

27	♠ Q ♥ Q63 ♦ Q95 ♣ AKQ984	Dlr: S Vul: None						
♠ J95432 ♥ KT87 ♦ AK3 ♣ -	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ AKT86 ♥ 94 ♦ JT8 ♣ 653
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	♠ 7 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 7642 ♣ JT72	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N 3 - 1 - - S 3 - 1 - - E - - - 5 - W - 1 - 5 -						

West opens 1♠, North overcalls 2♣, West bids 4♠, showing few defensive values. South bids 5♣. West also has very little defence: he has 2 diamond tricks but cannot be sure of a trick from the majors, so will value a 5♠ bid. Difficult to guarantee this contract. The best line is probably the heart finesse first, since you can pick up QJx if the finesse loses. You can also pick up hearts if South has Qx or Jx. If none of these work, you can fall back on the diamond finesse.

28	♠ 832 ♥ QT62 ♦ 9754 ♣ 54	Dlr: W Vul: NS						
♠ Q94 ♥ A983 ♦ K ♣ AQJ62	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ AKJT7 ♥ J75 ♦ AJ ♣ K93
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	♠ 65 ♥ K4 ♦ QT8632 ♣ T87	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N - - - - - S - - - - - E 7 1 4 7 7 W 7 1 4 7 7						

West opens 1♣, East 1♠, West 2♥, East 3♦, West 3♠, showing his 3415 shape, so East can see potential for 7♠. He needs ♠Q, ♥A and ♣AQ. In response to the Roman Keycard ask West shows, 2 Keycards with the trump Queen. East now bids 6♣ to ask for the ♠Q. West can bid 6♦ to show ♦K. The Grand Slam is lay down – 7NT best.

## Looking ahead.....:

The next **Celtic Sims** will be run by Wales from **4-8 December 2017**. Please put the date in your club diary.

The **Bobby Allan Mixed Simultaneous Pairs** are on **Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 January**.

The Spring **Celtic Sims** run from **9-13 April 2018**.

And don't forget the **Easter Pairs** in March 2018.

### Please Note:

The advertised date for the **Women's Pairs and Teams** has been changed to **17-18 March 2018**.

Back to Newtonmore for a wonderful weekend!

To avoid a clash the **West District** has kindly moved its **Congress** in Hamilton BC to **24-25 March**



## Scottish Bridge Union

### Simultaneous Pairs

Wednesday 25 October 2017

### Hand Commentary by Stewart Pinkerton

One of our most talented Juniors, Stewart is a regular in the Junior Camrose / Peggy Bayer and has represented Scotland in the last four European Championships: Bulgaria in 2011, Wroclaw in 2013; Tromso in 2015; and Slovakia in 2017. And he will still be eligible in 2019!

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1	♠ K3 ♥ K95 ♦ AQ82 ♣ AQ93	Dlr: N Vul: None						
♠ T986 ♥ Q42 ♦ 76543 ♣ J	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ AJ52 ♥ T73 ♦ KT ♣ T842
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W		S						
	♠ Q74 ♥ AJ86 ♦ J9 ♣ K765	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N 5 3 5 2 5 S 4 3 5 2 5 E - - - - - W - - - - -						

The most likely contract will be 3NT by North. On a spade lead from East, North can come to 11 tricks since he now has two spade tricks. Declarer can safely finesse hearts knowing that a spade return from West is not threatening.

2	♠ KT73 ♥ J4 ♦ T984 ♣ AQJ	Dlr: E Vul: NS						
♠ Q62 ♥ T9873 ♦ 53 ♣ 753	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ A954 ♥ AKQ6 ♦ KJ ♣ K96
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W		S						
	♠ J8 ♥ 52 ♦ AQ762 ♣ T842	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N 3 3 - 1 - S 3 3 - 1 - E - - 2 - - W - - 2 - -						

East opens 2NT, and West will presumably transfer. With a minimum hand and 9 points in hearts, East perhaps doesn't have enough to break the transfer.

The sort of mirrored distribution gives anything higher than 2♥ no play. Declarer loses 2 spades, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs when South leads a club, but may do better on a rounded suit lead.

