

Greetings!

Herewith find analysis of selected hands played last Thursday, 2nd July 2020, in the **Galway/CABAI Western Region BBO IMP Pairs**.

This week I have analysed eleven of the 21 hands....Boards 2,3,5,7,8,9,11,12,14,16,21. Each hand is analysed in the subsequent pages in this document. Note that in some cases the **Saints & Sinners** comments extend over several pages.

There are particularly detailed reviews/analysis of Boards 5,12,14. Lots of **Saint** and **Sinner** statuses awarded! And some good points re declarer play and defense are highlighted.

I have also included an analysis of a hand that was played on **Monday, 29th June**.

And for the benefit of those who don't already know, a few words by way of explanation as to how this analysis is undertaken...

First, the results are downloaded from BBO...this cannot be done until Friday morning. The results include the contracts and results for each board. Remember that each set of hands is played simultaneously at all tables. The results also include access to a MOV file for each hand played (at all tables) which enables me to re-play, trick by trick (an exact re-creation) of how the hand was played. In that way I can observe the actions that constitute the rationale by which I award '**Saint & Sinner**' status.

Some statistics...This review contains the analysis of **11 hands**, played at **12 tables**, representing a total of **132 contracts** that I reviewed which in turn converts to **1,716 tricks** that are minutely screened, which amounts to a grand total of **6,864 individual card plays** that are dissected!

Apologies for the delay in producing this week's analysis.

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P.S. Are you aware that you can review your own results, and access MOV files which re-create the actual play of every contract played at your table...or indeed any table!

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 2		♠ A 10 7 5
♥ A Q 7 6 3		♥ 10 9
♦ 6 2		♦ K J 8 7 4
♣ A 9		♣ Q 5
	W N E	♠ K Q 8
	S	♥ J 8
		♦ Q 10 3
		♣ K 10 7 6 4
		♠ J 3
		♥ K 5 4 2
		♦ A 9 5
		♣ J 8 3 2

W 2N; EW 2♠; EW 2♥; E 1N; EW 2♣; NS 1♦; Par -120: W 2N

Board 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ 6	
	♥ K 10 9 3 2	
	♦ K Q 10 5	
	♣ A Q 8	
♠ 7 4 3		♠ A 9 2
♥ 8		♥ A J 7 4
♦ A 8 3		♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 7 6 4 3		♣ J 2
	♠ K Q J 10 8 5	
	♥ Q 6 5	
	♦ J 9	
	♣ K 5	

NS 4N; NS 3♥; NS 2♠; NS 2♦; NS 1♣; Par +630: NS 3N+1

4♥ is unlucky due to the bad break in the trump suit leaving declarer with four losers...1 spade, 2 hearts, 1 diamond. 4♠ can suffer a worse fate if West leads his singleton heart and duly scores two heart ruffs thus ensuring that declarer loses 1 spade, 1 heart and 2 heart ruffs and 1 diamond for a two trick deficit. Those that play in 3NT can score ten tricks.

Saints & Sinners

Chief Sinner is the North who launched forth to a doomed 6♥ which duly failed by four tricks. There is a point of interest in the bidding sequence re the use of **Roman Key Card Blackwood**. Presumably South's response of 5♦ showed 0 or 3 keycards. North obviously assumed that it was the latter and bid the small slam. **TIP:** When partner responds either 5♣ or 5♦ showing 0 or 3 or 1 or 4 keycards the NT bidder can convert to the major suit at the five level and the responder can then Pass or raise depending on whether they have the higher or lower number of keycards that their original response indicated. In this example North would bid 5♥ over 5♦ and South would Pass.

Sinner status to the East who let out 4♥ by returning a spade at trick ten thus giving declarer access to dummy with three spade winners and no other means of accessing them and then watched as declarer discarded losing diamonds from hand whilst partner was still holding the cashable ♦ A in her hand!

Saintly status to **Lonzer (Maryl)** and **Bridin (Bridie O'Reilly)** who scored five tricks defending 4H♥ after East led ♣ J. Declarer, winning in dummy with ♣ K led a heart to her ♥ 10 losing to East's ♥ J. East played a second club, declarer winning in hand. Declarer now played a heart to dummy's ♥ Q, East ducking, and then led ♠ K which East won with ♠ A. East now put her partner on lead with ♦ A and West completed a fine defense by giving her partner a club ruff even though declarer had a trump in dummy. Unfortunately for declarer dummy's trump was ♥ 6 whereas East had the ♥ 7.

Sinner status to the **North** who declared 3NT on a diamond led and continuation and failed to play spades from the dummy and wastefully used a crucial club entry to her hand to lead her singleton spade and thus scored only ten tricks where all other declarers in 3NT scored eleven tricks!

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ 9 7 6		
	♥ K J 5		
	♦ K J 9 3 2		
	♣ A 8		
♠ A J 5		♠ K 10 4 2	
♥ 9 8 7 3		♥ Q 10	
♦ A 7		♦ Q 6 4	
♣ J 10 7 3		♣ K Q 9 2	
	♠ Q 8 3		
	♥ A 6 4 2		
	♦ 10 8 5		
	♣ 6 5 4		

EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 3♣; NS 1♦; Par -140: EW 2♠+1

If E/W can secure a club contract they can make nine tricks. There are also nine tricks available in a spade contract for E/W. But it is more likely that E/W will end up defending against a diamond or NT contract by N/S.

Saints & Sinners

One of the cardinal rules that I have with all my partners is that we never deny a major suit. So, **Sinner** status to the South who responded 1 NT to his partner's 1♦. That said he is also given a redeeming **Saintly** status for his play. He received the lead of ♥9 which he won in dummy with ♥K. He then played a diamond from dummy and East followed low...and disaster struck the defense when West also played low. Upon winning with ♦10 declarer played a second diamond towards dummy felling West's ♦A and thus establishing three diamond winners in dummy! West switched to ♠5, East winning with ♠K. East now continued with ♥Q surely knowing that declarer had ♥A...(What holding did West have when her original lead was ♥9?). Declarer now had seven tricks...3 hearts, 3 diamonds, 1 club. If West wins the first diamond and then finds a club switch E/W can score 3 spades, 2 diamonds, and 3 clubs. **Sinner** status to East & West.

Sinner status also to the East player who doubled North's 1 NT. A double of an opening 1 NT usually shows the equivalent of a Strong NT. East's 12 hcp is a long way short of that! Somewhat redeeming is the fact that E/W subsequently contracted 2♣ making ten tricks against a less than stellar defense. North led ♠7 and when South played ♠Q North should have realised that declarer also held ♠J (South's play of ♠Q DENIES ♠J). North knows that dummy's ♠10 will offer a discard to declarer if declarer has only 3 spades. North should therefore find a switch after winning ♣A. Unfortunately North may find a switch to a diamond in which case declarer can score ♦Q and thus avoid a diamond loser. Tough! A heart switch works better!

Black mark and **Sinner** status to the West who declared 3♣ and went one down despite getting to a position where she could have discarded her third spade on dummy's ♦Q and then simply cashed ♠AK and crossed ruffed the last four tricks with dummy holding ♠42, ♣KQ opposite ♥98, ♣107 and with an opponent holding ♣6.

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ 9 7 6	
	♥ K J 5	
	♦ K J 9 3 2	
	♣ A 8	
♠ A J 5		♠ K 10 4 2
♥ 9 8 7 3		♥ Q 10
♦ A 7		♦ Q 6 4
♣ J 10 7 3		♣ K Q 9 2
	♠ Q 8 3	
	♥ A 6 4 2	
	♦ 10 8 5	
	♣ 6 5 4	

EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 3♣; NS 1♦; Par -140: EW 2♠+1

Saints & Sinners (continued)

Four Norths declared 1 NT scoring respectively 6, 4 or 3 tricks! **Sinner** status to the West who rose with ♠ A after partner had switched to ♠ 10 where North had already discarded two spades from her hand. And to compound matters the same West proceeded to establish declarer's diamonds by cashing ♦ A after winning ♠ A instead of returning a spade, and if East ducks then the defense can score two more spade tricks after West gains the lead with ♦ A! This would see E/W score eight tricks and lead to a 2 trick defeat. As it was declarer got out for one down!

Sinner status to the West who at trick eleven holding ♠ AJ5 and looking at the South hand with ♠ Q83 and where declarer has already been identified with ♥ KJ, ♦ KJ, ♣ A and therefore CANNOT hold ♠ K, our West played ♠ A thus setting up dummy's ♠ Q as a winner. West should have played a small spade to partner's ♠ K who would then have returned a spade through dummy's ♠ Q8 with West holding ♠ AJ. Counting, counting.... all the time!

Sinner status to the North, declaring 1 NT who after winning with ♣ A led ♥ J, covered by East with ♥ Q and winning in dummy with ♥ A then played another heart toward her ♥ K instead of using the opportunity when in dummy to lead a diamond which would have reaped huge benefits if West held a doubleton ♦ Q instead of a doubleton ♦ A!

