

Sim pairs, Tuesday 28/10/25

The commentary assumes a weak notrump, 4 card suit and 3 weak twos. Good luck.

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

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

NS 6N; NS 6♠; S 6♦; NS 4♥; N 5♦; NS 3♣;
Par +990: NS 6N=

North	South
1 ♥	1 ♠
2 ♠	4 NT
5 ♦	5 ♥
5 ♠	?

There are many problems bidding this hand.

The first is North's rebid. If you bid 2 ♣ and partner corrects to 2 ♥ are you really worth another go with 2 ♠? The answer is no, so bid 2 ♠.

The second problem occurs when, after the 4 NT response and Queen ask South finds that you missing the trump Queen and either the ♦ A or the ♠ K. Will they pass 5 or bid 6?

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 8 6 4	♠ K 5 2	♠ Q 10 9 3
♥ J 8 6	♥ Q 7	♥ A K 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 5	♦ 10 9 7 3	♦ 8
♣ 5 3	♠ A J 9 4	♣ K Q 6
10	♠ A 7	
9 14	♥ 10 4 2	
7	♦ K 6 4 2	
	♣ 10 8 7 2	

EW 3N; EW 3♠; EW 3♥; EW 1♦; EW 1♣;
Par -400: EW 3N=

West	East
1 ♠	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠

We do not see many pairs getting to the making 3 NT here. The problem with making 4 ♠ is the lack of entries in the West hand. However, some will get that contract though and some will make it.

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q 4	♠ A J 7 6 2	♠ K 10 9 8
♥ J 7 6 5	♥ 10 4	♥ 3 2
♦ A 8	♦ 10 6 5 4	♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A J 9 8 2	♣ Q 7	♣ 10 4 3
7	♠ 5 3	
12 6	♥ A K Q 9 8	
15	♦ K 7 2	
	♣ K 6 5	

S 2♥; W 2♣; NS 1♠; N 1♥; NS 1♦; E 1♣;
Par +110: S 2♥=

North	South
1 ♠	1 ♥
Pass	1 NT

Some will make this.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 5 3	♠ A 10 7	♠ K Q 9 8 4
♥ A J 10 9 7 6 2	♥ K 8 4	♥ Q 5
♦ A 5	♦ Q 4 2	♦ K 7 6
♣ A	♣ K 8 6 5	♣ 10 7 3
12	♠ 6 2	
14 10	♥ 3	
4	♦ J 10 9 8 3	
	♣ Q J 9 4 2	

EW 5♠; EW 5♥; EW 2N; NS 2♣; NS 1♦;
Par -650: EW 4♥+1; EW 4♠+1

West	East
1 ♥	1 ♠
2 ♥	?

Will your partner know that with the 2 ♥ rebid that you will have 6 or more? If the answer is "No" you could well miss this making game. How does my partner know? Well if I had only 5 and not 4 clubs or 4 diamonds the hand would be balanced and I would have opened 1 NT or rebid notrump depending on my point count. Simple stuff really.

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 4	♠ K J 5 3 2	♠ A Q 8 6
♥ A 6 3 2	♥ 8	♥ J 10 5 4
♦ K 8 7 5 3	♦ Q J 6	♦ 10 2
♣ 3	♠ A 10 9 8	♣ K 6 4
11	♠ 10	
7 10	♥ K Q 9 7	
12	♦ A 9 4	
	♣ Q J 7 5 2	

S 3♣; NS 1N; N 2♣; EW 1♠; EW 1♥; EW 1♦;
Par +110: S 3♣=

North	South
Pass	1 ♣
1 ♠	2 ♣
3 ♣	Pass

This is a hand about discipline. If you open the North hand you will probably get too high.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

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

NS 6♦; NS 6♣; NS 5N; NS 3♥; NS 1♠;
Par +920: NS 6♣=; NS 6♦=

North	South
1 ♥	1 ♦
?	?

Will South rebid 2♦ or 3♦? They probably should not end in 6♦ because it is on a finesse but if you bid it, it will be a top (if you make it) or a bottom (if you go down),

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ 9 5 4	♠ Q J 7 3	♠ A K 10 8 6 2
♥ K 3 2	♥ A 7	♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 10 9	♦ Q 6 4 3 2	♦ A 8
♣ Q 8 4 3	♣ 10 7	♣ J 5
9	♠ —	
6 14	♥ J 9 6 5 4	
11	♦ K 7 5	
	♣ A K 9 6 2	

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
Pass	3 ♥	?	2 ♣

Will South open 1♥? If they do we hope that they will not get too high. If they pass and bid on the second round either side could get it wrong. to make 3♥ you must finesse for the ♥ 10 in East.

