

Blooman Over Opponent 1NT - Ed L'Heureux (10Sep2024)

<b>1</b>		Dlr: N Vul: None	
♠ J943	♠ K85	♠ A62	
♥ 1095	♥ 74	♥ K3	
♦ A32	♦ J987	♦ KQ105	
♣ Q73	♣ A942	♣ K1086	
8	♠ Q107	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
7 15	♥ AQJ862	N - - 2 - 1	
10	♦ 64	S - - 2 - 1	
	♣ J5	E 2 2 - 1 -	
		W 2 2 - 1 -	

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
	P	1NT	2H
P	P	P	

**Bidding:** South's 2H bid is natural, to play in 2H. West is short 1 point to bid 2NT.

**Opening lead:** Leading an Ace or underleading an Ace are not recommended. Lead 3S or 3C, both bottom of something.

**Play:** Possible losers: 2S, 1H, 2D, 1C = 6, one too many. Try the heart finesse. This is the only reasonable chance for an extra trick. This succeeds. You make 2H.

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<b>2</b>		Dlr: E Vul: N-S	
♠ AQ543	♠ K7	♠ J106	
♥ KJ952	♥ 8764	♥ A10	
♦ 75	♦ 1092	♦ J863	
♣ Q	♣ K1095	♣ 8764	
6	♠ 982	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
12 6	♥ Q3	N 4 2 - - 1	
16	♦ AKQ4	S 4 2 - - 1	
	♣ AJ32	E - - 1 3 -	
		W - - 1 3 -	

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
		P	1NT

X\* P 2C\* P

2D\* P 2S and 3 passes

(\* = bids with a special meaning)

**Bidding:** Double by West shows a 2-suited hand. East bids 2C so bidding will not die out. The 2D bid shows both majors. East prefers spades.

**Opening lead:** AD, top of touching honours, is an excellent lead.

**Play:** Count losers from West hand: 1S, 1H, 2D, 1C = 5. The QH falls when you play AH & KH. So you lose only 4 tricks, making 3S.

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<b>3</b>		♠ 10742 ♥ AJ ♦ 10652 ♣ Q98	Dlr: S Vul: E-W																														
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X*	P	2C*	P
2H*	P	P	P

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**Bidding:** West doubles to show a 2-suited hand. East bids 2C to keep the bidding alive. 2H shows hearts & a minor. East is happy with hearts.

**Opening lead:** Don't lead "into" West's possible minor. Lead a spade, either 2S or TS.

**Play:** Potential losers: 2S, 1-2H, 0D, 2-3C = 5-7 total. (1) Ruff a spade before pulling trump. So lose only 1 spade. (2) Pull trump. (3) Set up the long clubs. As the card lie, you lose at most 2 clubs, then the others are good.

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<b>4</b>		♠ J964 ♥ J542 ♦ T6 ♣ A97	<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: Both</i>	
♠ AK75 ♥ KQ7 ♦ A94 ♣ T82			♠ QT32 ♥ AT96 ♦ 832 ♣ 65	
6		♠ 8 ♥ 83 ♦ KQJ75 ♣ KQJ43		
16	6			
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	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
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S	3	3	-	-	-
E	-	-	3	3	2
W	-	-	3	3	2

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
1NT	P	P	2NT*

P 3C and 3 passes

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**Bidding:** 2NT by south shows both minors. North prefers clubs, so bids 3C.

**Opening lead:** Don't lead the opponents' suits. Best lead is probably the 2S.

**Play:** You always make 5 club & 4 diamond tricks, making 3C. Opponents can only take AS, AH, KH & AD.

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<b>5</b>	♠ Q109	Dlr: N	
	♥ K743	Vul: N-S	
	♦ AK		
	♣ KJ64		
♠ J4	♠ AK752		
♥ AQ62	♥ 10		
♦ 10764	♦ QJ932		
♣ Q53	♣ 82		
16	♠ 863		
9 10	♥ J985		
5	♦ 85		
	♣ A1097		

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	-	3	-	2
S	1	-	3	-	2
E	-	3	-	1	-
W	-	3	-	2	-

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>
	1NT	X*	P
2C*	P	2S*	P
2NT*	P	3D	and 3 passes

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**Bidding:** East doubles to show a 2-suited hand. West bids 2C to keep the bidding alive. 2S shows spades & a minor. With no support for spades but support for both minors, West bids 2NT so that East will bid the minor.

**Opening lead:** Try unbid major, 5H.

**Play:** Losers: 1-2S, 0H, 2D, 2C = 5-6. Cannot avoid D or C losers. Play AS, KS & ruff a spade. If they split 3-3, the last 2 spades are good & you make 3D. If not, you are down 1.

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<b>6</b>		Dlr: E Vul: E-W																										
♠ 74 ♥ K1087 ♦ J1065 ♣ 1098		♠ 63 ♥ J62 ♦ A942 ♣ QJ32																										
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		P	1NT
3S	P	P	P

**Bidding:** West bids 3S as a preempt. The suit is a decent one with high card points in the suit. Maybe it makes, maybe not. Depends what partner has.

