

## Analysis of Hands Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

**Bd 1:**

Dlr: North 8753      Optimum  
 Vul: None A5      EW 3Nx,EW 3Hx; +100  
 AK108762

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North will open 1C and S responds 1S. West should not double as he would be showing D and H. (It is also wrong to bid 2S. Wait until you see the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of bidding. It is an undisclosed auction.) North will bid 2C and South will try 2D. West now knows South has at least 5 spades. Even though his S are good, the odds are with QJxxx being in South hand. North will bid 3C and it is very difficult for E/W to get into hearts now. If you did, it means you doubled the 1S bid by South and that is so wrong.

**Bd 2:**

Dlr: East Q      Optimum  
 Vul: N/S QJ1065      EW 4Sx,EW 5Cx; +300  
 75

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1NT(S) – 2D (N) a transfer to hearts – 3H (S) (a useful bid to show maximum and 4 card fit – definitely not 3 hearts) and North now has no problem making 10 tricks. Just draw trumps and run the diamonds by ruffing a Spade to get to dummy. If West comes in 2C I would bid 3H on North hand as it has two good 5 card suits, South will obviously raise to 4H. If CAK and a third club are led you need not ruff but just throw your losing S on the Club Queen although it is ruffed.

**Bd 3:**

Dlr: South ♠103  
 Vul: E/W ♥9 Optimum  
 ♦AKQ9654 NS 3D+1; +130  
 ♣972

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♥1086543	♥J						
♦8	♦J1072						
♣J4	♣K108						

	♣Q8	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥AKQ72	N 3 4 1 - 2
5	♦3	S 3 4 1 - 2
9	♣AQ653	E - - - 2 -
17		W - - - 2 -

1H (S)- 2D(N) – 3C(S) – 3D (N) – 3S(S), 4<sup>th</sup> suit asking North to bid 3NT if he has a spade stopper. – He bids 5D because he has no S stopper. This unluckily goes 1 off because the diamonds break 4/1. It's a very good contract. 3NT is awful.

**Bd 5:**

Dlr: North ♠109  
 Vul: N/S ♥A9 Optimum  
 ♦AK8764 EW 4Hx; +500  
 ♣K54

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♦3	♦J10						
♣AQJ	♣10962						

	♠AKJ7	♣♦♥♠N
14	♥75	N - 4 - 3 3
14	♦Q952	S - 4 - 3 3
2	♣873	E - - 1 - -
10		W - - 1 - -

1D (N) – 1S(S) – 2H (W) – 3D(N) ( a slight stretch) – 4D(S) – P –P –P. Now I see at least three tables bid 4H – 3. First question to ask is why it was not doubled? It should be because N/S have 14 opposite 10 and South with SAKJ knows his partner has short spades and has opened the bidding. Now any East who raised the hearts by bidding, is lacking in the basic knowledge that they are showing 5hcp minimum. It obviously happened three times. Those East players should read this. You have a 1 count.(DJ forget it) You need 5/6 hcp to bid. It's wrong to bid and you create bottom after bottom for your partner. Your partner will expect a minimum of 5hcp. He can never trust your bidding if you bid on these hands!!! In defending, lead the DK. South will give you the count by playing high on your DK lead, so switch to S10 and you get a spade ruff. Now lead DA which is ruffed but you later get the CK. N/S can also make 3NT. Best way to get into this is for North to bid

2NT over the 2H bid showing 15/17. I know he has only 14 but many would upgrade because of the long diamond suit. South will raise to 3NT.

**Bd 6:**

Dlr: East      ♠K6  
 Vul: E/W      ♥KJ106      Optimum  
                  ♦Q106      EW 2D+1; -110  
                  ♣Q874

♠A853	W	North	E	♠107
♥A85	e	6	a	♥974
♦J732				♦AK54
♣K3				♣A652
	s	South	t	

	11	♠QJ942	♣♦♥♠N
12		♥Q32	N
	11	♦98	S
	6	♣J109	E
			W

This topic came up last week. When West opens 1NT, East has 11, which in fact is the worst 11 he could have and should pass. If you set up a third D trick by losing one you will make 1NT and not be in 2NT – 1. Those who invited by bidding 2NT on the West hand obviously did not read what I said last week, or else didn't believe me.

