

Analysis of Hands RTC Feb 15th 2021

Bd1:

Dlr: North ♠AQ
 Vul: None ♥Q963 Optimum
 ♦82 NS 3S; +140
 ♣AQ654

♠K8	W	North	E	♠1092
♥K874	e s t	1	a s t	♥AJ52
♦Q10				♦K954
♣KJ1073				♣98
		South		

	♠J76543	♣♦♥♠N
14	♥10	N - 3 - 3 -
12	♦AJ763	S - 3 - 3 -
8	♣2	E 1 - 1 - -
6		W 2 - 1 - -

North opens 1C and South responds 1S. No way should the West hand double showing D and H. He doesn't have diamonds. North will rebid 2C and South 2S. That contract will make 9 tricks as long as you set up a 2nd diamond trick. Alternatively you could finesse the CQ but that would give you an unnecessary loser if the finesse is wrong. There is no point in doing this.

Bd 2:

Dlr: East ♠42
 Vul: N/S ♥AKQ Optimum
 ♦865 NS 1S, NS 1H; +80
 ♣107654

♠93	W	North	E	♠KQ876
♥J95	e s t	2	a s t	♥842
♦QJ107				♦A4
♣QJ32				♣A98
		South		

	♠AJ105	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥10763	N - 1 1 1 -
7	♦K932	S - 1 1 1 -
13	♣K	E - - - -
11		W - - - -

East opens 1S and West responds 1NT. No way should East rebid 2S if they are playing a 5 card major. That will go one or two off. East has shown his hand already saying he has 5 spades, and partner said 1NT.

Bd 3:

Dlr: South ♠A974
 Vul: E/W ♥3 Optimum
 ♦A8 NS 5C; +400
 ♣J96542

♠KQ2	W	North	E	♠J108653
♥KQ107	e	3	a	♥98
♦J762	s		s	♦Q1054
♣AK	t	South	t	♣Q

9	♠	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
18	♥AJ6542	5	-	2	-	1
5	♦K93	S	5	-	2	-
8	♣10873	E	-	-	-	1
		W	-	-	-	1

(The East hand if it was dealer is too weak to open 2S vulnerable.) You have not one control (no Ace or King). Aces and Kings are needed for suit contracts. South opens a weak 2H. West has 18 and an obvious 2NT overcall except he has one point too many, if 2NT is 15/17. I often bid it with 18 if it is the most appropriate bid. East will now bid 3H, which is a transfer to 3S, and East now thinking partner has 15/17 will pass the 3S bid. In the East hand if the DQ and the useless CQ were instead the DA, 4S would have a very good chance except the CK is totally wasted in the West hand. I see 5C can make for N/S but nobody will ever think of bidding that denomination after partner has opened a weak 2H

Bd 4:

Dlr: West ♣4
 Vul: All ♥J98543 Optimum
 ♦K53 EW 1C+3; -130
 ♣K92

♠10	W	North	E	♠A9875
♥AK1062	e	4	a	♥7
♦984	s		s	♦AQ2
♣8654	t	South	t	♣AJ103

7	♠KQJ632	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
7	♥Q	-	-	-	-	-
15	♦J1076	S	-	-	-	-
11	♣Q7	E	4	1	2	1
		W	4	1	2	1

After East opens 1S, South should pass, and West will respond 1NT. East will now rebid 2C, and West with his misfit in Spades and only 7hcp will Pass. 2C should be forcing but as East didn't jump to 3C you can assume East has a maximum of 17 and you have a misfit in Spades. You will make 8 or 9 tricks. The foul distribution in Spades and Hearts limits you.

Bd 5:

Dir: North ♠1062 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥KQ864 E 1S+2,EW 1H+2; -140
 ♦K73
 ♣J7

♠AK97	W	North	E	♠Q843
♥J1075	e	5	a	♥A932
♦J9	s		s	♦Q854
♣AK9	t	South	t	♣3

9	♠J5	♣♦♥♠N
16	♥--	N 1 - - - -
8	♦A1062	S 1 - - - -
7	♣Q1086542	E - 1 3 3 2
		W - 1 3 2 2

Almost certainly you will be in 4H but the foul distribution beats you. You have a S fit too but it is more likely you will unearth the H fit first. You might make a trick more in S than in hearts, as the suit is divided 3/2. Note also DK would be much more useful to you than CK. It gives you a useless discard. **Important Note: AK opposite a singleton is not near as useful as having the King in another suit where it is needed.**

Bd 6.