**Opening lead:** AC, top of touching honors.

**Play:** Partner has some nice cards. Make 6 spade tricks & 3 diamond tricks.

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<b>7</b>		♠ J92 ♥ AK652 ♦ ♣ QJ1073		<i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: Both</i>																															
♠ K75 ♥ 983 ♦ AK1053 ♣ AK			♠ A863 ♥ J74 ♦ J642 ♣ 82																																
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1NT	X*	P	2C*
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P	2H*	P	2NT*
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P	3C	and 3 passes
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**Bidding:** North doubles to show a 2-suited hand. South bids 2C to keep the bidding alive. 2H shows hearts & a minor. With no support for hearts but support for both minors, South bids 2NT so that North will bid the minor.

**Opening lead:** AD, top of touching honors.

**Play:** Lose only 2 spades & 2 clubs, making 3C.

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<b>8</b>		♠ 865 ♥ KQ962 ♦ ♣ KJ1043		<i>Dlr: W</i> <i>Vul: None</i>																															
♠ A3 ♥ 1083 ♦ AK843 ♣ A62			♠ 104 ♥ AJ7 ♦ 107652 ♣ Q98																																
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1NT	X*	P	2S
P	P	P	

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**Bidding:** North doubles to show a 2-suited hand. South does not bid 2C, bids 2S instead to play in South's 6 card suit.

**Opening lead:** AD, top of touching honors, is a top notch lead.

**Play:** Losers: 1S, 1H, 3D, 2C = 7 total. South can make the contract by trumping 3 diamonds or by setting up dumm'y clubs or a combination of the two. West has the strong hand. Lead low towards dummy's kings. Play West for the Aces.

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<b>9</b>		♠ A72 ♥ K43 ♦ K64 ♣ KQ54		Dlr: N Vul: E-W																															
♠ 84 ♥ A98 ♦ A1072 ♣ 10983		♠ KQJ965 ♥ QJ10 ♦ 853 ♣ J																																	
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	1NT	2S	P
P	P		

**Bidding:** East has a single suited hand, with points in the long suit. Bid the suit right away.

**Opening lead:** Don't lead an unsupported Ace (AC) or low from and Ace (2C). QD, top of touching honors, is a good lead.

**Play:** Losers: 1S, 1H, 2D, 1C = 5 total. Should make 2S without any worry. Can try leading QH towards AH to trap the KH & make an overtrick. But KH is on the wrong side, so no overtrick.

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<b>10</b>		♠ 653 ♥ J97 ♦ 97652 ♣ Q6		Dlr: E Vul: Both																															
♠ KQ108 ♥ A4 ♦ KQJ ♣ J1073		♠ 972 ♥ KQ1086 ♦ 843 ♣ 52																																	
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**Bidding:** West also has 16 points. Playing Blooman, West can only pass. Double would show a 2-suited hand & force partner to bid 2C. If playing Cappelletti, West would double to show 15-17 points. East would transfer to hearts.

**Opening lead:** KD, top of 3 touching honors, is a highly recommended lead. Too bad West does not know about East's nice hearts.

**Play:** South can only take 6 tricks: 1S, 0H, 1D, 4C. Down 1. South should attack the long club suit before playing any other suit. If not, South will not even make 6 tricks.

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<b>11</b>		<p>♠ J92 ♥ AK652 ♦ ♣ J10973</p>		<p><i>Dlr: S</i> <i>Vul: None</i></p>																															
<p>♠ K875 ♥ 983 ♦ AK105 ♣ AQ</p>		<p>♠ A63 ♥ QJ4 ♦ J6432 ♣ 82</p>																																	
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**Bidding:** North doubles to show a 2-suited hand (not both minors). East has 8 points, nice cards in S & H, bids 2NT. Because East bid, South can pass. West with 16 might pass or might bid 3NT.

**Opening lead:** Partner has either S or H or both. Partner is more likely to be long where you are short. Lead TH.

**Play:** Play diamonds first to ensure 4 diamond tricks to go with 2S, 1H & 1C. After leading TH, opponents cash 4 heart tricks if/when they get in.

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<b>12</b>		<p>♠ Q107 ♥ 64 ♦ AQJ862 ♣ J5</p>		<p><i>Dlr: N</i> <i>Vul: None</i></p>																															
<p>♠ A62 ♥ KQ105 ♦ K3 ♣ K1086</p>		<p>♠ J943 ♥ A32 ♦ 1095 ♣ Q73</p>																																	
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**Bidding:** After 1NT by West, North with about 10 points bids the 6 card diamond suit. East does not have quite enough to make a bid.

**Opening lead:** Unsupported Ace or low from Ace are not recommended, even if partner has many high cards. Lead 3S or 7C.

**Play:** Possible losers: 2S, 2H, 1D, 1C = 6, 1 too many. If opponents lead a spade, this gives you a bonus spade trick, losing only 1 spade. Try the diamond and club finesses (lead low towards AQ) for a 50% chance of avoiding those losers.