

Analysis of Hands Dec 7th 2020

Board 1:

Dlr: North ♠KJ1087 Optimum
 Vul: None ♥J1053 NS 4H+1; +450
 ♦J65 ♣K

♠Q93 ♥82 ♦Q982 ♣8432	West <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> North 1 South </div> East	♠A5 ♥KQ7 ♦74 ♣QJ10965
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Surprising almost nobody played in the 4/4 H fit but most played in spades. If playing strong NT you should transfer into S and then bid 3H. If playing weak NT respond 1S and after 1NT rebid, showing 15/17, then bid 2C or 2D checkback, whichever you use and the NT rebidder should show his 4 hearts first in preference to his 3 card spade suit and now you get to 4H. If responder goes back to NT not holding 4 hearts you can then convert the NT back to S as you hold 3 spades. Partner should not checkback unless he has 5 of the Major that he responded in a round earlier. Playing checkbacks this way you will always unearth the 4/4 fit. **Note:** if you respond 2H after 1NT showing 5/4 this is non-forcing or else go back to 2S. You should lose one spade and one heart trick by double finessing the hearts to only lose one and not two H tricks.

Board 3:

Dlr: South ♠6 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♥A74 S 3N+1; +430
 ♦AQJ ♣AQ8743

♠AQ84 ♥Q5 ♦7643 ♣J109	West <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> North 3 South </div> East	♠J1093 ♥KJ962 ♦982 ♣2
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Should be 1C (N) – 1S (S) – 3C (N) – 3NT (S). A few failed to do this. (A 17 count) ?? ??

Board 6:

Dlr: East ♠Q10765
 Vul: E/W ♥AKJ6 Optimum
 ♦1054 NS 3Sx; -100
 ♣6

♠KJ	North West 6 East South	♠A42
♥Q742		♥105
♦Q82		♦AJ976
♣AJ53		♣974

10	♠983	♣♦♥♠N
13	♥983	N - - 1 2 -
9	♦K3	S - - - 2 -
8	♣KQ1082	E - 2 - - 1
		W - 2 - - 2

If a weak NT is opened by West then if N has a bid of 2C or 2D to show the majors South will always bid 2H ahead of 2S as he is 3/3. If the bid used by North was 2C for the Majors (as some use), the benefit now is that South can bid 2D to show equal length in both Majors asking North to pick his longer one. However East will almost certainly bid 2D before him, so beaching him like a whale and unable now to bid 2D and so will probably bid 2H..

Board 8:

Dlr: West ♠872
 Vul: None ♥J9732 Optimum
 ♦105 E 3Nx; +100
 ♣Q109

♠93	North West 8 East South	♠K64
♥106		♥AQ84
♦AJ9862		♦K73
♣763		♣K85

3	♠AQJ105	♣♦♥♠N
5	♥K5	N 3 - 1 3 -
15	♦Q4	S 3 - 1 3 -
17	♣AJ42	E - 2 - - 2
		W - 2 - - 1

If playing E/W are playing a weak NT (East opens 1C), then South overcalls 1S it is now difficult for E/W to get into D as West cannot double 1S as he only has two hearts, and he is not good enough to bid 2D. However if playing a Strong NT then if South doubles you can bid 2D or if he bids Spades (2S) you can bid 2NT Lebensohl on the West hand. This commands East to bid 3C and now you bid 3D non forcing, whereas if you had bid 3D directly over the 2S bid by South, it would be forcing to game. No way on a 5 count. 3D played by East does way better than 3D played by West which can go one or two tricks off. It's because the lead is through the strong hand into the strong hand. North should never

come into the auction over 1D. South should never make a takeout double he should overcall 1S

Board 9:

Dlr: North
 Vul: E/W

♠8432
 ♥J98
 ♦Q52
 ♣K96

Optimum
 EW 7D; -2140

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♥AQ10632	♥K7						
♦K874	♦AJ96						
♣4	♣A87						

	♠KJ5	♣♦♥♠N
6	♥54	N - - - -
9 18	♦103	S - - - -
7	♣QJ10532	E 1 7 6 5 6
		W - 7 6 4 6

This is the most mysterious hand of the night. In hearts you make 6 heart tricks, 4 diamond tricks, Club A and SA and 7H is dependent on the Spade finesse of the Queen which is wrong. In Diamonds you can make 13 tricks using the long hearts for three spade and one club discards. However, its dependant on DQ being right to make 12 tricks. No way should you bid 7D. It's a rotten contract.

Board 10:

Dlr: East
 Vul: All

♠AKJ874
 ♥5
 ♦AJ54
 ♣104

Optimum
 NS 3N; +600

♠63	<table border="1"> <tr><td>North</td></tr> <tr><td>West</td><td>10</td><td>East</td></tr> <tr><td>South</td></tr> </table>	North	West	10	East	South	♠Q952
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♥AJ932	♥64						
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13	♥KQ1087	N 3 2 2 2 3
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12	♣AQJ72	E - - - -
		W - - - -

1H (S) – 1S (N) -2C (S) – 2D (N) fourth suit forcing to game and not natural – 3C (S) – 3NT(N). North should is correct to bid 3NT here because he has shown 5 spades by bidding 2D, looking for 3 spades in South hand. South could also have bid Spades even on a doubleton at that stage. The reason North should not bid 3S is because he knows South has not a diamond stopper so this is their last chance to bid the 3NTgame. A diamond lead makes it perilous but they make 4 club tricks, one heart trick, two diamond tricks and two spade

tricks . That is if diamonds are led and continued. East does best not to beat the S10 with the queen if its led.