3	<p>♠ J76 ♥ 64 ♦ 762 ♣ K9876</p> <p>♠ 952 ♥ JT987 ♦ QT85 ♣ A</p>	<p><i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: EW</i></p> <p>♠ AK84 ♥ 2 ♦ AKJ43 ♣ Q43</p> <p>♠ QT3 ♥ AKQ53 ♦ 92 ♣ JT52</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N 1 - - - S 1 - - - E - 5 1 3 2 W - 5 1 3 2</p>
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5	<p>♠ 632 ♥ AQT9 ♦ AK72 ♣ 87</p> <p>♠ AJ85 ♥ 53 ♦ J3 ♣ AQT54</p>	<p><i>Dlr: N</i> <i>Vul: NS</i></p> <p>♠ T4 ♥ KJ6 ♦ Q9864 ♣ J96</p> <p>♠ KQ97 ♥ 8742 ♦ T5 ♣ K32</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N - 1 - - S - 1 - - E 3 3 - 2 3 W 3 3 - 2 3</p>
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23	<p>♠ 8 ♥ QJ654 ♦ Q95 ♣ T652</p> <p>♠ QT7632 ♥ AKT8 ♦ T ♣ Q3</p>	<p><i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: Both</i></p> <p>♠ KJ9 ♥ 7 ♦ KJ876 ♣ AKJ4</p> <p>♠ A54 ♥ 932 ♦ A432 ♣ 987</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N - - - - S - - - - E 3 3 2 5 5 W 3 3 2 5 5</p>
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25	<p>♠ AQ ♥ 72 ♦ QJ98742 ♣ AT</p> <p>♠ KT862 ♥ K984 ♦ 6 ♣ J64</p>	<p><i>Dlr: N</i> <i>Vul: EW</i></p> <p>♠ 973 ♥ AT53 ♦ T53 ♣ K97</p> <p>♠ J54 ♥ QJ6 ♦ AK ♣ Q8532</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N 2 4 - - 4 S 2 4 - - 4 E - - 1 1 - W - - 1 1 -</p>
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South opens 1♥ heart, and this goes round to East, who reopens with a double. Perhaps South will bid 2♣. Playing match points North may be tempted to correct to hearts, but in any case East will double again. West may try 3NT, where there are 8 top tricks. If North leads one of partner's suits, say a club, West wins and plays a heart. South must quickly switch to spades to set up the 5th trick for the defence. While 5♦ is an infinitely better contract, it will see little play at pairs.

If North opens a weak 1NT this comes round to West, who has to find a bid. If he bids a natural 2♣ South can double for takeout, finding the heart fit, but West will probably end in 3♣. A trump lead makes things a bit tricky. Declarer should play South for the ♠9. He wins the trump lead and plays a heart. North ducks, and declarer uses the entry to play a small spade to the 8, making 3♣.

West opens 1♠, East bids 2♦, West bids 2♠. All roads lead to 4♠ now, with potential for more. 2/1 auctions can look for slam non-seriously and stop in 4♠. If West elects to show his 4-card heart suit that will persuade East to put the brakes on.

North opens 1♦, South bids 2♣, North bids 2♦, South bids 3NT. West leads a spade. Lots of tricks: 7 diamonds, 2 spades and 1 club off the top. On the run of the diamonds East has to find 4 discards, he can easily throw 1 club, 2 hearts and 1 spade. West has to find 6 discards: 2 spades, 2 hearts and 2 clubs. This means you cannot make more than 10 tricks unless a heart or a club is led.