Dir: East ♠1093 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♥K8 EW 6N; -1440
 ♦K6
 ♣AQ8752

♠KQ8	W	North	E	♠A5
♥109742	e	6	a	♥AQ
♦7	s		s	♦AQJ10982
♣J1093	t	South	t	♣K4

12	♠J7642	♣♦♥♠N
6	♥J653	N - - - - -
20	♦543	S - - - - -
2	♣6	E 3 5 4 3 6
		W 3 5 4 3 6

I see some people bid 6D and 6NT. This is WRONG WRONG WRONG. If you play Keycard Blackwood in Diamonds you will discover **you are missing two out of the 5 Aces** (Keycards) and you simply should never bid a slam in that situation. Even though the DK is right and doubleton you still cannot make it as you lose CA and HK. You can only do one finesse. A S lead will almost certainly beat 6NT, even though Deep Finesse analysis says it is there. To make it you discard C4 on third spade, finesse the D and your last three cards are CK HAQ. North has to hold HK8 and CA. You play CK and he has to give you the H finesse.

Bd 7:

Dlr: South ♠J753
 Vul: All ♥98 Optimum
 ♦109764 EW 4S; -620
 ♣J10

♠AQ9842	North West 7 East South	♠K10
♥642		♥AQ103
♦A3		♦QJ52
♣63		♣A97

2	♠6	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥KJ75	N - - - -
16	♦K8	S - - - -
12	♣KQ8542	E 1 2 2 4 3
		W - 2 2 4 2

Whether you open 1S or 2S weak on the West hand, (It has 4 controls so worth a 1S opening with 6 card suit) you should reach 4S. Quite likely you will go off as you lose a S, a C and two hearts as both K and J are wrong. The printout will tell you 4S should make but you are not going to finesse the S10.

Bd 8:

Dlr: West ♠Q982
 Vul: None ♥Q7 Optimum
 ♦A54 EW 4H; -420
 ♣J654

♠A53	North West 8 East South	♠KJ106
♥KJ32		♥10986
♦KQ10982		♦7
♣--		♣A982

9	♠74	♣♦♥♠N
13	♥A54	N 1 - - - -
8	♦J63	S 1 - - - -
10	♣KQ1073	E - 4 4 3 1
		W - 4 4 3 1

You should reach 4H. On CK lead you win and immediately play D to K and lose to DA. Club back is best for defence. Every time defence get in they should play a club and that will beat you. In fact the only way to make 4H is to finesse D10 when you lead first diamond. It stops you having to ruff a D in the East hand to make up your 10 tricks. The Diamonds enable you to discard clubs before you draw trumps.

Bd 12:

♠Q1076

Dir: West ♥A3 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦J843 NS 3N,NS 5D; +600

♣K95

♠854		North		♠J932
♥J10962	W	12	E	♥KQ7
♦K	e		s	♦952
♣AJ62	t	South	t	♣Q108

10		♠AK								
9	8	♥854	♦AQ1076	♣743	♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
13					N	1	5	-	3	3
					S	1	5	-	3	3
					E	-	-	-	-	-
					W	-	-	-	-	-

See some Wests overcalled 1H. It is rally a poor suit. N/S should go to 3D making and if E/W bid to 3H on two passed hands they should be doubled by N. Two off +300 instead of 110, thank you very much!! A forcing D defence might beat it by 3 tricks. E/W bidding like this breaks the **law of total tricks**. They are both passed hands and they know they have only 8 trumps. The law says you should only bid to the 2 level if your side is bidding with only 8 trumps. (3 level with 9. West can only have 5 as he did not open 2H)

Bd 13:

♠AK1043

Dir: North ♥A1042 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦Q9 NS 6D; +1370

♣52

♠J875		North		♠Q2
♥QJ86	W	13	E	♥K9753
♦83	e		s	♦75
♣J96	t	South	t	♣KQ103

13		♠96								
5	10	♥-	♦AKJ10642	♣A874	♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
12					N	3	6	1	5	5
					S	3	6	1	5	5
					E	-	-	-	-	-
					W	-	-	-	-	-

1S (N) – 2D (S) – 2H (N) – 3D(S) – 4D(N) – 4NT (S) – 5S (N) (showing 2 out of Aces and DQ) And South can now bid 6D. If a trump is not led you can ruff a club in dummy and discard another one on HA. If a trump is led you have to double finesse the spades, leading the 9 early and later finessing the 10. There is other way to make it, as you do not have a H to enable you to set up the Spades in by ruffing them out.

Bd 17:

♠A9764

Dlr: North ♥Q83 Optimum
 Vul: None ♦75 EW 4H; -420

♣653

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♣K8			♣10972			

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I sing this from the highest mountain in Ireland every time. 1C by S , 1S by N and South's rebid with a flat 16 (no doubleton to give extra points - **(doubleton honours are not worth extra points PLEASE NOTE)** is 2S and not 3S. If West overcalled 1D (More reason for S not jumping to 3S then East can support D. Amazing hand really as DK right, Club K well positioned and HQ also right so in effect you can make 11 tricks in D. Reverse the opponents hands and you make 8 tricks. Note though the important point about rebid on South hand. This turns up so often. You might stretch to 3S if they compete to 3D. To be honest based on law of total tricks E/W will not go to 4D (only 9 trumps), but the S void and the good H suit with all the honours in the one suit, would persuade most Easts to bid 4D.

Bd 18:

♠K10942

Dlr: East ♥J6 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦AJ864 EW 4Cx; +500

♣5

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♦K			♦Q1052			
♣QJ109842			♣K3			

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If S opens a weak NT quite likely West will bid 3C (which would go 2 off). North with 2 five card suits will bid 3S. I would not go to 4S with South hand as North has already passed. You will lose a S, two diamonds and a Heart so should make 9 tricks. The D9 in South is very important and after drawing two rounds of trumps start leading the diamonds by leading towards the AJ and then low towards the 9.

Bd 20:

♣103

Dir: West ♥10943 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦J W 5D; -600

♣AQ10865

♣QJ75 ♥J ♦K1052 ♣K972	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> North South </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> West East </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: white;">20</div>	♣K98 ♥AQ752 ♦AQ86 ♣4
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East opens 1H – 1S(W) – 2D (E) – 3D(W). He cannot bid 3NT with a singleton C4. He will probably try 4D asking partner to go 5D if maximum for the 3D bid. Remember West dealt, and originally passed. I see a couple bid 3NT from West but not really sure how? On a low club lead they won K. To have a chance of making it West would have had to duck first Club trick and play the 9 next time. Now North now cannot enjoy their club tricks. That's a bit double dummy. However if North takes his club A and switches a H to partner's K that still beats the contract it by 1 trick as they get 3 clubs, HK and SA. 3NT is not a good contract. 5D is a better place to be though only makes from the West hand as no CJ lead through the K. To be honest to make 5D you would need to see all four hands. I would not make it. (It is again double dummy)

Bd 23:

♣KQ62

Dir: South ♥KQ52 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦10 NS 2H+1; +140

♣9754

♣9543 ♥AJ76 ♦J96 ♣32	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> North South </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> West East </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: white;">23</div>	♣J108 ♥-- ♦AQ8743 ♣KQJ10
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Some would open the S hand 1H (It has 5 controls but unfortunately none in H suit). If you do N should bid 4H. He holds 10hcp and a singleton which is worth 2 extra points. Partner has opened and you expect more than an 11 count. It goes very close to making but the 4/0 break will promote a trick for HJ as a D has to be ruffed in North hand. After a club lead you discard one losing club on the spades, and then lead a D towards the K.