

Suffolk Simultaneous Pairs 2018

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<p>♠ 72 ♥ J743 ♦ J62 ♣ 9764</p> <p>♠ K9654 ♥ 105 ♦ 75 ♣ AQ82</p> <p>♠ J8 ♥ AQ96 ♦ KQ93 ♣ K105</p> <p>♠ AQ103 ♥ K82 ♦ A1084 ♣ J3</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="5">N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣</td></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣					N					S					E	3	4	1	1	2	W	2	4	1	1		<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <p>The result here will depend on system, style and assertiveness.</p> <p>A Weak NT by East should get doubled. Wests who then value their hand strongly enough to pass for East to XX will do well as N/S will have little choice but to watch 1NTX make for +1 or +2. Other Wests are likely to play in 2♠ after an exit transfer.</p> <p>If South doesn't double 1NT then E/W may find 4♠ via a transfer break.</p> <p>If East opens 1♦ South has a different dilemma. Will they risk a 1NT overcall with poor Spades? If they do then East-West can take the first eight tricks.</p>																		
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<p>♠ Q987 10 ♥ 532 5 HCP 15 ♦ AK2 10 ♣ J73</p> <p>♠ J10 ♠ A63 ♥ A8764 ♥ KQJ9 ♦ 9863 ♦ Q105 ♣ 96 ♣ K52</p> <p>♠ K542 ♥ 10 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♦ J74 N 1 5 1 4 ♣ AQ1084 S 1 5 4 E 2 W 2</p>	<p>Board 10 : Dealer East : All vulnerable</p> <p>East will find various opening bids.</p> <p>A Strong NT probably shuts a Vulnerable South out on the first round and since West is still open-ended South may not come in even after a transfer to 2♥.</p> <p>1♥ will open the door to 2♣ by South but a Heart part-score is still likely.</p> <p>1♦ by East again opens the door to 2♣ but in this case it may buy the contract.</p> <p>The doubleton ♠J10 helps declarer make ten tricks in Clubs, whilst eight is the limit for those playing in Hearts.</p>
<p>♠ 754 4 ♥ 82 12 HCP 9 ♦ J42 15 ♣ K8732</p> <p>♠ AQ1063 ♠ J2 ♥ 9 ♥ J76543 ♦ AQ10976 ♦ K8 ♣ 10 ♣ A96</p> <p>♠ K98 ♥ AKQ10 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♦ 53 N 1 ♣ QJ54 S 1 E 4 6 3 6 W 3 6 3 6</p>	<p>Board 11 : Dealer South : Love all</p> <p>Twelve tricks can be made in Diamonds or Spades but only because the Spade finesse works and the Diamonds split 3-3, about a 15% chance.</p> <p>When South opens with their choice of 1♣, 1♥, or 1NT West will be able to show either or both of their suits and a part-score is the most likely result.</p>
<p>♠ Q1072 6 ♥ K752 11 HCP 13 ♦ 832 10 ♣ J6</p> <p>♠ 9654 ♠ AJ83 ♥ Q108 ♥ A4 ♦ AQ5 ♦ KJ109 ♣ K98 ♣ 1052</p> <p>♠ K ♥ J963 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♦ 764 N 1 ♣ AQ743 S 1 E 3 3 1 3 1 W 3 3 1 3 2</p>	<p>Board 12 : Dealer West : NS vulnerable</p> <p>Reaching 3NT will depend on how strongly East values their hand whether West opens 1NT with 11 or invites when East opens or rebids a weak 1NT.</p> <p>Those who reach 3NT may regret it as making 3NT on a Club lead requires declarer to drop the ♠K.</p>

<p>♠ KQ92 6 ♥ 92 11 HCP 17 ♦ 532 6 ♣ J1053</p> <p>♠ 85 ♠ J73 ♥ AKQ3 ♥ J8 ♦ Q86 ♦ AKJ109 ♣ 9764 ♣ AK2</p> <p>♠ A1064 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ 107654 N ♦ 74 S ♣ Q8 E 3 1 2 5 3 W 3 1 2 5 3</p>	<p>Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable</p> <p>3NT will make exactly on a Spade lead or make +2 on any other lead</p> <p>Weak NT players are more likely to inhibit a Heart, e.g.</p> <p>West North East South Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass 3NT All Pass</p> <p>Strong NT pairs will most often get a Heart lead and may win out.</p>