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 5 2	♠ 6	♠ A K 3
♥ 9 5	♥ J 10 4 3	♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ A K Q	♦ 9 8 7 6 5 2	♦ J 4
♣ J 8 6	♣ 9 4	♣ A 7 5 2
1	♠ Q 8 7 4	
11 14	♥ A K 7	
14	♦ 10 3	
	♣ K Q 10 3	

E 3N; EW 3♠; W 2N; N 2♦; NS 1♥; S 1♦; EW 1♣;
Par -300: N 4♦×-2

West	East
Pass	1 NT
2 ♥	2 ♠
2 NT	?

East will, almost certainly, choose the wrong game after this start and bid 4♠. Unlucky.

Board 9
North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A Q 6 4	♠ K J 10 9 7 2	♠ 5
♥ A	♥ K 9 4	♥ J 10 7 3
♦ 9 7 6 4 3	♦ 5	♦ A K Q 10
♣ 10 8 3	♣ J 9 5	♣ Q 6 4 2
8	♠ 8 3	
10 12	♥ Q 8 6 5 2	
10	♦ J 8 2	
	♣ A K 7	

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

West	North	East	South
2 ♠	?		

If East bids now they will, almost certainly, get too high.

Board 10
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q J 9 8 5 3	♠ A 10 6 2	♠ K 7 4
♥ 7 3	♥ K Q 9 4 2	♥ 5
♦ Q 9 7 6	♦ A 5 4 2	♦ K J 10
♣ 8	♣ —	♣ A K 10 6 5 3
13	♠ —	
5 14	♥ A J 10 8 6	
8	♦ 8 3	
	♣ Q J 9 7 4 2	

NS 5♥; EW 3♠; NS 1N; NS 1♦; NS 1♣;
Par +500: EW 5♠×-2

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	1 ♣	Pass
?		2 ♠	4 ♥

2♠ is much better than 2♣. Will West try for the cheap save? We shall see.

Board 11
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J	♠ A 10 8 4 3	♠ 6 5 2
♥ Q 10 6 5 4	♥ K 8 7	♥ 9 3 2
♦ K 10 9	♦ A J 2	♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ Q 7 2	♣ 5 4	♣ A 10 8
12	♠ K 9 7	
10 6	♥ A J	
12	♦ 8 4 3	
	♣ K J 9 6 3	

NS 4♠; NS 3N; NS 3♣; NS 2♦; NS 1♥;
Par +420: NS 4♠=

North	South
1 NT	1 NT
2 ♥	2 ♠
3 NT	4 ♠
Pass	

Easy auction, next hand.

Board 12
West Deals
N-S Vul

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

7	♠ 10
19 8	♥ 3
6	♦ K Q J 9 8 5 3
	♣ 9 8 6 3

EW 7♥; EW 6N; EW 4♠; EW 5♣; NS 1♦;
Par -1510: EW 7♥=

West	East
1 ♥	2 ♥
4 ♥	Pass

The grand slam is poor. Needs the ♥ K right and dropping the ♣ Q offside.

Board 13
North Deals
Both Vul

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

12	♠ K Q 6 5
5 12	♥ Q 7 4
11	♦ Q 7 5
	♣ Q 5 3

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♣	1 ♥	Dbl
	?		

Will North pass or bid 2 ♣? We shall see.

Board 14
East Deals
None Vul

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

13	♠ K
10 6	♥ Q J 10 8
11	♦ K 7 3 2
	♣ Q 8 6 3

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♠ ²	?	1 ♠	2 ♣ ¹

1. A good raise to 2 ♥ or more
2. Preemptive - bidding to the level of the fit

Will this encourage N/S to bid the game?

Board 15
South Deals
N-S Vul

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

9	♠ A K Q 3
5 8	♥ A
18	♦ A J 8 5 2
	♣ 8 7 5

NS 4N; NS 5♣; NS 2♥; NS 3♦; NS 1♠;
Par +630: NS 3N+1

North	South
1 ♥	1 ♦
1 NT	1 ♠
3 NT	2 NT
	Pass

Some Wests will bid 2 ♠ here. This should be cheap even if it is doubled.

Board 16
West Deals
E-W Vul

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

17	♠ 9 6 3
15 7	♥ 8 7 3
1	♦ J 9 6
	♣ 10 9 4 3

EW 3N; EW 3♠; EW 3♥; EW 2♦; NS 2♣;
Par -300: NS 4♣×-2

West	East
1 ♦	?

