

Analysis of Hands Jan 25th 2021

Bd 1:

Dlr: North ♠Q Optimum
 Vul: None ♥J6 EW 5Sx; +300
 ♦KQJ54
 ♣A10943

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| ♠K762 | North | ♠J10954 |
| ♥K75 | West | ♥Q98432 |
| ♦1092 | 1 | ♦7 |
| ♣KQ2 | East | ♣7 |
| | South | |

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| 13 | ♠A83 | ♣♦♥♠N |
| 11 | ♥A10 | N 5 5 - - 2 |
| 3 | ♦A863 | S 5 5 - - 2 |
| 13 | ♣J865 | E - - 1 3 - |
| | | W - - 1 3 - |

Should be played in 5C or 5D and not in 3NT. You have 9 cards in D and C and a fit in two suits. A heart lead will hold it to 11 tricks but if a heart is not led the fifth club or fifth diamond in the non trump suit will enable you to discard a heart out of the South hand. If KQx of clubs is in the East hand you will only make 10 or 11 tricks, depending on whether a heart is led or switched. South should respond 2C to the 1D opening if he has not an inverted minor bid of 2D available, which 99% of you do not play. (It's so useful). I would describe a 3NT response to a 1D opening as very poor, as it does not give North who has opened 1D a proper chance to show his hand. Show your clubs if you cannot make a 2D forcing bid. (Inverted Minor). Now you will end up in 5C or 5D.

Bd2:





Dlr: East ♠K1063 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥KQ1086 NS 3N; +600
 ♦AKQ
 ♣A









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| ♠AQ97 | North | ♣4 |
| ♥A73 | West | ♥54 |
| ♦84 | 2 | ♦1097652 |
| ♣8743 | East | ♣KJ62 |
| | South | |






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| 21 | ♠J852 | ♣♦♥♠N |
| 10 | ♥J92 | N 1 1 3 3 3 |
| 4 | ♦J3 | S 1 1 3 3 3 |
| 5 | ♣Q1095 | E - - - - - |
| | | W - - - - - |

On the S4 lead against 4H the AS wins and a low spade comes back. You should play low. The S lead is either from a singleton or from Qxx. It's far more likely to be a singleton. You now make 4H and don't go down 1.

Bd 3:

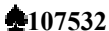



Dlr: South K8
 Vul: E/W AQJ54 K85 1084
 Optimum
 EW 4S+1; -650









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|  AQ763 | North 3 South |  J5 |
|  32 | |  K1098 |
|  106 | |  AQ32 |
|  KQ65 | |  A97 |






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| 13 |  10942 |  N N - - - - S - - - - E 5 3 3 5 4 W 5 3 3 5 4 |
| 11 |  76 | |
| 14 |  J974 | |
| 2 |  J32 | |

Very few got to 3NT. 1H by N followed by two passes and West bids 1S protective, Now East should bid 2NT on his 14 count, as partner can be weak bidding 1S. East should be showing this type of hand.(around 14). Also your K1098 of hearts are well placed as 1H has been opened on your right hand side and not on your left. When it comes to playing the spades you should play a club to the K and lead a low spade towards your J. You now make 4 spade tricks. If you lead the J you only make three. Remember N has opened 1H. Note: East has not a suitable hand to make a takeout double of 1H, although you might stretch to 1NT (15/17) knowing the HK1098 are well placed.

Bd 4:

Dlr: West 107532
 Vul: All QJ873 K3 10
 Optimum
 EW 6N; -1440

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|  AK6 | North 4 South |  J84 |
|  K9642 | |  10 |
|  A52 | |  7 |
|  A7 | |  KQJ96532 |

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| 6 |  Q9 |  N N - 1 - - - S - 1 - - - E 6 - 2 1 6 W 6 - 2 1 6 |
| 18 |  A5 | |
| 7 |  QJ109864 | |
| 9 |  84 | |

Do those of you think you were lucky if you punted 6C or 6NT here? If partner, who has opened 1H, held AKxxx of hearts and Kxx of S and not the other way around, you will now need to set up the long heart in 6C, while in 6NT you will need the SA to be in the South hand and not in North. On this hand it is against the odds to find a doubleton SQ.