4	<p>♠ T4 ♥ AQ7642 ♦ KJ93 ♣ J</p> <p>♠ AK9875 ♥ K ♦ 74 ♣ AT43</p>	<p><i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: Both</i></p> <p>♠ 63 ♥ T953 ♦ Q852 ♣ 972</p> <p>♠ QJ2 ♥ J8 ♦ AT6 ♣ KQ865</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N 1 3 3 1 1 S 1 3 3 1 1 E - - - - W - - - -</p>
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6	<p>♠ KQT ♥ J943 ♦ QJ7 ♣ Q96</p> <p>♠ AJ98743 ♥ Q7 ♦ - ♣ KT32</p>	<p><i>Dlr: E</i> <i>Vul: EW</i></p> <p>♠ 62 ♥ 8 ♦ A95432 ♣ AJ87</p> <p>♠ 5 ♥ AKT652 ♦ KT86 ♣ 54</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N - - 1 - 1 S - - 1 - 1 E 4 1 - 4 - W 4 1 - 4 -</p>
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24	<p>♠ QT943 ♥ AT ♦ JT ♣ A542</p> <p>♠ K8 ♥ Q864 ♦ AK84 ♣ QJ3</p>	<p><i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: None</i></p> <p>♠ A7 ♥ 972 ♦ Q97653 ♣ T6</p> <p>♠ J652 ♥ KJ53 ♦ 2 ♣ K987</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N 3 - - 3 - S 3 - - 3 - E - 2 1 - 2 W - 2 1 - 2</p>
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26	<p>♠ A62 ♥ A63 ♦ T ♣ AKQ542</p> <p>♠ 974 ♥ KQT874 ♦ J3 ♣ 93</p>	<p><i>Dlr: E</i> <i>Vul: Both</i></p> <p>♠ KQ853 ♥ 2 ♦ Q854 ♣ 876</p> <p>♠ JT ♥ J95 ♦ AK9762 ♣ JT</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ N N 4 5 1 1 4 S 4 5 1 1 4 E - - - - W - - - -</p>
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West opens 1♠, North overcalls 2♥. South can try either 3♣ or even 2♠. I think 3♣ clubs is better. With 6 hearts, North will rebid hearts; with only 5 he bids a second suit or asks for a spade stop, and South will bid game. The likely contract will be 4♥, where declarer should lose a heart, two spades and a club.

After a 1♥ heart opening, many Wests may try 4♠ with a 7-4 shape. Some might just try 1♠. In this case, North shows a good raise to 3♥ by bidding 2♠. South should not accept the invite. West backs in with 3♠, which comes to East. 2 Aces and a singleton heart should tempt a raise to game. 4♠ depends on the club guess.

West opens 1♦, and North may decide to overcall 1♠. This will allow East to make a pre-emptive raise to 3♦, some may bid 4♦, but I feel that the hand is too balanced to excuse the bid. South will compete with 3♠ which, I feel, will end the auction. While 4♦-2 is a better score than 3♠=, partner won't be too happy if somebody doubles.

Weak 2♦ openings will be common, and North will probably punt 3NT. Playing Benji Acol, South will pass. Now West opens 2♥, North doubles and South bids 3♦. If lebensohl is played, this means South has shown his better than minimum, so North can bid 3NT with ease. 10 tricks on top.

19	♠ A8532 ♥ Q96 ♦ 52 ♣ J52	<i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: EW</i>
♠ QJ64 ♥ AJ72 ♦ AK8 ♣ K3	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ K7 ♥ T85 ♦ J976 ♣ T984
	♠ T9 ♥ K43 ♦ QT43 ♣ AQ76	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N - - - - S - - - - E 1 1 2 1 1 W 1 1 2 1 1

South opens 1♦, West bids 1NT, which should end the auction. (Some Norths may bid 2♠, but I see more potential to beat 1NT.) North leads a spade. Declarer has 2 spades, 2 diamonds and a heart on top. The only entry to dummy is the ♠K, once in dummy a club looks best. When ♠K wins exit another club. If South wins this and returns the ♠T, East covers and now has potential for a third spade trick. North must resist the temptation to play another spade.

20	♠ Q853 ♥ 95 ♦ 85 ♣ KJT32	<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: Both</i>
♠ KT7 ♥ QT7 ♦ KQJ2 ♣ Q74	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ 96 ♥ AK42 ♦ 743 ♣ A865
	♠ AJ42 ♥ J863 ♦ AT96 ♣ 9	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N - - - 1 - S - - - 1 - E 1 2 2 - 2 W 1 2 2 - 2

West opens 1NT, East bids 2♣, West 2♦, East 2NT. Perhaps the Tens persuade West to bid game. North leads a club, either the ♣J or ♣T, depending on style. Now declarer has 5 top tricks. He should make 3 diamonds, 3 hearts, 2 clubs and.... A spade lead defeats 3NT since declarer cannot avoid a club loser.

21	♠ AK86 ♥ KQ94 ♦ AKJ8 ♣ 4	<i>Dlr: N</i> <i>Vul: NS</i>
♠ QT753 ♥ A2 ♦ 96 ♣ AJ95	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ 94 ♥ J75 ♦ T3 ♣ KQ7632
	♠ J2 ♥ T863 ♦ Q7542 ♣ T8	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N - 5 4 1 - S - 5 4 1 - E 2 - - - - W 2 - - - -

North opens 1♦, East passes. What does South do, bid 1♥, raise diamonds or pass? I value bidding hearts, which will get NS to 4♥ very quickly. I see West leading a spade, which declarer can technically run to the Jack to make 11 tricks. But he will probably win in dummy. Since there are not enough entries to play hearts up twice, he may lose 2 hearts and a club for 10 tricks.