Saintly status to **David Walsh & Rory Timlin** who defended 1 NT by North and inflicted a four trick deficit. And there wasn't much that declarer could do about it. The defense started with a spade to West's ♠ J who then switched to a low club, East winning with ♣ 9. East continued with a spade to West's ♠ A and West then returned ♣ J declarer winning perforce with ♣ A. Declarer now played a heart to dummy's ♥ A and then led ♦ 8 letting it run to East's ♦ Q. East cashed two top spades and two top clubs and declarer was under pressure for discards from his hand. Declarer held ♥ KJ, ♦ K and dummy held ♥ 6, ♦ 105. East on lead at this point held ♥ Q, ♦ 64 and West held ♥ 98, ♦ A. East led ♦ 4 and West won with ♦ A felling declarer's ♦ K but with ♦ 10 still in dummy. West continued with ♥ 9 and declarer could, and perhaps should, have risen with ♥ K dropping East's ♥ Q and thus scoring the last trick with his ♥ J. Why should declarer have thought of rising with ♥ K? Counting, counting...all the time. West, who had passed initially had already shown up with ♠ AJ, ♦ A, ♣ J. With ♥ Q, giving a total of 12 hcp, perhaps West might have opened the bidding! Declarer finessed ♥ J, losing to East's ♥ Q and a four trick defeat.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

	♠ J 7	
	♥ A Q J 6	
	♦ A 10 9 4	
	♣ 10 8 6	
♠ 10 9		♠ K Q 6
♥ 9 4		♥ K 10 7 5 3 2
♦ 8 7 5 3 2		♦ 6
♣ A J 4 2		♣ Q 9 3
	♠ A 8 5 4 3 2	
	♥ 8	
	♦ K Q J	
	♣ K 7 5	

NS 3♠; NS 2N; NS 2♦; EW 1♥; NS 1♣; Par +140: NS 1♠+2

Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ K 7 6	
	♥ A 8 4 2	
	♦ Q 10	
	♣ J 10 9 6	
♠ A 9 4		♠ J 10 8 3
♥ K 10 7 6 3	W N E	♥ 9 5
♦ K 5 3	S	♦ 6 4 2
♣ 3 2		♣ Q 8 5 4
	♠ Q 5 2	
	♥ Q J	
	♦ A J 9 8 7	
	♣ A K 7	

NS 4N; NS 3♥; NS 4♦; NS 4♣; NS 2♠; Par +630: NS 3N+1

Most N/S pairs will reach 3 NT with ten ricks available. But, that's double-dummy, i.e. seeing all four hands!

Saints & Sinners

Sinner status to the South who raised partner's 2 ♣ to 4 ♣ resulting in North subsiding in a tricky 4 NT which can be made. East led ♥ 9 in response to partner's 1 ♥ overcall, declarer playing ♥ Q from dummy which west covered with ♥ K, declarer winning with ♥ A. Declarer now lead ♦ 10 and ran it to west's ♦ K who continued with a small heart to dummy's stiff ♥ J. Although declarer cannot see it in detail she is in control at this point and can actually make her ten tricks. But, she needs to be careful. A diamond to ♦ Q leaves her in her hand where she can run ♣ J. East may cover, but irrespective declarer can now count 3 clubs tricks in addition to 4 diamonds, 2 hearts and can ultimately score a spade.

So what is the problem? The only concern is the heart suit. Declarer needs to ensure that West cannot score more than one heart trick (♥ 10) before declarer scores her tenth trick via ♠ K/Q

There is always a temptation to rattle off winners and worry about discards later. But this is not that time. The first thing to appreciate is the threat of declarer's ♥ 84. This is a potential heart stopper. West overcalled 1 ♥ and presumably started with five hearts. East led ♥ 9, and followed with ♥ 5. Thus, at this point we can reasonably assume that West is holding ♥ 1076 whereas declarer is holding ♥ 84. Hence, West CANNOT score more than one heart (♥ 10) without promoting declarer's ♥ 8.

So, very simply, after winning with ♣ K, assuming East covers, or if ♣ J wins, then play a spade towards an honour in either hand. West can win ♠ A and can cash ♥ 10 ...BUT that's it for the defense! If West plays ♥ 10 and another heart then declarer's ♥ 8 will score and declarer can then play out her ten winners...1 spade, 2 hearts, 4 diamonds, 3 clubs. Unfortunately declarer upon winning the second heart played a diamond to her ♦ Q and then played a small club to dummy's ♣ K and then rattled off dummy's diamond winners and in the process made the fatal mistake of discarding the ♥ 84 from her hand. Now when declarer played a spade West won with ♠ A and was able to cash three heart winners for two down!

Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ K 7 6	
	♥ A 8 4 2	
	♦ Q 10	
	♣ J 10 9 6	
♠ A 9 4		♠ J 10 8 3
♥ K 10 7 6 3		♥ 9 5
♦ K 5 3		♦ 6 4 2
♣ 3 2		♣ Q 8 5 4
	♠ Q 5 2	
	♥ Q J	
	♦ A J 9 8 7	
	♣ A K 7	

NS 4N; NS 3♥; NS 4♦; NS 4♣; NS 2♠; Par +630: NS 3N+1

Saints & Sinners (continued)

Two other **Sinful** Norths played in a similar fashion, each discarding the ♥ 84 from hand on dummy's winning diamonds thus establishing three heart winners for West who duly cashed them after gaining the lead via the ♠ A.

In one case declarer led the ♣ J from hand but failed to let it run when East played low! Finessing would have seen declarer score nine tricks via 2 hearts, 4 diamonds, 3 clubs!

In both of the above cases declarer could also have got home by playing a spade BEFORE cashing dummy's diamond winners and whilst declarer still held ♥ 84 sitting OVER West's ♥ 1076.

Both declarers are guilty of not recognising the positional value of ♥ 84 sitting over West's ♥ 1076.

The other declarer to fail in 3 NT was guilty of gross carelessness. In this case it was South who declared 3 NT on the lead of a small heart from West who had not overcalled 1♥. Nonetheless declarer made a silly and very costly play of ♥ 8 on the opening lead thus removing her third stopper. Why was it silly...because declarer had a bare ♥ QJ in hand and therefore playing dummy's ♥ 8 was not going to benefit declarer but as it turned out it sealed the fate of the contract at trick one! West's ♥ K1076 would subsequently produce three winners in addition to ♦ K and ♠ A. **Mortal Sinner** status awarded.

Saintly status to **Isabel Burke** who received the lead of ♥ 9 in response to West's overcall. West covered dummy's ♥ Q and declarer ducked! West continued with a small heart to dummy's ♥ J whereupon declarer led a diamond towards her hand West rising with ♦ K and continuing with ♥ 7 which declarer won with ♥ 8 and with ♥ A still intact! Declarer, now in full control led ♣ J intending to finesse but East obliged by covering with ♣ Q and duly made eleven tricks...safely! Another South also made eleven tricks but in a very unorthodox way and without much heed to safety! Winning the heart lead in hand she then led ♠ Q. If East had started with an original holding of ♠ AJ10x(x) the contract could have been defeated by a spade continuation from West upon gaining the lead with ♦ K! Likewise if West had a holding of ♠ AJ10x. **Sinner** status awarded to South.

Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ K 7 6	
	♥ A 8 4 2	
	♦ Q 10	
	♣ J 10 9 6	
♠ A 9 4		♠ J 10 8 3
♥ K 10 7 6 3		♥ 9 5
♦ K 5 3		♦ 6 4 2
♣ 3 2		♣ Q 8 5 4
	♠ Q 5 2	
	♥ Q J	
	♦ A J 9 8 7	
	♣ A K 7	

NS 4N; NS 3♥; NS 4♦; NS 4♣; NS 2♠; Par +630: NS 3N+1

Saints & Sinners (continued)

One declarer made TWELVE tricks albeit not playing safely (remember, this is an IMPs tournament...guarantee your contract!). West who had overcalled 1♥ elected to lead led ♠ 4 from ♠ A94...not a good decision. Declarer won in hand and then finessed ♥ Q, West following with a low heart. Now declarer played three round of clubs, East winning the third round with ♣ Q while West discarded a small diamond. East continued with her remaining heart, declarer playing ♥ J perforce and West failing to cover (**Sinner** status awarded again) which would have established her ♥ 10 as a winner but instead handed declarer an impossible third heart winner! [Note also that if West had started with an original holding of ♥ K109xx then declarer has just floored the contract because West would now have three heart winners (♥ 109x) and will gain the lead via ♦ K or ♠ A].

Okay, back to what actually happened. Declarer next led a small diamond from dummy and West, now down to a doubleton ♦ K5, played low (third **Sinner** status awarded) and dummy's ♦ Q scored. Declarer now cashed ♥ A and ♣ J and then led ♦ 10 from dummy and rose with ♦ A dropping West's now singleton ♦ K. Note that declarer had NO other means of accessing dummy's diamonds having previously cashed his top clubs! Note also that if West rose with her ♦ K and continued with a diamond then declarer has two choices... 1) win in dummy and cash ♥ A, ♣ J and then lose 2 spades and a heart and fail by one trick OR 2) win in hand and cash four diamonds with the possibility of winning a spade or heart in the end.

But the contract was put in danger once declarer decided to play three rounds of clubs.. After ♥ Q wins declarer should establish diamond winners whilst still holding ♣ AK as entries to his hand.