**Bd 7:**

Dlr: South      ♠J854  
 Vul: All      ♥764      Optimum  
                  ♦Q63      EW 4H+1; -650  
                  ♣J73

♠A1072	W	North	E	♠93
♥QJ	e	7	a	♥A10532
♦74				♦AKJ1085
♣109852				♣--
	s	South	t	

	4	♠KQ6	♣♦♥♠N
7		♥K98	N
	12	♦92	S
	17	♣AKQ64	E
			W

1C (S) – P – P(N) (Why did some Norths respond on 4 hcp? Look ,you need a minimum of 5 unless you have long suits and even then do not be bidding on 0/1/2 or 3 points. You are breaking every rule in the book. Now East might have a bid to show 2 suits but if he has not, he bids 1D. South will bid 2C and P- P –back to East who can now bid 2H with his 6/5. Back to West who has to show preference by bidding 3D. Note if East was 5/5 he would overcall the higher ranking one first which is 1H. Therefore he has longer Diamonds. You will make 4 or 5 diamonds depending

on whether you finesse the DJ or not.(If you are playing Ghestem,you could bid 2NT showing D+H at least 5/5 instead of the 1D bid).

**Bd 9:**

Dlr: North      ♣J73  
 Vul: E/W      ♥J865      Optimum  
                  ♦J102      EW 4C; -130  
                  ♣KQ9

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1NT (E) – 2C/D(S) (showing both Majors)- West has a 6 card club suit and not strong enough to force to game but would like to play in 3C. He can use the Lebensohl 2NT bid.This commands East to bid 3C, which he would pass. If he had a game going hand with clubs he would bid 3C instead of 2NT which is forcing to game with 5 or more clubs. On this hand North is worth 3H because he holds 4 hearts and also has Jxx of his partners second suit. 3H goes 1 off but there are 10 tricks available in C for E/W provided you don't play CA on first play of that suit.

**Bd 10:**

Dlr: East      ♠J7  
 Vul: All      ♥--      Optimum  
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The quality of the H suit here is not good enough to open 3H vulnerable. Non – Vulnerable it's ok but not vulnerable. Neither N or South have good enough hands to come in over it although North has the greater temptation with his 6/5 and can in fact make 4C. However if North overcalls 4C then South

will certainly give it one more. You will make 4C if you lead a low club towards the Queen and not play the CA first. I suppose 5C -1 is better than 3H making against you, but if its doubled?

**Bd 12:**

Dlr: West      ♠K842      Optimum  
 Vul: N/S      ♥KQ      NS 3C+1; +130  
                  ♦76  
                  ♣97654

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1H (W) – 1S (E) – South? It is an automatic double showing diamonds and clubs if it held 4 diamonds. Still it has KQJ so I would definitely double showing clubs and diamonds because I have 15hcp. West will rebid 2D showing 5/4 and now North will come alive by bidding 3C. East might be tempted to bid 3D but he is rock minimum. E/W make 1D but N/S can make 4C.

**Bd 13:**

Dlr: North      ♠1062      Optimum  
 Vul: All      ♥KQ105      NS 1N; +90  
                  ♦752  
                  ♣AK6

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North will open a weak NT. East might overcall 2D natural if he has that bid available but if it shows Majors he cannot. Whatever happens West will bid 2S. It depends on East now. Has he the trust in his partner? 2S should go one off provided North leads HK

**Bd 15:**

♠AKJ4  
♥K  
♦KQJ  
♣107542

Optimum  
NS 3N; +600

♠6	North	♠Q10753
♥Q985	W	♥J762
♦A98543	e	♦7
♣KQ	15	♣J98
	South	
	t	

	♠982	♣♦♥♠N
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11	♦1062	S 3 1 - 1 3
4	♣A63	E - - - - -
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1C (N) – 1H (S) - 1S(N) (this now shows 5 clubs and 4 spades unless he has three 4 card suits and a singleton H) – 2C(S) – 2NT(N) (shows 17/18). – Most Souths players would now bid 3NT holding Axx in clubs not realising partner’s suit is so weak. You might get a singleton D lead as it is the unbid suit. You play CA and a low club and if a diamond comes again you knock out the J. If they now make an error and lead a S you will make 3NT but if they switch to a H it is quite likely you will go off as you cannot get both your HA and HK.