<p>♠ AKQ3 11 ♥ Q9642 9 HCP 7 ♦ 32 13 ♣ 42</p> <p>♠ 874 ♠ 1092 ♥ A5 ♥ 7 ♦ Q7 ♦ K10864 ♣ QJ7653 ♣ A1098</p> <p>♠ J65 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ KJ1083 N 3 4 ♦ AJ95 S 3 4 ♣ K E 1 1 2 W 1 1 2</p>	<p>Board 14 : Dealer East : Love all</p> <p>North-South should find it easy to reach 4♥ and stop there if given a free ride. If West competes with 2♣ then North is still worth 4♥.</p> <p>Any East-Wests tempted to sacrifice in 5♣ will regret it provided North-South Double and North starts with ♠A K Q and then plays a fourth round of Spades to give South a Trump promotion for 3-off.</p>
<p>♠ 1093 9 ♥ J654 7 HCP 17 ♦ Q1094 7 ♣ AQ</p> <p>♠ 82 ♠ AKJ7 ♥ 103 ♥ A2 ♦ A5 ♦ KJ86 ♣ K1098743 ♣ J65</p> <p>♠ Q654 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ KQ987 N ♦ 732 S ♣ 2 E 1 2 2 5 W 1 2 1 2 5</p>	<p>Board 15 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable</p> <p>This board depends on how many pairs reach 5♣. Several Wests will pre-empt with 3♣ and then it will be down to hand evaluation by East. Those who push on to 5♣ only being beaten by those who get a chance to double 4♥ and do so.</p> <p>West has two Club losers so an immediate Heart lead means West has to find the Diamond finesse to dump a Heart loser before touching trumps.</p>
<p>♠ KJ65 14 ♥ A5 7 HCP 12 ♦ KQ102 7 ♣ J82</p> <p>♠ 10932 ♠ Q74 ♥ J10 ♥ K2 ♦ A76 ♦ 8543 ♣ Q943 ♣ AK76</p> <p>♠ A8 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ Q987643 N 1 1 3 1 ♦ J9 S 1 3 1 ♣ 105 E W</p>	<p>Board 16 : Dealer West : EW vulnerable</p> <p>If North opens a weak No-Trump then South might invite to 4♥ and with a Losing Trick Count of 7 North may accept the invitation.</p> <p>If North opens 1♦ and rebids 1NT then the same situation arises. More cautious pairs will benefit on this hand.</p> <p>Provided East-West take their two Club Tricks North-South are always limited to nine Tricks. If the Spade finesse is tried this becomes eight.</p>

<p>♠ 543 4 ♥ 865 15 HCP 10 ♦ J75 11 ♣ K1094</p> <p>♠ 106 ♠ AKJ82 ♥ A1092 ♥ J ♦ AK4 ♦ 9863 ♣ A732 ♣ J86</p> <p>♠ Q97 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ KQ743 N ♦ Q102 S ♣ Q5 E 3 4 2 4 3 W 3 3 2 3 3</p>	<p>Board 17: Dealer North : Love all</p> <p>If East opens a pushy 1♠ and South overcalls 2♥ then South may end up playing in 2♥X and regret it. Otherwise East-West may reach 3NT depending on how East values their hand.</p> <p>3NT is very makeable. With six top tricks and two extra Spades the best chance of the ninth comes from the (possibly marked) Heart finesse then knocking out the other Heart honour.</p>																
<p>♠ K1043 11 ♥ 76 9 HCP 11 ♦ A63 9 ♣ A875</p> <p>♠ 982 ♠ A765 ♥ AQ103 ♥ KJ2 ♦ 85 ♦ K42 ♣ QJ94 ♣ 1063</p> <p>♠ QJ N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ 9854 N ♦ QJ1097 S ♣ K2 E 1 1 W 1 1</p>	<p>Board 18 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <p>This board may often be Passed Out.</p> <p>Any Easts playing an 11-14 NT will buy the contract and with the likely ♦Q lead will be limited to six tricks. A Heart or Club would allow them time to scrape home with a couple of Club tricks.</p>																
