 4♠. Scores will probably range from 2♥ making by North to 4♠ making E-W

Board 24. Dealer West. Vulnerability None



After 3 passes South will bid 1♠ North INT now South will probably jump to 3H. Even so I can't see any auction that gets even close to slam.With singleton K♠ on side and the ♥ 3-3 4♠ plus 2 will be a common score. If South opens I♥ instead of I♠ and gets to 4♥. West has to lead a Spade to give his partner a ruff when he gets in with the A♥.

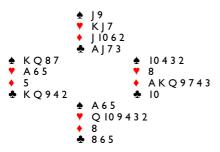
Board 25. Dealer North. Vulnerability E/W



After a 2NT opening from North what does South do with an 8 count he will probably check if North has 5♥ and the settle for 3NT

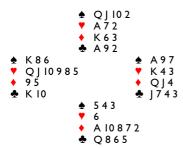
The double dummy program can make 12 by cashing 3 rounds of diamonds 4 rounds of Hearts dropping the doubleton Q of Clubs and end playing East. East may make it easier by throwing a club but 10 or 11 tricks are more likely than 12.

Board 26. Dealer East. Vulnerability All



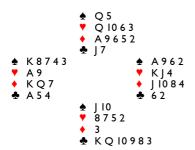
Do you pre-empt in diamonds with a 4 card major If you do you will play there or worse partner will play 3NT. If not whether South open 2♥ or not West will bid Clubs and over your Diamonds Spades so you will get to 3 or 4 spades. Pairs getting to 4 spades should score well.

Board 27. Dealer South. Vulnerability None



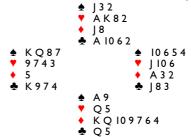
After a pass from South West will open 2 North may well double and East bid a preemptive 3 v. 3 v I off should be the normal contract. But I expect to see every contract from INT by North to 5 v by south alongside 2 v to 4 v by East. Any pair playing in a making contract will score well.

Board 28. Dealer West. Vulnerability N/S



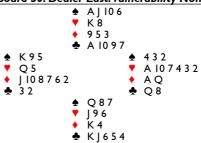
A more straight forward Board I♠ from West 3♠ from East 4 spades from West. If as likely there has been no N-S bidding everything hinges on North's lead. It has to be a club or Ace and another Diamond if not West will make I2 tricks

Board 29. Dealer North. Vulnerability All



After a weak NT from North how do you proceed with the South hand. Even if you are playing transfers to the minors with Jx of diamonds North will deny support. So 3NT is going to be a common spot on a spade lead North will be held to 9 tricks on any other. There are at least 11 tricks and West is squeezed and North could make 12. It is similar in 5 there are 11 top tricks and 12 on a squeeze.

Board 30. Dealer East. Vulnerability None



N-S can make game in clubs spade and NT but how do you bid it. After I♥ from East and INT from West. North will pass but when 2♥ from East comes back round he may protect with a double. South's 3 clubs will probably end the auction. Any N-S getting to game will score very well. With 3♣ making I0 or II a common score. With every card right for N-S any East bidding on to 3♥ will get a poor score and could get doubled and go for 500 or 800.

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