

Analysis of Hands Dec 14th 2020

Bd 1:

Dlr: North ♠53 Optimum
 Vul: None ♥J1043 W 6N; -990
 ♦72
 ♣AQJ32

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Nobody went off in 3NT from East because South must have led an unbid Major, whereas a Club lead beats it. (You should lead the 2nd highest club, the 9 if you are lucky to find that lead because you do not have an honour.) Leading 4th highest (a low card) promises an honour and denies a sequence. It's pure luck if you lead a club here.

Bd 2:

Dlr: East ♠108 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥AQ87 EW 3Sx; +100
 ♦KQJ82
 ♣82

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E/W should not open the bidding. North(1D) – E (1S) – S (Dbl) – W (2S – should bid 3S but knows E hadn't opened and tried to buy contract in 2S) – N (3H – because his partner has doubled promising 4 hearts on a passed hand.) Now E/W might go to 3S but will go one off on a D lead losing two diamonds, two hearts, and one club. N/S make 3 hearts losing one heart, one spade, one diamond and one club.

Bd 4:

♠8762
 Dir: West ♥86 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦A654 NS 2H+1; +140
 ♣KQ9

♠AQ4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">W</td><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">North</td><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">e</td><td style="background-color: red; color: white; font-size: 2em;">4</td><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">s</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">s</td><td></td><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">t</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">t</td><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">South</td><td style="background-color: red; color: white;">t</td></tr> </table>	W	North	E	e	4	s	s		t	t	South	t	♠J953
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If West opens 1NT and if it's passed out then he can make 8 tricks. However South in Pass out position can bid 2H, showing Hearts and a minor. If you play that system it usually shows 5 hearts and 4 of a minor, but here he also holds 5 clubs. North is best to leave it in 2H in case South has only 4 of a minor. 2NT by N would ask for the minor. Luckily the hearts break 3/3 so you lose two spades, a heart and a club making 3H. West playing in 1NT should make three diamond tricks, 4 spade tricks and the CA. Proper way to play that Spade holding is a low one from dummy, inserting the Queen, Cash the Ace and now a low one to the remaining J9 in dummy. It is totally wrong to lead the J from dummy not holding the 10.

Bd 5:

♠A9873
 Dir: North ♥10874 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦KQ5 NS 3D+1; +130
 ♣A

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North will open 1S and after 2C response by S, N rebids 2H. South now bids 2NT with the diamonds well covered. North should pass 2NT as it's a misfit of a hand and South has maximum of 11. West almost certainly makes the safe lead of the CQ. N/S should be limited to 7 or 8 tricks.

Bd 7:

Dir: South ♠106 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥KQJ632 NS 3N+2; +660
 ♦Q82
 ♣J5

♠J742	North 7 South	♠A953
♥98		♥A74
♦1043		♦J965
♣9872		♣K4

9	♠KQ8	♣♦♥♠N
1	♥105	N 4 3 5 2 5
12	♦AK7	S 4 3 5 2 5
18	♣AQ1063	E - - - - -
		W - - - - -

Should not be played in NT. It should be played in 4H + 1. Ok you got a better score playing in NT as you make the same number of tricks. That is only because both CK and SA are in East and not in West. 4H always makes 10 tricks irrespective of where these cards are. If they are in West 3NT will go off on a Spade lead. 1C (S) – 1H (N) – 2NT (S) will always have two or three hearts and no singleton, absolutely 100%. Therefore North should bid 4H.

Bd 8:

Dir: West ♠J1083 Optimum
 Vul: None ♥K64 NS 2S+1; +140
 ♦732
 ♣AK8

♠752	North 8 South	♠A6
♥972		♥AJ105
♦K964		♦105
♣QJ3		♣109742

11	♠KQ94	♣♦♥♠N
6	♥Q83	N - 2 1 3 1
9	♦AQJ8	S - 2 1 3 1
14	♣65	E 1 - - - -
		W 1 - - - -

Tip: With flat non descript 11 counts opposite a weak NT opening by partner just **Pass**. It turns out so often that Pass is the correct decision. Only good thing in the North hand is the S10.