The first thing to note is that North has not got a bid. The second is that weak jump shifts win again as East can bid 2 ♠ - 3-8 and a 6 card suit and hating opener's suit.

Board 17
North Deals
None Vul

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

9	♠ A 10 5 4
6 9	♥ A K 6 5
16	♦ A J 7 5
	♣ 3

NS 5♥; NS 5♦; NS 2N; Par +450: NS 4♥+1

North	South
Pass	1 ♥
4 ♥	Pass

South should not go on after this preemptive raise.

Board 18
East Deals
N-S Vul

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

6	♠ J 8 7
8 16	♥ A 2
10	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ K 10 9 4

EW 4♥; EW 3♠; EW 2N; EW 2♣;
Par -420: EW 4♥=

West	East
	1 ♥
2 ♥	?

At pairs you probably should not get higher than this.

Board 19
South Deals
E-W Vul

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

12	♠ A Q 3
11 7	♥ J 10 6 5 3
10	♦ 10 9
	♣ K 5 4

NS 5♥; NS 5♣; NS 2N; N 1♠; EW 1♦;
Par +450: NS 4♥+1

North	South
	Pass
1 NT	2 ♦
3 ♥ ¹	Pass

1. 4 card support and a minimum

Again 2 points.

1. The game needs both the spade and heart finesses. We do not want to be in a 25% game.
2. Some will be able to bid on the East cards and with good methods should be able to find the diamond partial.

Board 20
West Deals
Both Vul

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

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

NS 6♥; NS 6♦; NS 5N; NS 4♠; NS 1♣; E 1♣;
Par +1430: NS 6♥=

North	South
Pass	1 ♥
2 ♥ ¹	4 ♥
Pass	

1. Better than 1 NT

Again the slam is poor and we expect some not to get to game.

Board 21
North Deals
N-S Vul

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

9	♠ 6 3
18 7	♥ 9 7 3 2
6	♦ Q 5 3 2
	♣ K J 7

EW 5♥; E 4♠; EW 3N; W 3♠; EW 3♦; EW 1♣;
Par -450: EW 4♥+1

West	East
	Pass
1 ♦	1 ♥
4 ♣ ¹	4 ♥
Pass	

1. Splinter

This is easy if you drop the ♥ Q offside.

Board 22
East Deals
E-W Vul

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

13	♠ 10 5 3
10 8	♥ A 4 2
9	♦ K 8
	♣ Q 10 9 3 2

EW 3♦; NS 1N; EW 1♠; EW 1♥; NS 1♣;
Par -110: EW 3♦=

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
3 ♦	All pass		

So long as East does not bid their poor spade suit it will be fine.

Board 23
South Deals
Both Vul

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

6	♠ A
11 9	♥ Q 7 4
14	♦ A K J 9 8 5 3
	♣ 10 5

NS 4♥; NS 5♦; EW 3♠; NS 2N; EW 3♣;
Par +500: EW 5♠×-2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	2 ♠	1 ♦
4 ♠	?		3 ♦

This could get bloody.

Board 24
West Deals
None Vul

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

NS 4♠; NS 2N; NS 2♦; EW 2♣; Par +420: NS 4♠=
 North South
 2 ♠ 4 ♠
 Pass

Weak twos win again.

Board 25
North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 8 2	♠ K Q 10 9 7 3	♠ 5 4
♥ A K J 4 3	♥ Q 9	♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 9 5	♦ K Q 3	♦ J 7 6 2
♣ 9 5	♣ K 3	♣ J 10 8 7
<div> <div>15</div> <div>16 2</div> <div>7</div> </div>		
	♠ J 6	
	♥ 8 7 6	
	♦ 10 8 4	
	♣ A Q 6 4 2	

NS 3♠; EW 2♥; EW 1N; NS 1♣;
 Par +140: NS 2♠+1
 West North East South
 2 ♥ 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT
 2 ♠ All pass

Bridge is an easy game so long as East/West keep discipline. How do you beat 3 ♥? 3 rounds of clubs promotes the ♥ Q in the North hand.

Board 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ A Q	♠ K 10 7 6	♠ 9 5 3
♥ J 9 8 7 6	♥ A Q 4 3	♥ 10 5 2
♦ A 9 5	♦ Q 3	♦ J 8 6 2
♣ Q 9 2	♣ 7 5 4	♣ A 10 6
<div> <div>11</div> <div>13 5</div> <div>11</div> </div>		
	♠ J 8 4 2	
	♥ K	
	♦ K 10 7 4	
	♣ K J 8 3	

NS 3N; NS 3♠; NS 3♣; NS 2♦; NS 1♥;
 Par +600: NS 3N=
 West East
 Pass Pass
 1 NT Pass

West must try to make as many tricks as possible as we do not see how North/South can get into this auction..