Taking stock after ♥ Q scores declarer can count 1 spade, 2 hearts, 4 diamonds, 2 clubs, i.e. nine tricks and contract made. The only danger lies with the possibility that East may have started with five spades headed by ♠ AJ10. Hopefully West's original lead was from three or four spades and not from a doubleton ♠ 43

So, **Sinner** status to South for not playing safely and reaping an unlikely reward due to a less than stellar defense which otherwise could have so easily seen the the contract fail.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J		♠ A 10 7 6 3									
♥ A K 4		♥ Q J 10 9									
♦ J 8 5 3 2		♦ Q 10									
♣ 9 7 3 2		♣ Q 4									
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		♠ K Q 5 4									
		♥ 7 6 5 2									
		♦ A 9 7									
		♣ 8 6									

EW 4♦; EW 4♣; EW 1N; NS 1♠; NS 1♥; Par -130: EW 3♣+1;
EW 3♦+1

Board 7

South Deals
Both Vul

	♠ 6 2		
	♥ A J 6 3		
	♦ J 2		
	♣ K J 9 8 7		
♠ 10 9 3		♠ 8	
♥ 9 4		♥ K Q 8 7 2	
♦ A Q 10 9 5	W	♦ K 8 7 6 4	
♣ A Q 3	N	♣ 6 2	
	S		
	♠ A K Q J 7 5 4		
	♥ 10 5		
	♦ 3		
	♣ 10 5 4		

NS 4♠; EW 3♥; EW 4♦; NS 1N; NS 2♣; Par +200; EW 5♦×-1

4♠ is the standard opening with the South hand. There are eight top tricks.

Saints & Sinners

Fiona Plaice as South opened with an usual variation of the **Gambling 3 NT** bid...In this case she had a solid seven card SPADE suit. The use of 3 NT as a Gambling Opening bid usually denotes a hand with a solid seven card MINOR suit! Depending on partnership agreement the opening bidder may or may not have an outside stop(s). Partner will usually leave it in with a stop or stoppers in side suits otherwise bids 4♣ to play or for opener to convert to 4♦... OR bids 4♦ to play in partner's suit, or to play in 5♣. After Fiona's opening 3 NT, West Doubled, North Passed (perhaps he shouldn't!), East bid 4♥, South now emerged with 4♠ which was followed by two Passes and a Double from East which was Passed out. No problem to the play when Fiona also scored two club tricks to bring in a whopping +790 and 10.45 IMPs.

Sinner status to the five declarers who failed to make ten tricks in spades, three of them in the spade game. Playing on hearts where your combined honour card holding amounts to ♥ AJ10 between the two hand is not a promising option. On the other hand a combination ♣ KJ10987 offers extremely good chances for extra tricks.

Sinner status to the declarer who received a heart lead, ducked to East's ♥ Q who switched to a trump. Declarer won and drew two more rounds of trumps and then led ♥ 10 and finessed in to East who won with the ♥ K. East made a major error by returning a heart into the jaws of dummy's ♥ AJ on which declarer could have discarded her losing diamond and a club and then ruff dummy's diamond in hand and led a club towards dummy for her tenth trick! Sadly declarer had a mental blank and ruffed the heart return and duly lost a club and a diamond to fail by one trick!

Sinner status also to the N/S pair who let their opponents play in 4♦ with declarer scoring ten tricks.

Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

	♠ Q 5 3	
	♥ Q 4	
	♦ Q 10 9 5 4	
	♣ Q 7 4	
♠ K 10 8		♠ J 9 6 4
♥ K 8 7 3		♥ A J 9 5
♦ K J 7 3		♦ A 8 2
♣ J 8		♣ A 5
	♠ A 7 2	
	♥ 10 6 2	
	♦ 6	
	♣ K 10 9 6 3 2	

EW 4♥; EW 3♠; EW 1N; EW 2♦; NS 2♣; Par -420: EW 4♥

Most E/W partnerships should reach 4♥ which should see the defense taking four tricks...2 spades, 1 diamond, 1 club. And a few partnerships will land in 3 NT which is doomed to failure on a club lead.

East will likely open the bidding with a weak 1 NT or 1♣ or 1♦ if playing Strong NT and 5 card majors. Either way E/W should be able to identify their heart fit and reach the heart game.

Saints & Sinners

Nine E/W pairs played in a heart contract, five playing in 4♥ the others in a part-score. Two Easts declared 3 NT making five and seven tricks respectively One East declared 2 NT and scored six tricks

Of the five who declared 4♥, three were successful and two failed, one by one trick and the other by two tricks.

At one table, East declared 4♥ on the lead of South's singleton ♦ 6. Declarer played low from dummy and inexplicably North played ♦ Q instead of ♦ 9 (or even ♦ 10)...and that was the end of the defense as declarer subsequently lost just two spades and a club. Concentration is vital!

At another table West declared 4♠ on the lead of ♦ 5 which declarer won in hand with ♦ 7! Eleven tricks were made at this table when South won the first spade and switched to a club and North failed to cover declarer's ♣ J with her ♣ Q thus gifting an eleventh trick to declarer who only lost two spades!

Sinner status to all South's who switched to a small club instead of the ♣ 10. Although it didn't cost a trick in this instance it could have if dummy held ♣ 8x in which case South's small club switch would see declarer play ♣ 8 and North would be forced to play ♣ Q which declarer would win with ♣ A leaving dummy with ♣ Jx sitting over South's ♣ K109x. The initial switch to the ♣ 10 avoids that scenario. **Interior sequence leads** should be a standard part of your defensive armoury, e.g. **AJ10xx**, **KJ10x**, **A109x**, **K109x**, **Q109x**. Note that if North elects to lead a diamond on this hand the card chosen should be ♦ 10 from his initial holding of ♦ Q109xx.

Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

	♠ Q 5 3	
	♥ Q 4	
	♦ Q 10 9 5 4	
	♣ Q 7 4	
♠ K 10 8		♠ J 9 6 4
♥ K 8 7 3		♥ A J 9 5
♦ K J 7 3		♦ A 8 2
♣ J 8		♣ A 5
	♠ A 7 2	
	♥ 10 6 2	
	♦ 6	
	♣ K 10 9 6 3 2	

EW 4♥; EW 3♠; EW 1N; EW 2♦; NS 2♣; Par -420: EW 4♥

Saints & Sinners (continued)

At the third table where 4♥ was successful David Walsh, assisted by some mis-defense from his opponents, brought home the impossible contract in the absence of a diamond lead from North. North (Brendan King) found the safer lead of a club as opposed to the fatal lead of a diamond, perhaps suggested by West's **Trial Bid** of 3♦. A **Trial Bid** is the bid of a side suit suggesting possible game-going values and asking partner to bid game in the agreed trump suit if he has support for the Trial Bid suit, either honour cards or good length, or alternatively by shortage and extra trumps.

So the defense were off to a good start! Declarer won and drew three rounds of trumps and then played ♦ A and another diamond hoping to discard his club loser if the diamond suit behaved. He got the bad news when South discarded a club on the second diamond which David ducked, Brendan won but unfortunately had discarded a small spade on the third round of hearts instead of discarding a diamond or even a club. Upon winning the second diamond Brendan cashed ♣ Q and then found himself end-played. Another club would give a ruff and discard whereas a diamond would be into declarer's ♦ KJ. A small spade from ♠ Qxx might have been safe...but Brendan only had ♠ Qx at this stage. Brendan eventually opted to lead a club, giving a ruff and discard, declarer ruffing in dummy and discarding ♦ J from hand. Declarer now led ♠ 9 and South erred by rising with ♠ A thus reducing North to a singleton ♠ Q! South continued with ♣ 10 forcing declarer to ruff in hand and with only ♦ K and ♠ K10 left in his hand was forced to play the spades from the top dropping Brenda's solitary ♠ Q thereby promoting declarer's ♠ 10 in the process.

If South had ducked the first spade declarer would probably have also ducked leaving Brendan to win with ♠ Q and with the option to exit with a diamond forcing declarer to play his remaining spades from hand...just in case South held the ♠ Kx instead of ♠ Ax

Defense is undoubtedly the hardest part of the game and requires a high level of concentration as well as the ability to visualise the two non-visible hands, i.e. partner's and declarer's!

Board 9

North Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ —	
	♥ Q 9 7 6 4 3	
	♦ K Q 5	
	♣ 9 7 3 2	
♠ 6 3 2		♠ Q J 8 7 4
♥ J 5		♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 6 4		♦ 9 8 7
♣ K Q J 4		♣ 8 6
	♠ A K 10 9 5	
	♥ A 2	
	♦ A 3 2	
	♣ A 10 5	

NS 4♥; NS 3N; NS 3♠; NS 3♣; NS 2♦; Par +420: NS 4♥

It is virtually impossible to fail to make 4♥, losing just 2 hearts and a club. But some N/S partnerships will end up in 3NT which SHOULD also make...

Saints & Sinners

At eight of the twelve tables in play N/S reached 4♥ and all duly made exactly ten tricks. At 4 tables N/S reached a NT contract, 3 declaring 3NT and one pair languishing in 2NT. Two of the three declarers in 3NT made their contract, and one failed by two tricks. The declarer in 2NT failed by one trick.