Bd 10:

Dlr: East ♠8 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥AK765 NS 5H; +650
 ♦Q83
 ♣AKQ3

♠AKQJ105 W North E ♠97632
 ♥Q102 c 10 a s t ♥84
 ♦A2 t South t ♦105
 ♣108 ♣9762

18	♠4	♣♦♥♠N
16	♥J93	N 5 5 5 - -
0	♦KJ9764	S 5 5 5 - -
6	♣J54	E - - - 2 -
		W - - - 2 -

Some play a weak 2D opening by South but many do not play this. Then West opens 1S, North doubles because he is so strong and can bid hearts if partner responds 2D. South will bid 2D (might be 4 cards). West will bid 2S and North can bid 3H or double again to show he has an extra strong hand and it is for takeout. South would raise 3H to 4H or if partner doubles jump to 4D. **Note:** if East had raised Spades to 2S, South is worth 3D holding six and this would definitely show 5. Diamonds play better than Hearts. You should not be in 6D without checking for Aces – Keycards as I noticed when I parachuted into one table. 4S should be two off provided you set up your diamond trick before you cash your two heart tricks.

Bd 12:

Dlr: West ♠AQ65 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥K9873 NS 4H; +620
 ♦42
 ♣AQ

♠10842 W North E ♠K973
 ♥Q65 c 12 a s t ♥102
 ♦K3 t South t ♦AQJ9
 ♣KJ32 ♣964

15	♠J	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥AJ4	N 1 2 4 1 2
10	♦108765	S 1 2 4 1 2
6	♣10875	E - - - - -
		W - - - - -

Should be played in 2H or 3H making 9 or 10 tricks. Be prepared to lose a spade trick and ruff the other small spade with the low heart in dummy (heart 4). It should not be played in NT.

Bd 13:

♠654
 Dlr: North ♥A10643 Optimum
 Vul: All ♦Q8 EW 7S; -2210
 ♣852

♠AKQ73	North West 13 East South	♠J982
♥KQJ985		♥--
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Very few got to 6S? If East passes and West opens 1H, depending on which system you are playing, East will respond 2D or 1S. If 2D then West reverse bids with 2S showing 4 only. East goes straight to 4S. West will now Ace ask, and hears one which he can assume is DA so will bid 6S. Now after cashing SA, and seeing S10 drop from South. You now stop trumps and put HK on the table. You ruff out the HA. You see H7 dropping on HQ on second round and now South shows out on HJ. So you should make 13 tricks only because of the position of HA and H10. If East opens 1D (**South should PASS. ITS SO WRONG TO BID 2C here. 2C Overcall shows an opening bid!!!**). I'm told at one table S did bid 2C and West doubled for takeout. East should now bid 2S. This is not a reverse bid as it was forced. West should have a minimum of 8/9hcp to double a 2 level overcall.

Bd 14:

♠98542
 Dlr: East ♥10 Optimum
 Vul: None ♦A8752 EW 3N+1; -430
 ♣KJ

♠AQ	North West 14 East South	♠1073
♥86		♥AK42
♦KQ964		♦3
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If South opens 2H weak, West has an awkward hand. It's not suitable for double because of the doubleton spade. I notice some Wests bid NT – **No is the word on that bid**. Best of a bad lot is 3D to which East will respond 3NT. That makes because four club tricks, two hearts,

one diamond and two spade tricks. **West must have a good hand to bid 3NT so East should respond 3NT.**

Bd 16.

Dlr: West ♠543
 Vul: E/W ♥6 Optimum
 ♦KQJ2 NS 3N; +400
 ♣A7432

♠J	North West 16 East South	♠K10986
♥A942		♥K875
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Should be 1D (W) – 1S (E) – 2D (W) – P – P – Dbl (South takeout, showing clubs and hearts). North can bid 3C or pass 2D doubled for penalty and collect two off for 500. Note East should not bid 2H after 2D because he is not strong enough to bid again.