22	♠ KJ975 ♥ 52 ♦ Q6 ♣ Q652	<i>Dlr: E</i> <i>Vul: EW</i>
♠ 43 ♥ K8763 ♦ T974 ♣ K3	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ AT2 ♥ A ♦ AK53 ♣ J9874
	♠ Q86 ♥ QJT94 ♦ J82 ♣ AT	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N - - - 1 - S - - - 1 - E 2 4 1 - 1 W 2 4 1 - 1

East opens 1♣ (some will open 1♦), South bids 1♥, West 1NT, East invites with 2NT, ending the auction. North leads partner's suit. Declarer counts 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and 1 spade. A 6th trick may come from diamonds, but clubs have more potential. ♣4 from dummy goes ♣T - ♣K - ♣2. South wins the next club. If he plays the ♥Q West wins and crosses to a diamond for another club. He now has 3 clubs for 8 tricks. Of course a spade lead or switch beats 2NT.

7	♠ AJ632 ♥ QT9 ♦ AJ6 ♣ Q6	<i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: Both</i>
♠ Q97 ♥ J873 ♦ 732 ♣ KT3	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ KT ♥ 6542 ♦ KT54 ♣ J42
	♠ 854 ♥ AK ♦ Q98 ♣ A9875	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N 4 3 2 4 4 S 4 3 2 3 4 E - - - - - W - - - - -

4♣ by South after a transfer auction (3NT is a lot easier!). A diamond lead (partner didn't double 2♥ for the lead) brings an immediate -1. On other leads the contract has play but a heart is awkward: South must keep West off lead while drawing trump and establishing clubs. Duck a trump to East, win the heart return and lead a club. West wins ♣K and switches to diamonds. Cash ♦A, ♠A, and ♣Q. Ruff ♥Q, and discard diamonds on clubs.

8	♠ K ♥ AJ743 ♦ AT86 ♣ AQ7	<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: None</i>
♠ T ♥ 8 ♦ J97532 ♣ J9862	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ AQ96543 ♥ K96 ♦ 4 ♣ KT
	♠ J872 ♥ QT52 ♦ KQ ♣ 543	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N 1 1 4 1 3 S 1 1 4 - 3 E - - - - - W - - - - -

Pass - 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♥ - Pass - 3♦ (Trial Bid), Pass - 4♥. The singleton diamond lead is won in dummy. A heart finesses loses and best defence is another heart. North draws trump and cashes the second diamond, East showing out. Declarer exits a spade from dummy, endplaying East. If he plays ♠Q declarer enters dummy with a diamond ruff to pitch a possible club loser.

9	♠ K7643 ♥ KQT54 ♦ 83 ♣ 6	<i>Dlr: N</i> <i>Vul: EW</i>
♠ - ♥ J963 ♦ J ♣ AQJT8432	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ QJT8 ♥ 2 ♦ KQT942 ♣ 95
	♠ A952 ♥ A87 ♦ A765 ♣ K7	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N - - 3 3 - S - - 3 3 2 E 2 1 - - - W 2 1 - - -

Playing weak NT, South opens 1♦. West may overcall 4♣, putting North under pressure. He will likely double to show his majors. South bids 4♠, which, perhaps predictably, suffers from a poor trump break, so declarer loses 2 trumps, 1 diamond and 1 club. Better to defend the vulnerable pre-empt. A trump lead (South withholds the King so the 9 is not an entry) and continuation brings a penalty of 500.

10	♠ AQJ5 ♥ T84 ♦ T ♣ QT962	<i>Dlr: E</i> <i>Vul: Both</i>
♠ K932 ♥ 65 ♦ KJ9765 ♣ 8	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ T76 ♥ J973 ♦ A43 ♣ KJ3
	♠ 84 ♥ AKQ2 ♦ Q82 ♣ A754	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N 5 - 4 1 1 S 5 - 3 1 1 E - - - - - W - - - - -

South opens 1♣, which allows West to get into the auction. If he rejects the chance to bid diamonds NS could end up in 3NT. When West bids diamonds, NS find out about the diamond problem and can reach 5♣. This requires declarer to run the ♣Q, to avoid 2 club losers.