**Bd 16:**

♠95  
Dlr: West ♥QJ872  
Vul: E/W ♦J852  
♣J9

Optimum  
NS 3D; +110

♠A4	North	♠QJ632
♥654	W	♥K93
♦K107	e	♦9
♣Q8632	16	♣A1075
	South	
	t	

	♠K1087	♣♦♥♠N
5	♥A10	N - 3 2 - -
9	♦AQ643	S - 3 2 - -
10	♣K4	E 3 - - 1 -
16		W 3 - - 1 -

1D(S) – 1H (N) – 1S (E) – 1NT (S) (showing 15/17 – 2D (N) and should make 9 tricks. If E/W come back in with spades by leading A and another D you can make life very uncomfortable for E/W by forcing them in diamonds. Resist the temptation to lead HA. (Note if East opens 1S, South can overcall 2D or bid 1NT).

**Bd 18:**

Dlr: East      ♣KJ32  
 Vul: N/S      ♥J2      Optimum  
                  ♦AJ983      EW 2Sx; +100  
                  ♣J5

♣AQ104	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>North</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>e</td><td>18</td><td>s</td></tr> <tr><td>s</td><td></td><td>t</td></tr> <tr><td>t</td><td>South</td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	North	E	e	18	s	s		t	t	South		♣976
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♥K1065	♥87													
♦K5	♦Q1042													
♣K104	♣Q632													

	♣85	♣♥♦♥♠N
11	♥AQ943	N - 1 2 - 1
15	♦76	S - 1 2 - 1
4	♣A987	E - - - 1 -
10		W 1 - - 1 -

1C(W) – 1D (N) – P (E) – 1H (S) – P (W) – 1S(N) – 1NT (S). That should finish the auction.

**Bd 20:**

Dlr: West      ♣A764  
 Vul: All      ♥7632      Optimum  
                  ♦AKQ6      NS 7H; +2210  
                  ♣10

♣32	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>North</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>e</td><td>20</td><td>s</td></tr> <tr><td>s</td><td></td><td>t</td></tr> <tr><td>t</td><td>South</td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	North	E	e	20	s	s		t	t	South		♣KQ985
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♥J5	♥98													
♦10983	♦542													
♣KQJ82	♣963													

	♣J10	♣♥♦♥♠N
13	♥AKQ104	N 2 5 7 4 5
7	♦J7	S 2 5 7 3 5
5	♣A754	E - - - -
15		W - - - -

1D (N) – 1H(S) – 2H(N) (Some might upgrade to 3H because you have 5 controls and a singleton club Remember A= 2 controls K = 1.) Also 2H can be up to 16 while here your hand is worth 15 (2 for the singleton club). He is not good enough to splinter to 4C as partner might have only a 6 count for his 1H response. South probably should now bid 3C and North will jump to 4H showing he was maximum for his 2H rebid. **(Important Note: It is far more valuable to have the AKQ in the one suit rather than a K in another suit and a Q in another. This is an important factor that many overlook. They would consider all K's and Q's to have the same value, which is not correct.)**South can now ask for Aces and discovers they have all 5 and that North must have another K which is enough to bid 6H. Its difficult to bid 7H simply because you have no idea how valuable the DJ is.

**Bd 21:**

♠98765432  
 Dlr: North ♥73 Optimum  
 Vul: N/S ♦92 EW 4N; -430  
 ♣3

♠KQ	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>North</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>21</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>South</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	North	E		21		South			♠A
W		North	E								
		21									
South											
♥6	♥QJ1084										
♦A1053	♦J84										
♣AK10872	♣QJ65										

	♠J10	♣♦♥♠N
0	♥AK952	N - - - 3 -
16	♦KQ76	S - - - 3 -
11	♣94	E 5 4 2 - 4
13		W 5 4 2 - 4

A number bid 6C which is can never make. 1H (E) – 2C (W) – 3C (E) – 3D(W) – 3S(E). These last two bids are cue bids. Now West knows they are missing the HA plus he needs to be able to manage those diamonds. He can now bid 4S to show SK. East knows there is no DK, so should just bid 5C and there it should rest.

**Bd 24:**

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 Dlr: West ♥AK962 Optimum  
 Vul: None ♦7543 NS 4H; +420  
 ♣A853

♠A987	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>North</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>24</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>South</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	North	E		24		South			♠1065432
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		24									
South											
♥Q3	♥J104										
♦Q98	♦102										
♣J762	♣KQ										

	♠KQJ	♣♦♥♠N
11	♥875	N 3 4 4 1 3
9	♦AKJ6	S 3 4 4 1 3
6	♣1094	E - - - - -
14		



W - - - -

1H (N) – 2D(S) – 3D(N) – 4H(S) and that should finish it. If a S is led you can ruff out SA. Now you can pitch two clubs on the established SQJ. You will lose one diamond, one club and one heart.