Bd 17:

Dlr: North ♠AJ87
 Vul: None ♥85 Optimum
 ♦QJ43 EW 1S+2; -140
 ♣Q65

♠9	North West 17 East South	♠KQ6532
♥AJ74		♥K2
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Should be a weak 2S opening by East and Pass, Pass, Pass. No way should West bid. If partner (E) has a good 10 count he should open 1S and not 2S which is a weaker bid. I see that happen so often in bridge where people bid on the West cards after East has opened a weak 2. Holding a singleton in partner suit it is wrong. This turns up again on board 21

Bd 18 :

Dlr: East ♠J84
 Vul: N/S ♥QJ7 Optimum
 ♦J96 EW 7S; -1510
 ♣QJ92

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With 25/26 you need to be playing 2C – 2D – response and then 2NT rebid as showing 25/26. With 23/24 open 2D and then rebid 2NT to show 23/24. You can only do this if you are not using 2D to show a weak two in diamonds. Now E can go 3C, asking for suits upwards, and should hear 3D. You know you have a 4/4 diamond fit. You can still bid 3S and West goes 4S. You will now get to 6S making 7. You also make 13 tricks in diamonds. Remember this, you need less points to be in 6 of a suit than 6NT because you can make 5 trump tricks via a ruff or 6 via two ruffs, whereas in NT you only make 4 tricks in that same suit holding. Now, to play the above, a lot of you would have to change the meaning of the possible hands you can have to open 2D. Here is an alternative convention “Kokish” : It’s very simple and your 2C is still the same Acol 2C.

Kokish Convention: Open 2C, responder must bid 2D and 2NT rebid = 23/24. With 25/26 again open 2C, responder bids **mandatory 2D** and you rebid 2H to show either **Acol 2H** or **25/26 NT** hand. **Responder must make a mandatory 2S response to 2H.** Opener rebids 2NT with 25/26 balanced or makes any other bid to show Acol two in Hearts. Eg 3C shows club suit as well as hearts. **Do Not open 2C with hands of 15/16/17.** Keep the 2C up to scratch. (Over 20 minimum) . **Bd 19:**

Dlr: South ♠Q1083
 Vul: E/W ♥4 Optimum
 ♦AQ875 NS 4Dx; -100
 ♣842

♠AJ	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>North</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>19</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>South</td><td></td><td>A</td></tr> </table>	W	North	E		19		South		A	♠9765
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		19									
South			A								
♥AQ10532	♥K8										
♦K6	♦432										
♣KQ5	♣J1093										

	♠K42	♣♦♥♠N
8	♥J976	N - 3 - 1 -
19	♦J109	S - 3 - 1 -
4	♣A76	E 2 - 3 - 1
9		

W 2

Should be played in 1H. I notice people way higher. Why? East should have been making tea, not bidding. **No way should North overcall 2D. An overcall at the two level should show an opening bid.**

Bd 21:

Dlr: North ♠9
 Vul: N/S ♥10985 Optimum
 ♦K653 EW 4Hx; +100
 ♣KJ32

♠AK1063	North	♠72
♥J4	West	♥AKQ763
♦Q9		♦102
♣A964	East	♣1075
	21	
	South	

	♠	♦	♥	♣	N
	-	4	-	-	-
	-	4	-	1	-
	-	-	3	-	2
	1	-	3	-	2

7		
14		9
	10	

♠QJ854
 ♥2
 ♦AJ874
 ♣Q8

Like board 17, should be 2H by East and Pass Pass Pass. It should make 9 tricks losing two clubs and two diamonds. You could make 10 but in trying that you might end up making only 8 by finessing S10.

Bd 23:

Dlr: South ♠A7
 Vul: All ♥AK83 Optimum
 ♦KQ972 S 7H; +2210
 ♣Q6

♠J84	North	♠9652
♥Q10	West	♥7654
♦A10853		♦J64
♣J103	East	♣84
	23	
	South	

	♠	♦	♥	♣	N
	7	4	6	6	6
	7	4	7	6	6
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

18		
8		1
	13	

♠KQ103
 ♥J92
 ♦--
 ♣AK9752

1C(S) – 1D (N) – 1S (S) - 2H(N 4th suit game forcing) – 4C (S – showing 6 probably and no real H stop) 3C (S) (showing 6) – North will probably bid 4NT which would be Keycard in Clubs and end up bidding 6NT or 6C. 6C is slightly better but not much between them.