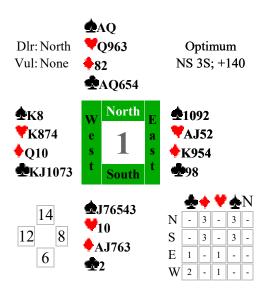
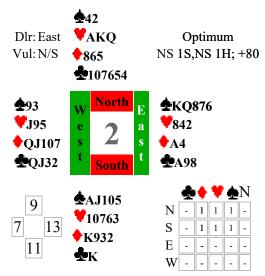
# Analysis of Hands RTC Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

# **Bd1:**



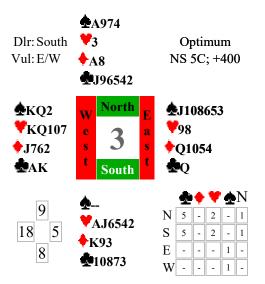
North opens 1C and South responds 1S. No way should the West hand double showing D and H. He doesn't have diamonds. North will rebid 2C and South 2S. That contract will make 9 tricks as long as you set up a 2<sup>nd</sup> diamond trick. Alternatively you could finesse the CQ but that would give you an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

# Bd 2:



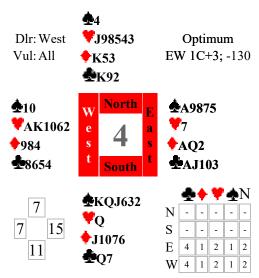
East opens 1S and West responds 1NT. No way should East rebid 2S if they are playing a 5 card major. That will go one or two off. East has shown his hand already saying he has 5 spades, and partner said 1NT.

# Bd 3:



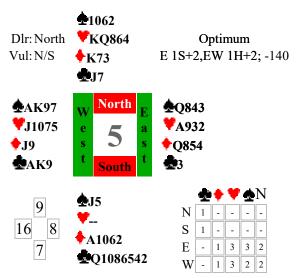
(The East hand if it was dealer is too weak to open 2S vulnerable.) You have not one control (no Ace or King). Aces and Kings are needed for suit contracts. South opens a weak 2H. West has 18 and an obvious 2NT overcall except he has one point too many, if 2NT is 15/17. I often bid it with 18 if it is 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:**



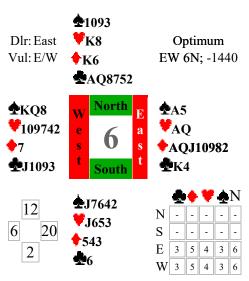
After East opens 1S, South should pass, and West will respond 1NT. East will now rebid 2C, and West with his misfit in Spades and only 7hcp will Pass. 2C should be forcing but as East didn't jump to 3C you can assume East has a maximum of 17 and you have a misfit in Spades. You will make 8 or 9 tricks.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

# Bd 5:



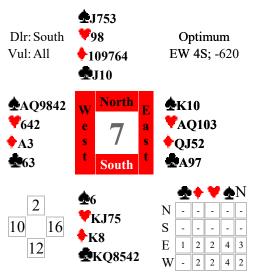
Almost certainly you will be in 4H but the foul distribution beats you. You have a S fit too but it is more likely you will unearth the H fit first. You might make a trick more in S than in hearts, as the suit is divided 3/2. Note also DK would be much more useful to you than CK. It gives you a useless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





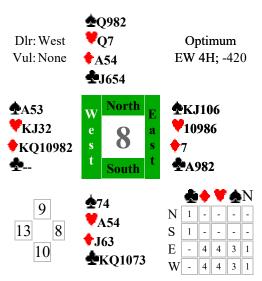
I see some people bid 6D and 6NT. This is WRONG WRONG WRONG. If you play Keycard Blackwood in Diamonds you will discover **you are missing two out of the 5 Aces** (Keycards)and you simply should never bid a slam in that situation. Even though the DK is right and doubleton you still cannot make it as 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:



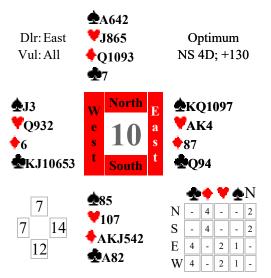
Whether you open 1S or 2S weak on the West hand, (It has 4 controls so worth a 1S opening with 6 card suit) you should reach 4S. Quite likely you will go off as you lose a S, a C and two hearts as both K and J are wrong. The printout will tell you 4S should make but you are not going to finesse the S10.