Taking stock, declarer has 1 club, 2 spades, 3 diamonds and 1 top heart, i.e. 7 top tricks. Two more tricks are needed. There are two possible lines for the extra two tricks...1) play on hearts whilst still holding ♦ KQ5 as entries OR 2) play on spades and hope for a favourable lie of the cards.

In the case of the heart suit it simply requires that the suit either breaks 3-2 (any layout will do) or that ♥ K is singleton with either defender.

The spade suit requires a lot more for declarer to make FOUR tricks. In fact it requires one defender to hold specifically ♠ QJx or ♠ QJ. That's not a good option. Declarer should play on hearts.

At one table West led ♣ K, partner signalling with ♣ 8. West continued with ♣ Q and declarer made the mistake of ducking the second club instead of winning the trick and if necessary creating a second club trick by continuing with ♣ 10 whilst ♣ 97 was still in dummy! But declarer ducked the third clubs and West continued with a small club and declarer's second club now vanished! But all was still well as long as declarer took the right road from this point on.

But declarer chose the wrong option and played on spades, East having mistakenly discarded a spade on the third club instead of a diamond. declarer played three rounds of spades, East winning the third round with ♠ J and then continuing with a diamond. Declarer won in hand and played a fourth spade, establishing the ♠ 9 as a winner. East won and continued with another diamond declare winning in dummy perform and then led ♥ Q, covered by East and won by declarer's ♥ A. Declarer cashed her fifth spade but ultimately finished two down. **Sinner** status awarded to declarer.

Board 9

North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 6 3 2	♠ —	♠ Q J 8 7 4
♥ J 5	♥ Q 9 7 6 4 3	♥ K 10 8
♦ J 10 6 4	♦ K Q 5	♦ 9 8 7
♣ K Q J 4	♣ 9 7 3 2	♣ 8 6
	♠ A K 10 9 5	
	♥ A 2	
	♦ A 3 2	
	♣ A 10 5	

NS 4♥; NS 3N; NS 3♠; NS 3♣; NS 2♦; Par +420: NS 4♥

Saints & Sinners (continued)

At another table South opened 1 ♠ and over North's stretched 2 ♥ response bid only 2 ♠ whereupon North bid 2 NT. South inexplicably Passed with her 19 hcp! East made an imaginative lead of ♦ 9 (Top of Nothing). And once again a contract was floored by lack of thought and poor play at trick one. As outlined earlier, the best chance of making 3 NT is to not only establish heart winners in the North hand BUT also to be able to enjoy them! The only entries to dummy are ♦ KQ. These should be preserved for the purpose of establishing heart winners AND subsequently accessing them.

Declarer MUST win the first diamond with ♦ A and then play ♥ A and another heart covering West's ♥ J with dummy's ♥ Q. Barring a bad heart break, e.g. ♥ KJ10x with East, declarer should be able to access dummy twice to establish heart winners and cash them!

Sinner status to this **North** who duly won the first diamond in her hand (North) and then led ♥ 9 and ran it into West's ♥ J ...Black Mark to East who failed to cover the ♥ 9 with her ♥ 10. So, establishing the heart suit was now a dead duck BUT declarer could still have garnered eight tricks (and her contract) when West threw her a lifeline by continued with ♣ K which declarer ducked and he then threw her a second lifeline by continuing with ♣ Q. All declarer needed to do was win the second club with ♣ A and continue with ♣ 10 thereby establishing dummy's ♣ 9 as her eighth trick. All thanks to West's generosity. West should have continued with a diamond after winning with ♥ J and now declarer has no way home to make eight tricks. **Sinner** status to West.

As I repeatedly advise, thinking is the most important thing that a declarer can do, in particular before playing a card from dummy on the opening lead!

Board 10
 East Deals
 Both Vul

♠ Q 10	♠ K 9 4 3		
♥ 7 6 4 3	♥ 10 9 2		
♦ K 9	♦ Q		
♣ Q 10 6 3 2	♣ A K J 8 7		
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	♠ 8 7 6 2	♠ A J 5	
	♥ A Q	♥ K J 8 5	
	♦ A J 6 5 4 3	♦ 10 8 7 2	
	♣ 9	♣ 5 4	

NS 4♠; NS 1N; NS 2♦; NS 2♣; NS 1♥; Par +620: NS 4♠

Board 11

West Deals
None Vul

	♠ 5 4 3		
	♥ 4		
	♦ Q 9 7 6 3		
	♣ Q J 3 2		
♠ A 9		♠ K Q 8 7	
♥ A J 8 5 3 2		♥ 10 9 7 6	
♦ 2		♦ 10 5	
♣ 10 8 7 5		♣ A 9 4	
	♠ J 10 6 2		
	♥ K Q		
	♦ A K J 8 4		
	♣ K 6		

EW 3♥; NS 2♦; EW 1♠; Par -140; EW 3♥

Various contracts and results can be expected on this hand with few of them being successful!

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Sinner status to the West who in response to partner's takeout double of South's opening 2♥ found an imaginative bid of 2♠. Not surprisingly partner raised when North competed with 3H and declarer duly failed by three tricks in a contract of 3♠ which was not repeated at any other table. There is a time to bid a 3 card spade suit but this is not it!

Sinner status to the South who ended up in 5♥x (should have doubled the opponents in 5D) and received the lead of the ♣ Q and ducked in dummy whereupon East won with ♣ K and cashed ♦ A. declarer subsequently lost a trump and another club for two down. Declarer could have risen with ♣ A, played three rounds of spades discarding her losing diamond and then lost a trump and two clubs for one down!

Sinner status also to the experienced North declaring 2♥ from the North seat who received a top diamond lead followed by a small spade switch, dummy's ♠ 9 winning... until declarer overtook with ♠ K!!! If declarer had let ♠ 9 win he could have cashed ♥ A, and ♠ A and then continued with a heart and subsequently discarded two losing clubs on his ♠ KQ and made ten tricks.

At one table East doubled South's opening 2♥ and West bid 2NT. This is not a natural 2NT and is the start of a **Lebensohl** sequence whereby East must bid 3♣ and West will then Pass or bid a suit which East must Pass. It is used to bid a suit, usually 5+ cards, but with less than 8 hcp. Thus, if West bids a suit in response to partner's Takeout Double then he is showing a hand with 8+ hcp. Nice to be able to distinguish one from the other!

Board 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ J 8 5 4	
	♥ A K J	
	♦ J 9	
	♣ 10 9 6 5	
♠ A K 7 6 2		♠ Q 3
♥ Q 10 9 7		♥ 8 6
♦ 6		♦ A Q 7 5 3
♣ K 4 2		♣ A Q 7 3
	♠ 10 9	
	♥ 5 4 3 2	
	♦ K 10 8 4 2	
	♣ J 8	

EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 3♣; EW 1♦; Par -140; EW 1♠+2

Despite the fact that 3 NT can be defeated it is likely that most E/W partnerships will reach the NT game, more likely played by East rather than West. If South leads a diamond then declarer can safely make nine tricks via 4 spades, 2 diamonds, 3 clubs. Yet the list of makeable contracts above does NOT include 3 NT. That's because a heart lead by South followed by a switch to a diamond at trick 2 sees the defense in control with 3 hearts and 1 diamond. And declarer cannot make nine tricks without setting up a long spade...but that means conceding a fifth trick to the defense! **N.B.** Important to note that the defense CANNOT score four heart tricks. Study the hearts in the E/W hands...the ♥ 8 is a crucial card opposite ♥ Q1097 in the West hand!

Saints & Sinners

First up is a case of a **Sinner** and **Double Sinner**, all at one table and all from one partnership! **Sinner** status to the East player who only re-bid 2 NT after partner opened 1♠ and re-bid 2♥. East held a good 14hcp and only bid 2 NT instead of 3 NT. And 2 NT is where they should have played because West should have passed holding a bare 12hcp! But West bid one for the road. **Sinner** status to both. Additional **Sinner** status to East who received the lead of a diamond, winning the trick with ♦ Q and then correctly played three rounds of spades. 3 NT is now on the cards. BUT, declarer earns her second **Sinner** status for not continuing with a fourth spade thereby establishing the fifth spade as her ninth trick. Instead declarer switched to clubs and the contract deservedly failed. The club suit breaking 3-3 offers only a 36% chance. Setting up the fifth spade (with ♣ K as an entry) is a 100% and REMEMBER, the defense cannot cash four hearts tricks in addition to their spade trick.

Sinner status to another East, correctly bidding 3 NT over partner's 2♥ re-bid BUT earning **Sinner** status for playing the hand as outlined above after receiving the beneficial diamond lead

Double Sinner status to the West who opened 1♠ and rebid 2♠ instead of 2♥ and who ended up as declarer in 3 NT and duly played on diamonds instead of spades after receiving ♥ K lead followed by a club switch. The contract failed by two tricks. There is NO layout of the diamond suit that can produce more than two tricks BEFORE the opponents score two diamonds. Playing on diamonds is a very short-sighted approach. Keep the finesse of the ♦ Q until later in the play when you might need it for your ninth trick after other options have been exhausted.

