

DOUBLES

1.		JT8 76 KT82 A742		A965 AKJT52 54 6	BIDDING:	N	E	S	W
KQ32		N				P	1H	2D	D
98 W		E				3D	3S	P	4S
63		S			All Pass				
KJ985		74 Q43 AQJ97 QT3			CONTRACT: 4S by East				
					A classic hand for a negative double. Spades makes 10 tricks, while hearts makes 9. Those who bid 4S can congratulate themselves.				
2.		J865 KJ84 853 J8			BIDDING:	N	E	S	W
							P	1H	D
						2H	D	P	3D
					All Pass				
KT97		N		AQ2	CONTRACT	3D by West			
Q	W		E	532					
A9742		S		JT6	East can make a responsive double to find the good 3D, rather than the inferior 3C. If N/S venture 3H, East should double again. This should yield 200 or 500.				
A75				KT93					
		43 AT976 KQ Q642							
3.		KJT43 32 VOID AKT642			BIDDING:	N	E	S	W
								1S	2D
						4D	P	5H	P
						6C	P	7S	
96		N		8	CONTRACT: 7S by South				
Q974	W		E	T65					
AKJ92		S		Q8653					
J7				9853	North has an ideal bid over the diamond intervention. A cue bid showing the void. It should then be possible to bid the grand.				
		AQ752 AKJ8 T74 Q							
4.		AQ4 A643 QJ8 A75			BIDDING:	N	E	S	W
								P	
						1H	P	2H	P
						2NT	P	4H	All Pass
KT9873		N		J5	CONTRACT: 4H by North				
2	W		E	KJT7					
T9763	S			A542					
4				K32	It is probably inevitable that N/S will bid game. East may double. East must not double 1H. If so West will "phantom" sacrifice in 4S. If West opens a "weak" weak 2S, it could be interesting.				
		62 Q985 K QJT986							

5.	AJT43				BIDDING:	N	E	S	W	
	7632					P	1D	2C	2D	
	84					P	P	2H	P	
	76					P	3D	P	P	
Q65	N		K87			3H				
K9	W		E T85		CONTRACT:	3H	by	North		
QJ92	S		AKT753							
T432			K							
.	92									
	AQJ4									
	6									
	AQJ985									
6.	JT7				BIDDING:	N	E	S	W	
	985						P	1S	1NT	
	QT					P	2C	P	2D	
	J8643					P	3NT	All	Pass	
K92	N		3		CONTRACT	3NT	by	West		
A6	W	E	KJ32							
AJ94	S		K87532							
A972			T5							
	AQ8654									
	QT74									
	6									
	KQ									
7.	AQ9				BIDDING:	N	E	S	W	
	KT83							P	P	
	T6					1NT	DBL			
	A874									
752	N		KT43		CONTRACT	1NT	*	by	North	
7652	W	E	A9							
AQ74	S		KJ							
53			QJT62							
	J86									
	QJ4									
	98532									
	K9									
8.	95				BIDDING:	N	E	S	W	
	T87653								P	
	T					P	1S	2D	P	
	A874					P	2S	All	Pass	
2	N		AKT743		CONTRACT	2S	by	East		
KQJ2	W	E	A9							
764	S		KJ9							
QJT53			62							
	QJ86									
	4									
	AQ8532									
	K9									

South must not double 1D.
 Bid 2C, and as here the hearts can be bid later. Over a double it will be difficult to stop North bidding spades.

West should overcall 1NT. This should allow East to find 3NT, via a 2C Stayman bid.
 If West doubles 1S, East may choose to play in hearts.

This will be a tight battle to see which side can make 7 tricks.
 North should make the contract with 2 spades, 3 hearts and 2 clubs. The diamond blockage is unhelpful for the defence.

West must not make a negative double over 2D to "show 4 hearts".
 The double also shows spade tolerance and East is likely to bid 4S, maybe doubled. 2S is the limit.
 N/S will make 3D, but it is difficult to see who can bid it.