Board 11:

Dir: South ♠KJ6
 Vul: None ♥2 Optimum
 ♦K1042 NS 4C; +130
 ♣AQJ94

♠Q1073	W North e 11 s t South E	♠A5
♥AQ64		♥KJ9753
♦753		♦QJ86
♣107		♣6

14	♠9842	♣♦♥♠N N 4 - - 2 - S 4 - - 2 - E - - 2 - - W - - 2 - -
8	♥108	
11	♦A9	
7	♣K8532	

I notice 11 tricks made in 5C a few times. It shouldn't. If S9 led from dummy 10 should cover, insert J and it takes Ace. A Spade back now through S8,4 into Q7 means the 8 will take the Q and be beaten by K. The S7 is now the setting trick, beating the 6. Spots matter. You also get a H trick.

Board 13:





Dir: North ♠KQ2
 Vul: All ♥KJ3 Optimum
 ♦97 EW 5Hx; +500
 ♣AJ653

♠A1098	W North e 13 s t South E	♠6
♥A874		♥Q109652
♦Q2		♦A853
♣1092		♣84









14	♠J7543	♣♦♥♠N N 4 2 - 4 - S 4 2 - 4 - E - - 3 - - W - - 3 - -
10	♥--	
6	♦KJ1064	
10	♣KQ7	





If playing a weak NT it should be transferred into 2S by South and no reason to go any further. Partner didn't jump to 3S after you transferred showing a maximum and 4 spades and your suit is AWFUL. He might even have only two spades. Playing a Strong NT it should go 1C(N) – 1S by South and 1NT rebid by North. Holding a void in hearts, remove that contract. If 2D is natural, then bid it and N goes back to 2S. If its checkback you cannot bid 2D so just bid 2S.

Board 16.

Dlr: West A10643
 Vul: E/W KQ2 7
Q976

Optimum
 NS 6H; +980

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North is good enough to open 1S and South will bid 2H and North should raise to 4H with 11 and two for singleton. It's telling you above the optimum contract is 6H. No way is it telling you to be there. That is just the number of tricks that you can make.

Board 17:

Dlr: North AK2
 Vul: None 10987542 92
9

Optimum
 EW 4N; -430

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North opens 3H, East has a borderline 3S bid and if he makes this bid, then West should definitely bid 3NT hoping that East has a club stopper. There is no difficulty making 3NT the only game that makes.

Board 20:

♠85
 Dlr: West ♥AQJ105 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦Q742 NS 3N,NS 5D; +600
 ♣K5

♠AKQ6	West 20 East	♠J1032
♥9864		♥K32
♦10		♦983
♣J1074		♣983
	South	

12	♠974	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥7	N 3 5 3 1 3
4	♦AKJ65	S 3 5 3 1 3
14	♣AQ62	E - - - -
		W - - - -

It's very poor bridge to be in 3NT here. If the Spades are 5/3 the contract will fail. There is no reason to be in that contract. It should be played in 5D. You ruff a Spade small in the North hand and ruff your third club with DQ, having already drawn a couple of trumps. A top Diamond in the South hand can afterwards draw the last trump from East. You do not even have to guess the position of the HK.

Board 21:

♠J3
 Dlr: North ♥AK64 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦A10654 EW 3N; -400
 ♣83

♠Q8	West 21 East	♠AK52
♥J1053		♥Q98
♦J8		♦KQ2
♣QJ1042		♣A97
	South	

12	♠109764	♣♦♥♠N
7	♥72	N - 1 - - -
18	♦973	S - 1 - - -
3	♣K65	E 2 - 2 1 3
		W 2 - 2 1 3

1D(N) – Dbl (E) – 1H (West could be zero hcp) – 1NT by East. **This bid is not 15/17 as West could be zero – was forced to bid and so it shows 18/19 or bad 20.** West should now bid 3NT. Play CA and low towards the QJ10 keeping SQ as an entry for the club tricks. You make 3 spades, 4 clubs and two diamonds. Note East should not overcall 1NT as he is 18 and not 15/17. Note after doubling and 1H response by West if you jump to 2NT you show good 20 to 22.

Board 22.

Dlr: East ♠8632 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♥K3 NS 5Cx; -300
 ♦J
 ♣QJ10987

♠75	North West 22 East South	♠AQJ109
♥AJ10962		♥84
♦1072		♦AK843
♣A6		♣3

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1S(E) – 2H (W) - 3D (E) – 3H (West showing 6) – 4H (East). It might not make depending on the lead. If it's a D lead you take DA, and then have to play CA and ruff one. It's now best to play AJ of H. If there is a Spade switch, finesse, losing, but you only now lose one more H as the losing Diamond goes on the winning Spades.

Board 23:

Dlr: South ♠Q7652 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥754 EW 3N+1; -630
 ♦106432
 ♣--

♠AJ9	North West 23 East South	♠K84
♥K		♥QJ1083
♦K		♦QJ98
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Probably plays best in 3NT but honestly I or most people in the world will be in 5C, full stop. It's a freakish hand. If club A is removed from East hand early NT becomes a lot more difficult as it's one of the entries for the H suit.