

Analysis of Hands April 26th 2021

Bd 1:

Dlr: North ♠K2
 Vul: None ♥A9763 Optimum
♦76542 NS 4H+1; +450
♣Q

♠QJ987 ♥5 ♦AJ ♣K10652	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">North</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">West</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">1</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">East</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">South</td></tr> </table>	North	West	1	East	South	♠1043 ♥K4 ♦Q10983 ♣984
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Playing in 4H play a D to the K early and then play a heart to the A. It doesn't mean you would have made an extra trick if the HK was right. You just use the remaining 4 trumps in either hand to ruff 4 diamonds in South and three clubs and a spade in North. If a H was switched by West play the A to keep your 4 trumps in both hands intact. It does not mean you are losing an extra trick if the finesse for the K was correct. It is irrelevant

Bd 2:

Dlr: East ♠63
 Vul: N/S ♥QJ8 Optimum
♦J10952 EW 2S+1; -140
♣K109

♠AQ1097 ♥10 ♦74 ♣J8764	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white;">North</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">West</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">2</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">East</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white;">South</td></tr> </table>	North	West	2	East	South	♠J82 ♥AK974 ♦K86 ♣Q3
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Should be played in 2S by West. 1H(E) – 1S(W) – 2S(E). I see quite a number played in 2H by E having opened 1H. They got a response of 1S from partner and yet rebid 2H. This is so wrong holding three spades and you are telling your partner a second time that you hold 5 hearts!! Why? You will make 9 tricks in spades provided you can ruff a club in the East hand. They might make it more difficult by leading trumps **I hope no South made a takeout double.**

Bd 3.

♠95
 Dlr: South ♥Q75 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♦108762 NS 3N; +400
 ♣J102

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Having opened 2C on the South hand I think I would rebid 3NT as I seem to have 8 tricks and if I get two club tricks and that makes 9. Mind you it needed that S10 to be with East and not in the West hand.

Bd 4:

♠QJ96
 Dlr: West ♥J1096 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦A1063 EW 4Sx,E 5Cx; +500
 ♣2

♠AK104	<table border="1" style="width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="background-color: #90EE90;">North</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #FF0000;">W</td><td style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">4</td><td style="background-color: #FF0000;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #FF0000;">e</td><td></td><td style="background-color: #FF0000;">a</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #FF0000;">s</td><td></td><td style="background-color: #FF0000;">s</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #FF0000;">t</td><td style="background-color: #90EE90;">South</td><td></td></tr> </table>	North		W	4	E	e		a	s		s	t	South		♠87532
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West opens 1C. East is definitely worth a 1S response. Now N/S can make 4H but I find it hard to believe that E/W will not bid 4S. Now I know it goes two off but that is only because the spades break 4/0 and the clubs break 3/1.

Bd 6:

Dlr: East ♠A10964
 Vul: E/W ♥-- Optimum
 ♠A954 NS 5D; +400
 ♠AJ107

♠QJ52	North West 6 East South	♠87
♥AQ9654		♥KJ82
♦63		♦K2
♣4		♣K9532

13 9 10 8	♠K3	♣♦♥♠N N 3 5 - 2 - S 2 5 - 2 - E - - 3 - 1 W - - 3 - 1
	♥1073	
	♦QJ1087	
	♣Q86	

If W opens 2H I would overcall 2S holding 5 even though I also have 4/4 in both minors. East will bid 3H (he should not bid 4H as it is a weak 2 partner has opened!!). It will go Pass (S) , Pass (W) and now North should make a takeout double.** This is because East has not invited game and only made a competitive 3H bid. Consequently North knows South does not have 3 or 4 spades and also also not many hearts so he must have a minor suit. South will now bid 4D. You should make 11 tricks despite both the DK and CK being offside. **Takeout Double* : Remember when you make a takeout double of a suit and that suit is then raised by them a further double by you of that raise is “further takeout”**

Bd 8:

Dlr: West ♠1086
 Vul: None ♥QJ986 Optimum
 ♦9643 EW 6N; -990
 ♣5

♠K43	North West 8 East South	♠72
♥5		♥AK10743
♦KQ852		♦AJ
♣KJ92		♣AQ4

3 12 18 7	♠AQJ95	♣♦♥♠N N - - - - S - - - - E 5 6 4 2 6 W 5 6 4 2 6
	♥2	
	♦107	
	♣108763	

Should be played in 3NT by West. 1D (W) – 1H(E) – 2C (W) – 2S(E) (4th suit forcing to game (artificial but can have 4) and asking West for more information. This 2S bid implies East holds 5 hearts. West now bids 2NT showing a S stop for NT. Now East will bid 3H showing 6 and not 5 and so West will bid 3NT

Bd 10:

♠72
 Dlr: East ♥J10843 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦83 NS 4H; +620
 ♣QJ84

♠10965	North West 10 East South	♠KQ84
♥652		♥97
♦Q2		♦AJ10954
♣K965		♣2

4	♠AJ3	♣♦♥♠N
5	♥AKQ	N 4 - 4 - 3
10	♦K76	S 4 - 4 - 3
21	♣A1073	E - 1 - 1 -
		W - 1 - 1 -

Think East is worth a 1D opening as all the 10hcp are in the long suits and you are 6/4 with quality Suits. If East does open 1D, South will make takeout double. West will respond 1S and East raises to 2S. South will now bid 2NT showing a 2NT opening bid and not a strong 1NT hand. N/S will now get to 4H. If they play transfers North can transfer South in to 3H and then bid 3NT which South will convert to 4H. 3NT can be made difficult on DQ lead which South should duck if he wants to make 3NT.