Board 12
West Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ J 8 5 4		
	♥ A K J		
	♦ J 9		
	♣ 10 9 6 5		
♠ A K 7 6 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 3	
♥ Q 10 9 7		♥ 8 6	
♦ 6		♦ A Q 7 5 3	
♣ K 4 2		♣ A Q 7 3	
	♠ 10 9		
	♥ 5 4 3 2		
	♦ K 10 8 4 2		
	♣ J 8		

EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 3♣; EW 1♦; Par -140; EW 1♠+2


Saints & Sinners (continued)

At another table South found the lead of a small heart (♥ 4 is best...2nd HIGHEST from a holding of four or more small cards). Declarer opted to play ♥ Q when 10, 9 or even 7 is best...play South for ♥ J rather than ♥ AK. North correctly won with ♥ K (not ♥ A you will note!) and refrained from cashing her heart winners but switched to a diamond, declarer finessing ♦ Q which lost to South's ♦ K., South now played a second heart, North winning with ♥ J (NOT the ♥ A which would have denied the ♥ J) and continued with ♦ J, declarer winning with ♦ A. Good work by N/S...**Saintly** status awarded to **Clare Burke** and **Isabel Burke**. Declarer made a mistake by discarding dummy's fifth spade on the second diamond where a club discard would have left the possibility of making the contract if the spades broke 3-3. **Sinner** status to declarer.

At another table East bid a natural 3♣ over West's rebid of 2♥ and thus West became declarer in 3NT on the lead of ♣ 5, declarer winning in dummy with ♣ A. Declarer now played four rounds of spades, North winning the fourth rounds with ♠ J. North now made what should have proved to be a costly mistake by leading ♣ 10, declarer following low from dummy and South's ♣ J falling on partner's ♣ 10!!! Declarer can now cash her long spade and is then presented with the simple finesse of ♣ 7 for her ninth trick!!! Declarer failed to take that option and instead finessed ♦ Q and duly went one down! Watch the small cards and note the lead!

Sinner status to the East, declaring 3NT on the imaginative lead of ♣ J (East bid 3NT over West's rebid of 2♥) who committed two errors on the one trick...1) winning with dummy's ♣ K thus removing the only entry for the fifth spade and, 2) playing a diamond to her ♦ Q instead of setting up the spade suit. A single opportunity for a finesse should be reserved until the last possible opportunity and where other options have been exhausted. Even playing on hearts is a better option than playing diamonds where the opponents have more cards in the suit as well as more honours! This declarer subsequently played a heart to dummy's ♥ Q which not unexpectedly lost. A simple finesse against South holding the ♥ J offers a 50% chance of success...and the possibility of two tricks in the suit! Playing a heart to dummy's ♥ Q offers only a 25% chance of success. In the former case you simply need South to hold one specific card (♥ J) whereas in the latter you need South to hold two specific cards (♥ AK)! Not good odds. Declarer ended two down.

Board 12
West Deals
N-S Vul

<p>♠ A K 7 6 2 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ 6 ♣ K 4 2</p>		<p>♠ J 8 5 4 ♥ A K J ♦ J 9 ♣ 10 9 6 5</p> <p>♠ Q 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A Q 7 5 3 ♣ A Q 7 3</p> <p>♠ 10 9 ♥ 5 4 3 2 ♦ K 10 8 4 2 ♣ J 8</p>
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EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 3♣; EW 1♦; Par -140; EW 1♠+2

Saints & Sinners (continued)

Sinner status to the N/S partnership who handed declarer a ten trick result by cashing two top hearts at the start and subsequently scored only one additional trick via the fourth spade leaving declarer to score the remaining tricks. In this case North led the ♥ K on which South played the ♥ 2. N/S at this table, and other partnerships, need to agree what the ♥ 2 means other than it being a case of simply following suit! And to make matters worse North discarded a small club on declarer's 4th heart, with four clubs clearly visible in dummy, whilst zealously holding on to ♦ J9 sitting UNDER dummy's ♦ AQ


At another table North led ♣ 10, declarer winning with dummy's ♣ A. Declarer played four rounds of spades on which South discarded ♥ 2 followed by ♦ 8. This South, **Moya Mac Eoin**, is awarded **Double Saintly** status for giving two messages with her discards...the ♥ 2 suggesting disinterest (declarer had actually re-bid 2♥) and the ♦ 8 which is an encouraging signal. North receives **Sinner** status award for winning the fourth spade and promptly playing three rounds of hearts which handed declarer two heart tricks and the contract! N/S MIGHT have defeated the contract if South cashed ♥ K and then switched to a diamond. If declarer finesses the ♦ Q then the contract will fail as South will win with ♦ K and then revert to hearts (good play by North to cash the ♥ K earlier thus signalling to South what to do after winning with ♦ K) and North will score two more heart tricks to defeat the contract. HOWEVER declarer could still get home after North switched to a diamond by rising with ♦ A, playing a club to the ♣ K in his hand whilst NOTING South's ♣ J falling. Declarer will now cash their fifth spade and at this stage will have scored 4 spades, 1 diamond, 2 clubs and can now lead a club towards dummy's ♣ A7 and when North follows with ♣ 6 declarer can finesse ♣ 7 for the ninth trick. The opening lead of ♣ 10 would have proved costly! But North's cashing of two top hearts sealed the fate of the defenders!

No mistakes by **Bridie (Bridin)** and **Saintly** status is duly awarded. She received the lead of a small diamond (**Sinner** status awarded to **South** for leading into declarer's known suit). Declarer won with ♦ Q and proceeded to play four rounds of spades, won the diamond continuation by North and then entered dummy with ♣ K to cash the fifth spade and then three more clubs (North fatally discarded a club on the fifth spade!) to claim ten tricks. **South also guilty** for playing the ♦ 8 instead of ♦ 2 (confirming a five card suit) on second round of the suit which would have helped North to figure out that declarer had four clubs. Counting, counting...all the time!

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 7 6 2 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ 6 ♣ K 4 2		♠ J 8 5 4 ♥ A K J ♦ J 9 ♣ 10 9 6 5	♠ Q 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A Q 7 5 3 ♣ A Q 7 3
♠ 10 9 ♥ 5 4 3 2 ♦ K 10 8 4 2 ♣ J 8			

EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♥; EW 3♣; EW 1♦; Par -140; EW 1♠+2

Saints & Sinners (continued)

Absolute Sinner status to the West, declaring 3 NT who won the opening lead (♣ 10) in hand with ♣ K thus removing the only guaranteed entry to dummy's fifth spade! This West is a good player but has an uncontrollable and sometimes fatal weakness for playing too fast! However she scrambled home with nine tricks due to a series of defensive errors by N/S. North, upon winning the ♠ J cashed ♥ A and then made the fatal continuation of ♣ 9, crashing South's ♣ 8 and establishing declarer's ♣ 7 as a fourth club winner! But, declarer was still not out of the woods although she now had eight tricks...3 spades, 1 diamond, 4 clubs. But South had also made a fatal error by discarding his last heart on the third club, leaving her holding ♦ K10842. Declarer next cashed the fourth club on which South discarded ♦ 2. Declarer now held ♦ AQ75, South held ♦ K1084, West held ♠ 6, ♥ Q109...and North held ♥ AJ, ♦ J9. (I suggest that you put those cards out on a table and study what subsequently happened...). Declarer now made an instinctive but fortuitous play of cashing ♦ A, South following with ♦ 4 and North playing ♦ 9 and suddenly declarer could no longer be defeated. When declarer continued with ♦ 5 the defense were caught so that either South would have to concede a diamond to dummy's ♦ Q or North would have to concede a heart to declarer's ♥ Q. South is the primary culprit for having discarded all of her hearts, in particular given that North cashed ♥ A earlier in the play after winning ♠ J. South should really have wondered why North cashed ♥ A and should have kept a small heart to play after winning ♦ K. **Sinner** status awarded to South.

At another table East only bid 2 NT over partner's re-bid of 2♥...**Sinner** status awarded. The defense made no mistake and earn **Saintly** status by holding declarer to eight tricks, **Michael O'Connor** led ♠ 10 and declarer won and continued spades North winning the fourth round. I like the play of cashing a top heart at this stage alerting partner as to what to return after winning with ♦ K. But **Marlene** switched to ♦ J declarer rising with ♦ A and duly cashing her fifth spade and her top clubs and exiting on the fourth club to Marlene's ♣ 10. BUT, Marlene had been very careful in her discards and had discarded ♥ J to retain ♦ 9 as an **Exit Card** and thus didn't get employed with ♥ AKJ and having to concede a trick to dummy's ♥ Q. Very well defended.

Sinner status to any South who made an opening lead a diamond into East's announced suit!

Board 13
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 6 5 3		♠ K 10 8 4
♥ K 6 5		♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ Q 6 2		♦ 10 4
♣ J 5		♣ A 10 8
	♠ A J 7 2	
	♥ J 2	
	♦ K J 9 8	
	♣ K Q 2	
	♠ —	
	♥ A 9 4 3	
	♦ A 7 5 3	
	♣ 9 7 6 4 3	

EW 2♠; NS 2♥; EW 1N; NS 2♣; EW 1♦; Par -110: EW 2♠

Board 14
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K Q J 8 4 3 2	♠ 9 6	♠ 5			
♥ J 4 2	♥ Q 10 9	♥ K 8 6 5 3			
♦ J 4	♦ A 10 8 5	♦ Q 2			
♣ —	♣ A K 9 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3			
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W E					
S					
	♠ 10 7				
	♥ A 7				
	♦ K 9 7 6 3				
	♣ 8 7 6 5				

EW 3♠; NS 3♦; NS 2♣; EW 1♥; Par -100: NS 4♦×-1

Expect E/W to reach a spade contract! But there could be some surprises!