11	♠ 85 ♥ 83 ♦ KJT85 ♣ K764	<i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: None</i>																									
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West opens 1♠, East responds 1NT, West bids 2♣ and East bids 2♠. This has 5 spades and 2 aces on top. There is only one sure entry to dummy, so perhaps declarer has to play for a doubleton club honour in the South hand. Play a spade to the ♠K and a small club from dummy. Declarer now has 3 clubs, 5 spades and ♥A for 9 tricks.

12	♠ AQJ62 ♥ J53 ♦ J ♣ 9854	Dlr: W Vul: NS				
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West opens 1NT. North should really pass this hand vulnerable. Declarer must duck the first spade. ♠K is his only entry to dummy, so he must choose between the club finesse or a diamond to the ♦K. In the latter case the defence has 6 tricks but North has no entry. South wins the second diamond and tries ♣J. Declarer can establish a second diamond for 6 tricks, but cannot come to a 7th. If instead West finesses ♣Q he can play the ♦K from hand to keep North off lead.

13	♠ KT8 ♥ 87652 ♦ 3 ♣ JT93	<i>Dlr: N</i> <i>Vul: Both</i>			
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	♠ QJ652 ♥ AJT ♦ 74 ♣ A52	♠ ♦ ♥ ♣ N N - - - - S - - 1 1 - E 1 5 - - 2 W 1 5 - - 2			

P - P - 1♠ -Dbl - 2♠ - P - P - 3♦ - P..... East may be tempted to bid 3NT. Now West might bid 4♥, showing his shape, but perhaps this won't be common at pairs. In 3NT, when South leads a low spade, East wins and plays a club towards ♣KQ. Then returns to hand with a diamond and plays another club. South wins this trick and exits a spade, this allows the defence to wrap up an easy 5 tricks.

14	♠ JT74 ♥ KJ8 ♦ 642 ♣ Q52	<i>Dlr: E</i> <i>Vul: None</i>																														
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After 1♠ - 1NT West could bid 3NT direct, but may choose to get his 5 spades across by bidding 3 of a minor. Playing 5-card majors simplifies the auction. If North leads a club, declarer comes to just 9 tricks after giving up a spade, or playing on hearts, since the defence will be able to cash 2 clubs and 2 hearts later.

15	♠ T985 ♥ T76 ♦ J964 ♣ 42	<i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: NS</i>																													
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South bids 1♥ and West overcalls 1NT. This comes back to South who has a decision to make: he can be reasonably confident that 1NT goes down, but is there a better score available? My opinion is: Pass and take the positive score, 2♥-1 is unlikely to score well - and it may drive them into a better spot in a minor.

16	♠ AQJ ♥ K92 ♦ T73 ♣ Q983	<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: EW</i>																													
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The singleton ♠K may tempt East to open 3♦, but I favour pass with a 4-card major. Supposing West passes, North opens 1NT. If EW have any way of showing the majors, they will do so. This finds hearts. Otherwise West will bid diamonds at the lowest available level. In 3♥ declarer needs to get diamonds going: if the defence lead trump he may be able to run diamonds; if they punch the West hand there are 9 tricks on a sort of crossruff.

17	♠ 5 ♥ AKQ632 ♦ Q97 ♣ 954	Dlr: N Vul: None																									
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North opens 1♥, East bids 1♠. South has to decide how 1♠ doubled will do. He probably won't be too confident that it is -3 for +500. Even if he does pass North will bid his hearts again, and the auction will end in 3NT. Clubs don't break so defence will beat this contract. On a spade lead, East has to insert the Jack to maintain communication.

18	♠ 8 ♥ A5 ♦ KT76 ♣ AQ9872	Dlr: E Vul: NS																									
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West opens 1♠, North overcalls 2♣, East doubles, and South raises to 3♣. If West passes, I fancy East to double again. I imagine lots of pairs playing 3NT or 4♥. 3NT will be horrible, but even if EW find the 5-3 heart fit, they will be unlikely to make since it requires a double dummy line of playing a heart to the 6, losing only 1 heart, 1 diamond and 1 spade.