Bd 13:

♠64
 Dlr: North ♥KQ52 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦KJ7 NS 4S; +620
 ♣K1062

♠5	North West 13 East South	♠1093
♥963		♥AJ1087
♦Q10642		♦A5
♣AQ75		♣983

12	♠AKQJ872	♣♦♥♠N
8	♥4	N - - - 4 2
9	♦983	S - - - 4 2
11	♣J4	E 1 - 2 - -
		W 1 - 2 - -

If a D is led against 4S and if S plays the J from the N hand then on winning the DA a second diamond back beats 4S as you lose two diamonds and two more Aces. The only way to make 4S is to play low from dummy and let the D around to your 9.

Bd 16:

♠10874
 Dlr: West ♥108 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♦63 EW 7N; -2220
 ♣109872

♠QJ52	North	♠AK96
♥Q2	West	♥AK73
♦AKJ85	16	♦9
♣Q3	South	♣AK64

0	♠3	♣♦♥♠N
15	♥J9654	N - - - -
21	♦Q10742	S - - - -
4	♣J5	E 5 6 5 7 7
		W 5 6 5 7 7

I see most bid 1D(W) – 1H(E) – 1NT(W) showing 15/17. Many would bid 1S instead showing 5/4 but with honours in both doubletons 1NT is fine. Now East instead of bidding 6NT should first bid 2S showing 4 hearts and 4 spades (it is not game forcing) but only forcing to 2NT. West will jump to 4S showing a maximum hand. Keycard Blackwood should now get you to 7S. Before drawing trumps just ruff one Diamond low in the East hand by leading DA followed by a low one immediately. Now you have 13tricks. The one ruff, 4 spade tricks, two diamonds, 3 hearts and 3 clubs. That is 13 whereas in NT you would have to finesse the DJ to make 13 tricks which makes it a poor contract. 7S is by far the best contract. Note again how a suit with a 4/4 fit produces an extra trick despite them being divided 4/1.

Bd 17:

♠A863
 Dlr: North ♥K103 Optimum
 Vul: None ♦643 NS 3N; +400
 ♣Q85

♠K7	North	♠J952
♥8642	West	♥AJ9
♦8752	17	♦AQJ
♣932	South	♣1064

9	♠Q104	♣♦♥♠N
3	♥Q75	N 3 2 2 3 3
13	♦K109	S 3 2 2 2 3
15	♣AKJ7	E - - - -
		W - - - -

Notice a lot of Easts played in a weak NT going 3 off undoubled. South has 15hcp and that is what is required to double a weak NT. I see one West ran to 2H -3. Was North asleep with 9 hcp after South had doubled showing 15+ that he did not double 2H?

Bd 19:

Dlr: South ♠J54
 Vul: E/W ♥A10 Optimum
 ♦K876 S 4S; +420
 ♣10632

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♣Q7	♣A85													

	♠AQ763	♣♦♥♠N
8	♥Q852	N 3 - - 3 -
13	♦--	S 3 - - 4 -
7	♣KJ94	E - 2 - - -
12		W - 2 - - -

1S(S) – 2D(W) – 2S(N) – East has a very flat hand and a very borderline raise to 3D. Over 3D if South bids 3S it is not invitational to 4S. To make an invite to game he should double 3D or bid 3H. If East does not bid 3D then South has a minimum value hand and should pass 2S.

Bd 22:

Dlr: East ♠986432
 Vul: E/W ♥3 Optimum
 ♦985 NS 4S; +420
 ♣753

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1H(E) – 2C(S) – 2H(W) – P(N) – P(E) – Dbl (S)(Showing a strong hand) – North will now bid 2S and East though holding 6Hearts know his CK is poorly placed. However when it comes around to West he will bid 3H holding 5 . Hearts should be held to 9 tricks on the lead of AK and another Diamond or even on the SQ lead. As long as South does not attempt to cash CA it is held to 9 tricks.

Bd 24:

Dlr: West ♠AJ6
 Vul: None ♥QJ942 Optimum
 ♦K EW 3N; -400
 ♣K1062

♠Q5432
 ♥A7
 ♦AJ105
 ♣98

	North	
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	South	

♠K
 ♥K105
 ♦Q87643
 ♣QJ3

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♠10987
 ♥863
 ♦92
 ♣A754

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	-	1	-	-
S	1	-	1	-	-
E	-	4	-	1	3
W	-	4	-	1	3

I see the majority found their D fit as E/W I suspect North doubled 1S opening rather than bid 2H as an overcall. A 2H bid is correct and not double for takeout as N only holds one Diamond. Now it is more difficult for E/W to find their D fit after the 2H overcall.