Saints & Sinners ...this could be sub-titled - The Good, The Bad, and The Awful

Ten E/W pairs played a spade contract, nine in 4♠ and one in 3♠...all but one failing, most by two tricks. One pair played in 4♥ which never had a chance. And one West elected to defend 1NTx by South. 4♠ is the recommended opening on the West hand, in particular in light of East's initial Pass which suggests that a Slam is not likely.

A bit of **Good**...and some **Bad**... at the same table. West opened 1♠, North doubled and South inexplicably bid 1NT. West with eight cashing tricks Doubled and all Passed.. South, who should have bid 2♦ at the first opportunity, certainly should have bid 2♦ at the second opportunity. West cashed eight tricks and scored +300 and reaped 7.64 IMPs, one of only two E/W pairs to emerge with a positive score on the board. Note also that if East could have produced a trick then E/W would have scored +500 which is better than 420 if 4♠ does make! **Saintly** status to **Patricia Eames** for her double of 1NT. **Sinner** status to the South who failed to bid her five card suit at either of the two opportunities presented to her!

At another table a **Sinful** West let partner play in 4♥ despite a hand with eight winning spades. Here East opened 2♥ promising a WEAK hand with hearts and another suit. West got overly excited and bid 4NT and then Passed East's response of 5♥. Declarer played well, against less than stellar defense (**Sinner** status to N/S but in particular North who failed to ruff in with ♥9 on the third spade thus enabling declarer to discard her two diamond losers and also to engineer several club ruffs in dummy and thus get out for 2 down where the contract should have failed by at least 4 tricks! On the other hand, 4♠ by West guarantees 8 tricks. Don't let yourself be blinded by a 5-3 fit where there is a better option. If the East hand can produce two tricks then 4♠ will make.

One West, opened 1♠, North doubled, and West re-bid 3♠ which closed the bidding. This contract CAN make if declarer correctly guesses the winning play in the heart suit...duck two rounds thereby establishing dummy's ♥K as a winner! Ultimately the contract failed by one trick.

Board 14
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K Q J 8 4 3 2	♠ 9 6	♠ 5
♥ J 4 2	♥ Q 10 9	♥ K 8 6 5 3
♦ J 4	♦ A 10 8 5	♦ Q 2
♣ —	♣ A K 9 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3
	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ 10 7	
	♥ A 7	
	♦ K 9 7 6 3	
	♣ 8 7 6 5	

EW 3♠; NS 3♦; NS 2♣; EW 1♥; Par -100: NS 4♦×-1

Saints & Sinner (continued)

At all other tables West became declarer in 4♠ and received the lead of ♣ A or ♣ K. At one table **Pat Ward** found the good play of discarding a small diamond from hand whereupon North cashed ♦ A...and should have continued with another diamond to partner's ♦ K. But North found the fatal (for the defense) switch of ♥ Q handing declarer a heart trick which he might not have won if left to his own devices. **Saintly** status to Pat for giving the defense an opportunity to go astray which they duly did! **Sinner** status to the North who switched to HQ...dummy's losing hearts cannot disappear...sit tight and wait for declarer to play the suit!

Peggy Fay, after two passes, opened the West hand with 4♠, a sensible bid making it awkward for the opponents. She ruffed the opening club lead and cashed two trumps before leading ♥ J from hand whereupon a **Sinful** North failed to cover with ♥ Q and played ♥ 10 instead. The ♥ J scored when South elected to duck. Now declarer could have made the contract! She continued with a second heart on which North played ♥ 9 and all that declarer needed to do was duck forcing South to win with H♥ A thus establishing dummy's H♥ K as the tenth trick. But declarer, who I have often told her has a propensity for playing too fast, rose with dummy's ♥ K which was felled by South's stiff ♥ A and the chance had gone.

Good effort by **Mary O'Flynn** who ruffed the opening club lead and played a diamond from hand at trick two...just in case the opponents made a mistake in the defense. But no problem to **Marie Killilea** and **Moya McEoin**. Marie ducked the diamond which Moya won with her ♦ K and she then switched to a spade, killing the potential ruff. Note also that Marie ducking the first diamond could have been crucial if declarer held ♦ Jxx. Letting Moya win meant that North now held ♦ A10 over declarer's possible ♦ Jx whereas rising with ♦ A would have left declarer with ♦ Q in dummy opposite ♦ Jx thus guaranteeing a diamond trick for declarer! **Sheila Smyth** and **Kay Scarry** also played the heart suit by leading small from hand...but then covered North's ♥ 9 with dummy's ♥ K and that was the end of a heart trick for declarer!

It is definitely not right to lead ♥ J as you are missing the important intermediate cards, ♥ 10 9. To make two tricks with this combination you must play for North to hold a specific doubleton...precisely ♥ AQ...and you must lead small from hand...not the ♥ J.

Board 14
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K Q J 8 4 3 2	♠ 9 6	♠ 5
♥ J 4 2	♥ Q 10 9	♥ K 8 6 5 3
♦ J 4	♦ A 10 8 5	♦ Q 2
♣ —	♣ A K 9 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3
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	♠ 10 7	
	♥ A 7	
	♦ K 9 7 6 3	
	♣ 8 7 6 5	

EW 3♠; NS 3♦; NS 2♣; EW 1♥; Par -100: NS 4♦×-1

Saints & Sinner (continued)

Mairead & P Rabbitt were clinical when defending 4♠ against **Sheila Smyth** who also correctly opened the bidding with 4♠. North led a top club which declarer ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps and then correctly played a small heart towards dummy, **Mairead** following with ♥9. and declarer played ♥K from dummy which South won with ♥A. South then continued with ♥7 and North cashed two hearts before switching to ♦A and a diamond continuation to partner's ♦K and thus put declarer out of her misery.

A similar defense was also found by **Michele & William**.

Peggy Cheevers, also declaring 4♠ against a top club lead, ruffed and drew two rounds of trumps before exiting with a diamond thus tempting the defense to err by opening the heart suit. But **Brendan & Fiona** were up to the task and simply played three rounds of diamonds forcing declarer to open the heart suit and the defense duly scored three heart tricks.

A good effort by declarer (**Margaret Forde**) and defenders **Monica Power** and **Mairead O'Shaughnessy**. Margaret discarded a small diamond on the club lead whereupon Monica switched to ♠9 thus killing any ruffing potential of a third diamond in dummy. Margaret drew two rounds of trumps and then found the good play of leading a small heart towards dummy, playing low when North played ♥9. Mairead found the good continuation of ♦A and a small diamond declarer ruffing in hand. Margaret now had it in her hands to score a ninth trick when she led ♥J from hand which North covered with ♥Q. Difficult for declarer to find the play of ducking which would establish dummy's ♥K when South is forced to win the second heart with stiff ♥A. BUT, perhaps North might have doubled 4♠ if she held ♥AQ9, ♦Axxx, ♣AKxx, i.e. a good 17hcp!

Saintly status to all mentioned on this page and the previous one, be they a declarer or defender.

Saintly status is not awarded just where a contract or defense is successful but rather where a good play is made irrespective of the result.

Board 14
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K Q J 8 4 3 2	♠ 9 6	♠ 5
♥ J 4 2	♥ Q 10 9	♥ K 8 6 5 3
♦ J 4	♦ A 10 8 5	♦ Q 2
♣ —	♣ A K 9 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3
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	♠ 10 7	
	♥ A 7	
	♦ K 9 7 6 3	
	♣ 8 7 6 5	

EW 3♠; NS 3♦; NS 2♣; EW 1♥; Par -100: NS 4♦×-1

Saints & Sinner (continued)

The real action occurred at the table where declarer made 4♠! **Saint** and **Sinner** at this table! **David Walsh**, as West, opened the standard 4♠ and duly received the lead of ♣ K which he ruffed and played four rounds of trumps, discarding three clubs from dummy, before leading a low heart from hand, North following with ♥ 9, dummy playing low and South inexplicably winning with ♥ A. This is not catastrophic. Declarer should still lose another heart and two diamonds. BUT, watch what happened. South having won with ♥ A continued with ♦ K and another diamonds to North's ♦ A.

And this was when things went wrong. North was now looking at a dummy that contained the singleton ♣ Q and ♥ K865. North made the fatal mistake of not killing the threat card in dummy and instead continued with a third diamond.

David seized his chance, ruffed the diamond in hand and played off his remaining three trumps to reduce to two cards BEFORE North and dummy had to discard. North suddenly found herself SQUEEZED between discarding a heart in which case David would throw ♣ Q from dummy and make the last two tricks with dummy's hearts. If North discarded ♣ A then David would discard the small heart from dummy and score ♥ K and ♣ Q as last two tricks.

The fatal error by North was in not playing ♣ A, smothering dummy's club ♣ Q and removing it as a potential threat which is what actually happened.