Bd 6:

Dlr: East ♠Q8542
 Vul: E/W ♥A875 Optimum
 ♦Q9 NS 7N; +1520
 ♣Q10

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| ♠J9 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>North</td></tr> <tr><td>West</td><td>6</td><td>East</td></tr> <tr><td>South</td></tr> </table> | North | West | 6 | East | South | ♠107 |
| North | | | | | | | |
| West | | 6 | East | | | | |
| South | | | | | | | |
| ♥J942 | ♥Q10 | | | | | | |
| ♦84 | ♦K76532 | | | | | | |
| ♣J9852 | ♣743 | | | | | | |

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| 10 | ♠AK63 | ♣♦♥♠N |
| 3 | ♥K63 | N 4 4 5 7 7 |
| 5 | ♦AJ10 | S 4 4 5 7 7 |
| 22 | ♣AK6 | E - - - - |
| | | W - - - - |

I am surprised more of you were not in 6S with a 5/4 spade fit and 22 opposite 10 hcp? It's stone cold except when the Spades are 4/0 against you.

Bd 7:

Dlr: South ♠954
 Vul: All ♥KQJ6 Optimum
 ♦J9762 EW 4S+1; -650
 ♣2

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| ♠A7 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>North</td></tr> <tr><td>West</td><td>7</td><td>East</td></tr> <tr><td>South</td></tr> </table> | North | West | 7 | East | South | ♠KQJ102 |
| North | | | | | | | |
| West | | 7 | East | | | | |
| South | | | | | | | |
| ♥105 | ♥87 | | | | | | |
| ♦AQ103 | ♦K85 | | | | | | |
| ♣AQ986 | ♣K75 | | | | | | |

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| 7 | ♠863 | ♣♦♥♠N |
| 16 | ♥A9432 | N - - 1 - - |
| 12 | ♦4 | S - - 1 - - |
| 5 | ♣J1043 | E 5 3 - 5 2 |
| | | W 5 3 - 5 2 |

I think you should avoid 3NT. 1C (W) – 1S (E) - 2D (reverse strong) – 3C (E)(you should play as positive) – 3H (W) (fourth suit cannot be natural as you would have bid 2H in previous round) – 3S showing 5 and no heart stopper (West cannot have H stopper as he would have bid 3NT instead of 3H) and now West will bid 4S. 5C is also a good contract but in Pairs 4S, with such a good suit is probably the best match point pairs result.

Bd 11.

Dlr: South ♠ J10964 Optimum
 Vul: None ♥ AJ EW 5Hx; +300
 ♦ J5
 ♣ AKJ9

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| West | | South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| S | 5 | - | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

West will open 1D, North will overcall 1S and not double because he only has two hearts. East will either pass or drag up 2D because he has a void in clubs. It's too weak to double showing hearts. Now if 2D is bid by East, it is difficult for South. But he does know partner is short in Diamonds as he holds three, so he will probably venture 3C over 2D or 2C, if East has passed. West has 18hcp and definitely will be interested in 5D if he has heard 2D from East. It goes 2 off, while 5C is made without any difficulty. North will certainly raise 2C or 3C to 5C.

Bd 12:

Dlr: West ♠ Q94 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥ 987 NS 3N; +600
 ♦ Q542
 ♣ A106

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| West | | South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Just to say, with 8hcp in my hand opposite a 1NT opening by South (15/17) or a 1NT rebid (15/17), I nearly always pass. If you have to play the S suit yourself and lead a low spade towards the Q, West should not rise with the K. If West rises, you get 3 Spade tricks. If West plays low, you only get two spade tricks, as you are not going to be playing the S9.

Bd 13:

Dlr: North ♠Q32
 Vul: All ♥9853 Optimum
 ♦A7642 NS 4H+1; +650
 ♣4

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| ♠A109854 | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> West North East </div> <div style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">13</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> South </div> | ♠KJ7 |
| ♥742 | | ♥J10 |
| ♦93 | | ♦KJ108 |
| ♣83 | | ♣K952 |

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East may open a weak NT, South will double (16+) and West will bid 2S. North will pass as double on both sides of the tables will be for takeout. Now back to South who will bid 3C, North will respond 3D trying to find a better fit, South will now bid 3H and North will raise to 4H. It is important to set up your club tricks early by leading CA followed by Q and discarding a S from dummy. You will make 11 tricks losing a Club and a Spade.