<p>♠ Q107 8 ♥ K84 11 HCP 12 ♦ K852 9 ♣ 642</p> <p>♠ AKJ93 ♠ 52 ♥ J963 ♥ AQ72 ♦ 6 ♦ Q10743 ♣ Q95 ♣ A10</p> <p>♠ 864 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ 105 N ♦ AJ9 S ♣ KJ873 E 2 4 5 3 1 W 2 4 5 2 1</p>	<p>Board 19 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <p>Most Wests will open 1♠ (rule of 20). Those who Pass initially may not find the Heart fit having a tricky rebid after 1NT - 2♥(transfer) - 2♠.</p> <p>After 1♠ it is easy to find 4♥ as below:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>North</td> <td>East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠¹</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♦</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥²</td> <td>All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>¹ Rule of 20 ² Losing Trick Count=6</p> <p>The defence will come to a Club and a Diamond trick. Get the trump suit right and ruff the ♠Q out instead of finessing and you make 11 Tricks.</p> <p>The wrong view in both Major Suits leaves you one down.</p>	West	North	East	South				Pass	1♠ ¹	Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥ ²	All Pass
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<p>♠ J102 7 ♥ K32 14 HCP 16 ♦ 87 3 ♣ K10975</p> <p>♠ A9873 ♠ KQ64 ♥ A854 ♥ Q76 ♦ AQ6 ♦ K95 ♣ 2 ♣ AQ3</p> <p>♠ 5 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ J109 N ♦ J10432 S ♣ J864 E 6 6 5 4 2 W 6 6 5 4 2</p>	<p>Board 25 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable</p> <p>6♠ is very biddable. It might be reached as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>North</td> <td>East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♣¹</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4NT²</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5♦³</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>5♠⁴</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6♠⁵</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>¹ Splinter ² RKCB. Extra values and Club shortage improves hand slightly ³ Zero or Three Key Cards ⁴ Let's play in 5♠ in the unlikely event you have no Key Cards ⁵ Actually I have three</p>	West	North	East	South		Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣ ¹	Pass	4NT ²	Pass	5♦ ³	Pass	5♠ ⁴	Pass	6♠ ⁵	All Pass		
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<p>♠ 1032 3 ♥ J4 10 HCP 17 ♦ Q1097642 10 ♣ 4</p> <p>♠ QJ9754 ♠ AK ♥ K32 ♥ AQ976 ♦ - ♦ KJ85 ♣ A1086 ♣ 72</p> <p>♠ 86 N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♥ 1085 N ♦ A3 S ♣ KQJ953 E 6 7 6 1 2 W 6 7 6 1 2</p>	<p>Board 28 : Dealer West : NS vulnerable</p> <p>Another very biddable Slam. It could be reached like this:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>North</td> <td>East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♦¹</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠²</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4NT³</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>5♠⁴</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6♥</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>¹ Splinter ² Cue-bid. Lacking ♣AK it's dangerous to ask for Aces. ³ RKCB ⁴ 2 Key Cards and the ♥Q</p> <p>The Slam should be made provided Declarer retains an entry to Dummy's Spades long enough to reach them once Trumps are drawn.</p>	West	North	East	South	1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	4♦ ¹	Pass	4♠ ²	Pass	4NT ³	Pass	5♠ ⁴	Pass	6♥	All Pass		
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