#### **Bd 8:**



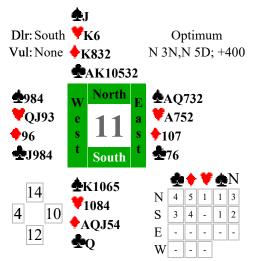
You should reach 4H. On CK lead you win and immediately play D to K and lose to DA. Club back is best for defence. Every time defence get in they should play a club and that will beat you. In fact the only way to make 4H is to finesse D10 when you lead first diamond. It stops you having to ruff a D in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

#### Bd 10:

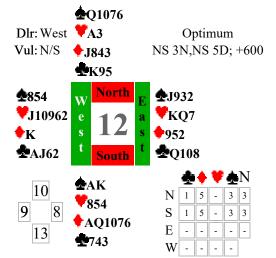


East will open 1S, South overcalls 2D and West might stretch to a double showing C and H. However it is very weak to do this over a two level overcall. You should really be good, 8hcp and upwards at least to make a takeout double of a 2 level overcall by your opponents. North should raise D and be prepared to go to the 4D level as he has 4 trumps plus a singleton C. 4S should not make and no way should East rebid his spades. He has opened 1S and he has 2 points more than the minimum 12. He doesn't have 4 clubs or hearts. Obviously some Easts came back in and repeated their Spades even after North had raised D to the 3D immediately? This is wrong. Only 9 tricks in S as N gets a club ruff. Deep finesse says only 8 tricks but that is on the lead of CA. That just does not happen.

Bd 11:

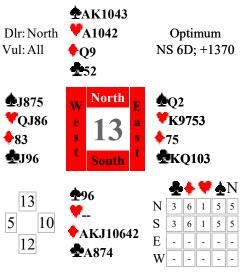


How did some N/S players not bid game with opening bid opposite opening bid and a D fit? This is wrong even though 5D goes off because HA is wrong. N/S who didn't bid game get good score that truthfully is earned by them not bidding to their values. 5D does make from N hand, but South opens 1D so it will always be played by South. HQ lead beats it



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)



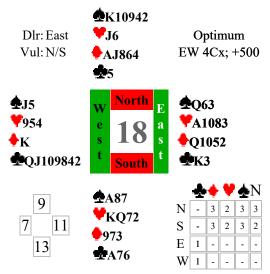


1S(N) - 2D(S) - 2H(N) - 3D(S) - 4D(N) - 4NT(S) - 5S(N) (showing 2 out of Aces and DQ) And South can now bid 6D. If a trump is not led you can ruff a club in dummy and discard another one on HA. If a trump is led you have to double finesse the spades, leading the 9 early and later finessing the 10. There 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.

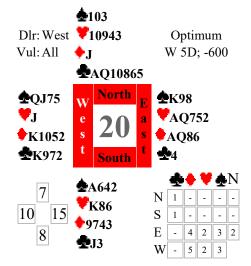


I sing this from the highest mountain in Ireland every time. 1C by S, 1S by N and South's rebid with a flat 16 (no doubleton to give extra points - (doubleton honours are not worth extra points PLEASE NOTE) is 2S and not 3S. If West overcalled 1D (More reason for S not jumping to 3S then East can support 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:

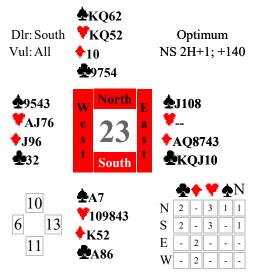


If S opens a weak NT quite likely West will bid 3C (which would go 2 off). North with 2 five card suits will bid 3S. I would not go to 4S with South hand as North has already passed. You will lose a S, two diamonds and a Heart so should make 9 tricks. The D9 in South is very important and after drawing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



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:



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 promotes 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.