

CHALLENGE MATCH No 1

1. Q87
T953
AK7
543
543 N A2
K2 W E AJ76
865 S QJ32
KQ876 AJ2
KJT96
Q84
T94
T9

2. QJ8632
KQ
AK3
84
974 N T
9632 W E A54
QT8 S 9765
A63 QJT92
AK5
JT87
J42
K75

3. 54
JT8752
42
Q85
J632 N K97
KQ6 W E A9
KT6 S Q9875
A64 J97
AQT8
43
AJ3
KT32

4. 763
T87
T9432
A2
AKQ954 N J82
A2 W E KJ93
A85 S Q7
53 QJT7
T
Q654
KJ6
K9864

BIDDING: N E S W
NB 1D NB 2C
NB 3N All Pass

CONTRACT: 3NT by East

It is difficult for E/W to stop short of game on this. In 3NT declarer will take the losing heart finesse.
In 2NT the finesse is not needed and AK hearts should be cashed.

BIDDING: N E S W
NB 1NT NB
3S NB 4S All Pass

CONTRACT: 4S by North (or South)

If N/S are playing transfers (and North remembers), South will end up playing 4S. Either declarer has to be careful to ensure the hearts are set-up in the South hand BEFORE the last trump entry is removed.

BIDDING: N E S W
1NT NB
2D NB 2H All Pass

CONTRACT: 2H by South (or North)

South has a standard 1NT opener. West is unable to bid over this and has to pass. If using transfers North should bid 2D. The important point is that North must bid. 2H makes 8 tricks, while 1NT is down 3.

BIDDING: N E S W
1S
NB 2C NB 3S
NB 4S All Pass

CONTRACT: 4S by West

A straightforward bidding sequence should see West in 4S. The play has to be rather careful. If declarer draws 3 rounds of trumps, he is doomed. A diamond must be trumped in dummy first.

5. Q4
J762
J852
JT9
T5 N K9876
AKQ3 W E 985
Q93 S AT7
A653 KQ
AJ32
T4
K64
8742

6. K32
Q84
KJ63
KQ6
A N QJ98754
AT65 W E J97
AT42 S 7
AJ32 84
T6
K32
Q985
T975

7. AK43
AQ9
AQ76
KT
Q92 N T86
KJ3 W E 4
JT52 S 983
AJ5 Q97632
J75
T87652
K4
84

8. 753
AQT76
5
A432
QJ2 N AK9864
4 W E K52
KQT942 S 763
KQ5 8
T
J983
AJ8
JT976

BIDDING: N E S W
NB 1S NB 2C
NB 2S NB 3NT
All Pass

CONTRACT: 3NT by West

Bidding 3NT is automatic for E/W.
(Providing W does not respond 2H -
incorrect - to 1S, leading to an ugly 4H
contract). 3NT is by no means
certain. Declarer must keep leading
spades to establish the suit.

BIDDING: N E S W
3S NB 4S
All Pass

CONTRACT: 4S by East

West has a difficult bid over
partner's 3S. The important point to
note is that 3NT cannot be correct.
The best bid is 4S with Pass the
second choice. 4S makes with 3NT
going 2/3 off.

BIDDING: N E S W
DBL 2C NB 1NT
DBL NB 2H NB
4H

CONTRACT: 2C doubled by East
or 4H by South

After 1NT is doubled, East must
make the "weak take-out" of 2C.
After North doubles this, South has
a difficult choice - to pass or bid
2H - with North raising the latter to
game.

BIDDING: N E S W
1H 1S 2H 2S
3H 3S 4H 4S
All Pass

CONTRACT: 4S by East

You can decide who wins this
auction. N/S can make 4H and E/W
can make 4S. Therefore E/W should
win the bidding battle. Can East
then make 10 tricks?