Mind you, if declarer had discarded one heart instead of a club then North would not have been able to kill ♣ Q because dummy would now hold ♣ Qx and declarer would still be able to execute the squeeze.

But the problem was initially created by South unnecessarily taking the first heart with ♥ A when partner's ♥ 9 was winning the trick. Sinner status awarded to **North & South**.

But, when you get the opportunity you have to take it. Well done **David**, hereby elevated to **Saintly** status!

Board 15
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 3	♠ 10 8 5 4 2	♠ A 7 6
♥ K 10 8 7 6	♥ 5 4	♥ A 3
♦ Q 5	♦ K 9 2	♦ J 10 8
♣ 5 4	♣ 9 8 2	♣ A Q J 7 6
	♠ Q	
	♥ Q J 9 2	
	♦ A 7 6 4 3	
	♣ K 10 3	

EW 3♠; EW 3♥; EW 2N; EW 3♣; EW 1♦; Par -140: EW 1♥+2;
EW 1♠+2

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

	♠ K 2		
	♥ K J 5		
	♦ A 10 8 5 4		
	♣ 10 8 6		
♠ A Q J 9 8 5		♠ 7 6 4	
♥ Q 9		♥ 8 7	
♦ J 2		♦ K Q 7 6	
♣ K 5 2		♣ A Q 9 4	
	♠ 10 3		
	♥ A 10 6 4 3 2		
	♦ 9 3		
	♣ J 7 3		

EW 3♠; NS 2♥; EW 3♣; NS 1N; EW 1♦; Par -140: EW 3♠

Most E/W partnerships will reach 4 ♠. The only hurdle for N/S is to cash their four winners! North may opt to lead a club and will regain the lead with ♠ K at which point the crux of the matter will be reached. If North can bring himself to switch to a small heart then the defense should score their four tricks. If not, then declarer can make eleven tricks!

Saints & Sinners

Only two pairs of **Saints...** **Marie Killilea & Moya MacEoin** and **Marlen & Michael O'Connor** were the only N/S pairs to defeat 4 ♠...

Sinner status to any declarer who received a club lead and won it in hand with ♣ K thereby indicating to North the need for a heart switch after winning the ♠ K. Win in dummy with ♣ A to sow seeds of doubt in North's mind as to what he should do after winning ♠ K. Also, winning in dummy enables a first round finesse of a spade

Sinner status to any declarer who did not take the spade finesse thereby setting up the possibility of four possible losers... ♠ K (by South), 2 hearts, and ♦ A.

Board 17
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ J 8	
	♥ 10 8 7 4	
	♦ A Q 9 4 3	
	♣ 9 8	
♠ A 6 4		♠ K Q 10 9 3
♥ A Q J 3		♥ 9 6 2
♦ K		♦ 8 6
♣ Q J 10 5 2		♣ 6 4 3
	♠ 7 5 2	
	♥ K 5	
	♦ J 10 7 5 2	
	♣ A K 7	

EW 3♠; EW 4♣; EW 2♥; NS 3♦; Par -100; NS 4♦×-1

Board 18
East Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ 10	
	♥ 9 8 6	
	♦ A Q 9 3	
	♣ 8 7 5 4 2	
♠ Q J 7 6		♠ A K 9 8
♥ 10 3		♥ A J 5 4
♦ K 6		♦ J 10 5 4
♣ K Q J 10 9		♣ 6
	♠ 5 4 3 2	
	♥ K Q 7 2	
	♦ 8 7 2	
	♣ A 3	

EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 1♣; Par -140: EW 1♠+2

Board 19
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ 3
♦ A J 9 6
♣ A K 9 5

♠ Q 4 3
♥ 8 5 4
♦ Q 10 2
♣ Q 8 6 3



♠ K 10 8
♥ A J 10 9 7
♦ 4 3
♣ J 10 4

♠ J 7 5
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ 7 2

EW 4♠; EW 3♥; W 4♣; EW 2N; E 3♣; EW 2♦; Par -620; EW 4♠

Board 20
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 7 5	♠ K Q 9 6 4	♠ A 2
♥ A 7 6 5	♥ 3	♥ K 10 8
♦ Q 7 3 2	♦ A 9 8	♦ K J 10 6 5
♣ 10 8 7	♣ 9 6 5 3	♣ A K 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 8 3
♥ Q J 9 4 2
♦ 4
♣ Q J 4

NS 3♠; EW 2N; EW 3♦; EW 1♥; EW 1♣; Par +140: NS 3♠

Board 21
North Deals
N-S Vul

<p>♠ Q 10 2 ♥ K 9 7 3 2 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ A 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 3 ♥ A J ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ K J 9 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 8 6 5 4 ♥ 5 4 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ Q 10 2</p>						
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<p>♠ A K ♥ Q 10 8 6 ♦ A K 10 2 ♣ 8 7 6</p>								

S 5♣; N 4♣; NS 2N; NS 2♥; NS 3♦; NS 1♠; Par +600; S 5♣

Most N/S pairs will likely reach 3 NT which some declarers will make because E/W are unlikely to find the killing defense. On a heart lead declarer can win in dummy with ♥ J and play a diamond to hand and then lead a club finessing ♣ J, East winning with ♣ Q. East will return a heart declarer winning perforce in dummy. A spade to hand leaves declarer to establish three club winners by leading a second club from hand, bringing the ♣ A from West. Declarer now has nine tricks via 2 spades, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and 3 clubs.

Saints & Sinners


At one table, South received ♦ Q lead against her 3 NT, after West had overcalled 1♥. Declarer now erred by playing on hearts instead of clubs and ultimately lost 2 hearts, 1 diamond and 2 clubs. **Sinner** status awarded to the South who declared 3 NT.

At another table, South declared 3 NT after West made a takeout double of South's opening bid of 1♦. West duly led ♥ 2, dummy's ♥ J winning. Declarer played a diamond to her ♦ 10 losing to West's ♦ J. West continued with a heart to dummy's stiff ♥ A. Declarer now played a diamond to ♦ K and then led a club, West rising with ♣ A. West now played ♦ Q which declarer inexplicably ducked. West now cashed ♥ K and continued with ♠ 10 leaving the opponents with 4 tricks at that point and declarer with no chance of making the contract. East duly scored the setting trick with ♣ Q. At the point prior to West returning ♦ Q a total of eight diamonds had been played. When West led ♦ Q and dummy and East followed suit South should have realised that his two diamonds were now winners...♦ K and ♦ 2. Winning the trick with ♦ K declarer could then play a second club, finessing dummy's ♣ J when West followed low. East would win with ♣ Q and declarer could now claim 9 tricks by way of 2 spades, 2 hearts and either 3 diamonds and 2 clubs or 2 diamonds and 3 clubs. Declarer's actual duck was made without counting the diamond suit properly. **Sinner** status to South.

Saintly status to East (**Nora Hanratty**) who helped her partner by playing high-low on the first and second rounds of hearts thus helping partner to work out declarer's heart holding. Partner had an opportunity to defeat the contract by unblocking ♠ Q ... but that didn't happen and declarer duly made her way home with nine tricks!

Board 21

North Deals
N-S Vul

<p>♠ Q 10 2 ♥ K 9 7 3 2 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ A 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 3 ♥ A J ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ K J 9 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 8 6 5 4 ♥ 5 4 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ Q 10 2</p>
		
<p>♠ A K ♥ Q 10 8 6 ♦ A K 10 2 ♣ 8 7 6</p>		

S 5♣; N 4♣; NS 2N; NS 2♥; NS 3♦; NS 1♠; Par +600: S 5♣

At another table North became declarer in 3 NT and East led ♠ 5, declarer winning perforce in dummy with ♠ K. Declarer led a club and when West played low declarer rose with dummy's ♣ K instead of finessing the ♣ J. Declarer now finessed ♦ 10 to East's ♦ Q. West now erred by returning ♠ 10 which effectively blocked the suit. Returning the ♠ Q would have UNBLOCKED the suit making it easy for East to win the third spade with ♠ J and cash two additional spades. The failure of West to unblock the ♠ Q actually left declarer in a position to make nine tricks! Upon winning the spade return declarer could have simply played a heart to her ♥ Ace in hand and then continued with ♥ J, following low from dummy. Even if West ducks declarer can play a diamond to dummy's ♦ K and lead ♥ Q. If West ducks again then declarer simply cashes two more diamonds for nine tricks via 2 spades, 3 hearts, 3 diamonds, 1 club, all because West failed to unblock ♠ Q!

But in fact declarer didn't pursue that line and lamely led a club to West's ♣ A who then cashed ♠ Q before playing a small heart which declarer won with ♥ A and then lamely continued with ♣ J to East's ♣ Q who now cashed 2 long spades and West won the last trick with ♥ K. The result was 3 NT-3. **Sinner** status to North and West. This was the only table where the killing lead was made...a spade, from either East or West can defeat the contract. But it takes good defense to bring that to fruition and unblocking ♠ Q is at the heart of it!