Board 27
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4	♠ A J 9 8 5	♠ K Q 10 7 3
♥ K 9 8 7 5	♥ A Q 4	♥ J 10 3 2
♦ J 4	♦ Q 8	♦ A 6 5 3
♣ K Q 10 8 6	♣ A 9 4	♣ —
<div> <div>17</div> <div>9 10</div> <div>4</div> </div>		
	♠ 6 2	
	♥ 6	
	♦ K 10 9 7 2	
	♣ J 7 5 3 2	

N 2♠; EW 2♥; EW 1N; NS 2♦; N 2♣; S 1♠; S 1♣;
 Par +100: EW 2N×-1; EW 3♥×-1
 West North East South
 Pass 1 ♠ Pass Pass
 ?

So long as East does not frown and say, "Is that natural?" we should be okay but can East/West get into this cheaply enough or will they defend?

Board 28
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K Q 4 3	♠ 10 9 8 5	♠ J 7
♥ K 3	♥ 10 8 7 5	♥ A J 6
♦ 10 8 4	♦ 9 5	♦ K J 6 2
♣ J 6 4 3	♣ K 9 2	♣ Q 8 7 5
<div> <div>3</div> <div>9 12</div> <div>16</div> </div>		
	♠ A 6 2	
	♥ Q 9 4 2	
	♦ A Q 7 3	
	♣ A 10	

NS 2♠; NS 2♥; E 1N; EW 1♦; E 1♣;
 Par +100: E 2N×-1
 West North East South
 Pass Pass 1 NT Dbl
 All pass

Yes, 1 NT makes. Why? In our opinion South has not got a double because they have not got a good lead. If South does double North should pass but many would bid if this happens we hope they bid hearts and not spades.

Board 29
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 9	♠ A K 6 2	♠ 7 5 4 3
♥ Q 8 5 4 3	♥ A J 7 2	♥ K 9
♦ A 8 3	♦ J 10 6	♦ K 9 4
♣ 10 5 2	♣ 7 4	♣ A Q 8 6
<div> <div>13</div> <div>6 12</div> <div>9</div> </div>		
	♠ Q J 8	
	♥ 10 6	
	♦ Q 7 5 2	
	♣ K J 9 3	

N 3N; NS 3♠; S 2N; NS 2♦; NS 1♥; NS 1♣;
 Par +600: N 3N=
 North South
 1 NT Pass

With the ♥ 10 in dummy 9 tricks should roll in.

Board 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3 2
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A K Q 9

5
13 10
12

♠ K 5 4
♥ J 6 4 3 2
♦ 5 4
♣ J 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ K 10
♦ A Q 10 7 6
♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 10 7 6
♥ Q 7
♦ K J 8
♣ 7 6 4

E 2♥; EW 3♦; EW 1N; EW 2♣; NS 1♠; W 1♥;
Par -110: EW 3♦=

NorthSouth
?

Will South open 1 ♠ or 1 NT? This time 1 ♠ works but on many hands it will be wrong.

Board 31
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ Q 8 5 4 3
♦ A K 10 5 2
♣ Q

6
11 12
11

♠ Q 10 9 7 5 4
♥ A
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 9 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 8
♥ K J 10 2
♦ 8 7 3
♣ A 10 8 6

♠ K J 3
♥ 9 7 6
♦ Q J
♣ K J 7 4 3

EW 5♥; EW 5♦; NS 2♠; EW 1N; NS 1♣;
Par -450: EW 4♥+1

WestNorthEastSouth
1♥2♠3♠¹Pass
4♥All passPass
1. Unassuming cue bid

A safe enough contract.

Board 32
West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 8 7
♥ 9 3
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 9 5 2

6
7 10
17

♠ K 5 4 2
♥ 7 4
♦ Q J 8 6 5
♣ 10 7

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ A 10 3
♣ A 6 3

♠ 6
♥ A K J 10 8
♦ K 9
♣ K Q J 8 4

NS 3♥; N 4♦; NS 4♣; NS 2N; S 3♦; NS 1♠;
Par +140: NS 1♥+2

WestNorthEastSouth
PassPassPass1♥
1♠PassPass2♣
Pass2♥All pass

A quiet one to end one.