Bd 14:

Dlr: East ♠QJ842
 Vul: None ♥K863 Optimum
 ♦43 NS 4H; +420
 ♣52

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| ♠9763 | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> West North East </div> <div style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">14</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> South </div> | ♠K105 |
| ♥10 | | ♥QJ54 |
| ♦A108752 | | ♦J96 |
| ♣84 | | ♣A93 |

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South opens 1C, North responds 1S and South reverses and bids 2H and not NT. This is showing 16+ , so if 3H is North's minimum bid he will bid it and South definitely goes to 4H. Again first thing is to knock out the CA. Then probably D will come back and on winning the second D with K or Q, South should lead a low Heart to K, noting the 10 from West. Now a low heart back and safety play is to insert the 9. If it loses to a doubleton Q10 or J10, you

are now 100% safe to make the contract. People went down because they played the HA on the second round. **Note:** Declarer is preserving an entry for the clubs.

Bd 15:

Dlr: South ♠AQ1032
 Vul: N/S ♥A975 Optimum
 ♦-- EW 5Dx; +100
 ♣KJ84

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| ♦KJ10654 | ♦AQ72 | | | | | | |
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| E | - | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | - | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

4S is the contract but it is so unlucky because of KJ9x of S being offside. 5D should be held to 10 tricks with careful defence. On a good day you would make 6S on these cards. That is how good I think a contract 4S is.

Bd 18:

Dlr: East ♠J
 Vul: N/S ♥8732 Optimum
 ♦AQJ7 NS 6Dx,NS 6Cx; -200
 ♣K986

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| W | - | - | 5 | 5 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

East will open 1S and South, Vulnerable, should bid 2NT showing the minors 5/5. This bid, vulnerable on 8hcp, is rock minimum, but the hand has a 6th club and that strengthens it. West will bid 3S. This is a forced bid and does not show a full strength 3S bid. He has 5 cards in his partner's Major. Now North has a double fit in both minors and will bid 5C. East has 11 cards in the Majors, and non vul, will bid 5S. Now back to North. If he goes two off doubled in 6C it is a 500 loss vulnerable against a making 450 for E/W. Holding the double fit, he will

probably bid 6C because partner has made a Vul 2NT overcall initially. It is very rare that a Vulnerable sacrifice works against a non-vul making game.

Bd 21:

Dlr: North ♠--
 Vul: N/S ♥Q9532 Optimum
 ♦Q96543 EW 4Sx; +500
 ♣109

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| ♠J107654 | W | North | E | ♠Q92 |
| ♥KJ7 | e | 21 | a | ♥1086 |
| ♦AK | s | | s | ♦J10 |
| ♣QJ | t | South | t | ♣86532 |

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| 4 | ♠AK83 | ♣♦♥♠N |
| 15 | ♥A4 | N 1 4 4 - 1 |
| 3 | ♦872 | S 1 4 4 - 1 |
| 18 | ♣AK74 | E - - - 1 - |
| | | W - - - 1 - |

South will open 1C , West overcalls 1S. North should not double for takeout as he has a 4 count. Don't worry because if partner has hearts he will be making a takeout double, so you are not missing the last bus. Back to South who will bid 1NT showing 18/19. West will bid 2S as he has a lot in reserve for his 1S bid. North will now bid 3D his 6 card suit and that should be the final contract. South should not get carried away, as partner has not doubled for takeout earlier, and is obviously weak, so should pass 3D. **Note:** 3S goes two off and South will probably double that contract. **Note:** 4H will also make for N/S because the hearts are 3/3 and the diamonds are 2/2. However, it is not a contract anyone would ever bid.

Bd 24:

Dlr: West ♣8
 Vul: None ♥9 Optimum
 ♦AKQJ8 NS 5D,NS 5C; +400
 ♣AQJ986

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| ♠AJ106 | W | North | E | ♠K7 |
| ♥A865 | e | 24 | a | ♥QJ2 |
| ♦1063 | s | | s | ♦7542 |
| ♣105 | t | South | t | ♣7432 |

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| 17 | ♠Q95432 | ♣♦♥♠N |
| 9 | ♥K10743 | N 5 5 - 1 2 |
| 6 | ♦9 | S 5 5 - 1 2 |
| 8 | ♣K | E - - - - - |
| | | W - - - - - |

It is a difficult hand to bid. North opens 1C and South bids 1S. North reverses to 2D and South will bid 2H which is 4th suit and not necessarily natural. North will now bid 3D, showing five, so must have 6 clubs. (With 5 clubs and 5 diamonds you should open 1D) It is very difficult for South not to bid 3NT. But a "Double Dummy defence can beat 3NT and in fact the only certain games to make are 5C or 5D. If South is playing in NT, a Spade lead by West to partner's King and now the HQ switch beats it. If that is not covered by the King a second spade back gets E/W 3 spade tricks and two hearts tricks. It is a double dummy defence.