No mistakes from **Marlene O'Connor** who earns **Saintly** status for her play in 3 NT. Heart lead won by dummy's ♥ J. Diamond to ♦ K in hand followed by finesse of ♣ J to East's ♣ Q who returned a heart to dummy's ♥ A. Declarer next played a spade to hand and led a second club, West winning perforce with ♣ A and then cashing ♥ K and playing another heart to South's ♥ Q leaving declarer with TEN tricks by way of 2 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds, 3 clubs.

Imaginative play by **Fiona Place** who won the heart lead in dummy with ♥ J and then led a small club from dummy to which East followed with ♣ 2 and West with ♣ 3. That would prove to be a very costly duck by West. Winning with ♣ 6 Fiona continued with another club bringing down West's ♣ A and thus setting up a total of four club winners! In the subsequent play West blanked her ♥ K which fell on dummy's ♥ A thereby setting up two more heart tricks for declarer. By the time the last card was played declarer had amassed TWELVE tricks via 2 spades, 4 hearts, 2 diamonds, 4 clubs. **Exalted Saintly** status to **Fiona**. **Sinner** status to West. **Saintly** status to East for playing hi-low on the heart suit which should have alerted partner to declarer's heart holding. **Saintly** status to **William** who produced a similar play and result. Again **Sinner** status to West who ducked the first club.

Board 10
 East Deals
 Both Vul

♠ A J 10	♠ 9 8 7	♠ 5 4
♥ A K J 9 8 5 2	♥ 10	♥ Q 3
♦ —	♦ 6 5 4	♦ A Q 9 8 7 3 2
♣ A 10 4	♣ Q 8 7 6 3 2	♣ K 5
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	♠ K Q 6 3 2	
	♥ 7 6 4	
	♦ K J 10	
	♣ J 9	

E 6N; EW 6♥; W 5N; EW 4♦; EW 2♠; EW 1♣; Par -1440: E 6N

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Our opponents reached 4♥ on Board #10, made twelve tricks, and they scored 62.5%. To say that I was surprised would be an understatement. I expected that we would score 60%+ given that they had missed a stone-cold slam. So I decided to investigate and this was what I found...

6NT was bid once and 6♥ was bid SIX times. 6NT played by West can be beaten on a diamond lead but is cold on any other lead and is also cold, on any lead, if played by East.

6♥ is cold played by either East or West.

Three of the six declarers in 6♥ failed to make the slam. The sole West declarer in 6NT also failed to make her contract despite receiving a non-diamond lead

So, what happened? In all cases South overcalled 1♠ and each of the four declarers duly received a spade lead, either ♠ 9 from North or ♠ K from South.

1) Against 6NT by West, North led ♠ 9. low from dummy and South played ♠ K (South should have played ♠ Q...the play of the ♠ K denies holding the ♠ Q). Declarer won with ♠ A and simply needed to play ♠ J (or ♠ 10) at trick two and could then claim 12 tricks by way of 2 spades, 7 hearts, 1 diamond and 2 clubs. BUT, declarer actually played a heart to dummy's ♥ Q and then cashed ♦ A (FATAL mistake) thus establishing South's ♦ K as a winner. Declarer subsequently lost ♠ Q and ♦ K,

2) At another table North led ♠ 9 against 6♥ by West, South correctly playing ♠ Q which declarer won with ♠ A. Simple line home is to draw trumps and then play ♠ J, establishing declarer's second spade winner BEFORE accessing dummy via ♣ K to cash ♦ A, discarding losing club from hand and then return to hand via ♣ A to cash remaining winners.

3) Another West also received the lead of ♠ 9 and again South correctly played ♠ Q, declarer winning with ♠ A in hand. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps and then played a club to dummy's ♣ K and played a second club back to hand thereby leaving ♦ A stranded in dummy! Declarer subsequently lost a spade and a club...with ♦ A still sitting in dummy!

3) At the fourth table East was declarer in 6♥ and South led ♠ K. Declarer won in dummy and played four rounds of trumps. Again, as with all previous situations, all declarer needed to do was play ♠ J (or ♠ 10) to establish a second spade trick. However, declarer played a club to her ♣ K, cashed ♦ A discarding ♣ 10 from dummy and then played ♦ Q, covered by South with ♦ K...and believe it or not but at this point declarer could still have made her contract by ruffing in dummy and then leading ♠ J or ♠ 10. HOWEVER, declarer must have had a temporary lapse in concentration and instead discarded the ♠ 10 from dummy whereupon a grateful South, upon winning ♦ K, cashed ♠ K to defeat the contract.

The most important thing that a declarer can do when dummy hits the stable is STOP and THINK. If the four declarers had followed that advice they could all have claimed 12 tricks without even playing a card from dummy at trick one!

How so? Quite simple really...just count your tricks. Declarer can count 7 heart tricks, 1 diamond, 2 clubs, and the ♠ A, making a total of eleven tricks. Only one extra trick is needed to bring the total to the 12 required to make the contract.

Now study the spade suit...declarer holds ♠ AJ10 opposite a doubleton ♠ 54 in dummy. The opponents have led the suit. Declarer CANNOT be stopped from making TWO spade tricks, irrespective of whether ♠ 9 was led by North or ♠ K by South. If both defenders play low on the first trick then declarer wins with the ♠ 10. Alternatively, if ♠ K or ♠ Q is played by the defender in third seat then declarer wins with the ♠ A and, after drawing trumps (if declaring 6♥), places the ♠ J (or ♠ 10) on the table to create the second spade trick and duly claims 12 tricks!

What also interested me about this hand was not just the fact that the four declarers failed to make their respective contracts but also the impact that their results had on pairs at other tables.

The most obvious impact related to the partnership that reached 6 NT. They scored a mere 9.68% for failing by one trick, the same as for the three other declarers who failed to make 6♥.

The player that declared 6 NT would have scored 100% for their partnership if making the contract instead of 9.68%, a huge reversal of fortune.

And the three declarers who failed by a trick in 6♥ and also scored a mere 9.68% would have zoomed up the score table to 78.12%, a score that they would have shared with the other pairs that bid and made 6♥. Note that the original three pairs who bid and made 6♥, for which they scored 93.75%, would see their score drop to 78.12%.

But look what it would have done to their respective opponents and the partnerships at other tables... The direct opponents at each of the four tables would have suffered a corresponding reversal of fortune with their score dropping from 90.62% to 21.88%.

And as for the partnerships that did not bid the slam and their respective opponents, changes would also have occurred. In our case, and all other N/S pairs with the same score, we would have moved from scoring 37.5% to 62.50%. and opponents, who did not bid the slam would have seen their score drop from 62.50% to 37.50%.

So, the moral of the story is that in a Pairs competition, your actual score is not simply determined by what happens at your table but can also be very much impacted by what happens at other tables, over which you have absolutely no control!

Many experienced players consider **Team-of-Four** as the purest form of the game because the only results that matter are the scores from the two tables involved in your current match, i.e. the table at which you are playing and the other table where your team-mates are playing. No scores from any other tables will impact on the result of your match against your current opponents!

I have attached two tables which show the original set of results for Board #10 as well as the re-calculated scores assuming that the four declarers had made their respective slams.

Colour coding shows our score in yellow, the 6 NT contract in red, and the three 6 ♥ contracts in light brown.

Paul J Scannell,
2nd July 2020

Original Contracts, Results, Scores, and Matchpoin%				
	Contract	N/S Score	N/S%	E/W%
1	6♥W-1	100	90.62%	9.38%
2	6♥W-1	100	90.62%	9.38%
3	6♥E-1	100	90.62%	9.38%
4	6NW-1	100	90.62%	9.38%
5	3♥W+2	-200	75.00%	25.00%
6	4♥W+1	-650	65.62%	34.38%
7	4♥W+1	-650	65.62%	34.38%
8	4♥W+2	-680	37.50%	62.50%
9	4♥W+2	-680	37.50%	62.50%
10	4♥W+2	-680	37.50%	62.50%
11	4♥W+2	-680	37.50%	62.50%
12	4♥W+2	-680	37.50%	62.50%
13	4♥W+2	-680	37.50%	62.50%
14	4♥W+2	-680	37.50%	62.50%
15	6♥W=	-1430	6.25%	93.75%
16	6♥E=	-1430	6.25%	93.75%
17	6♥W=	-1430	6.25%	93.75%

Revised Results, Scores, and Matchpoin%				
	Contract	N/S Score	N/S%	E/W%
5	3♥W+2	-200	100.00%	0.00%
6	4♥W+1	-650	90.63%	9.37%
7	4♥W+1	-650	90.63%	9.37%
8	4♥W+2	-680	62.50%	37.50%
9	4♥W+2	-680	62.50%	37.50%
10	4♥W+2	-680	62.50%	37.50%
11	4♥W+2	-680	62.50%	37.50%
12	4♥W+2	-680	62.50%	37.50%
13	4♥W+2	-680	62.50%	37.50%
14	4♥W+2	-680	62.50%	37.50%
1	6♥W-1	-1430	21.88%	78.12%
2	6♥W-1	-1430	21.88%	78.12%
3	6♥E-1	-1430	21.88%	78.12%
15	6♥W=	-1430	21.88%	78.12%
16	6♥E=	-1430	21.88%	78.12%
17	6♥W=	-1430	21.88%	78.12%
4	6NW-1	-1440	0.00%	100.00%