

Analysis of Hands Jan 11th 2021

Bd 1:

Dir: North ♥A852 Optimum
 Vul: None ♦AK4 NS 3N+1; +430
♣AQ1092

♣ 109843	W	North	E	♣ Q52
♥ KJ3	e	1	a	♥ Q104
♦ 863	s		s	♦ J952
♣ 84	t	South	t	♣ K65

21	♣ KJ76	♣ ♥ ♥ ♠ N
4	♥ 976	N 4 3 4 2 4
8	♦ Q107	S 4 3 3 2 4
7	♣ J73	E - - - - -

I hope you all opened 1C on the North hand and nothing else. It is not a 2C or 2NT opening. Bidding should be 1C (N) -1S (S) - 2H *(N) – 2NT (S) with a D stop and 3NT by North. Note the 2H* bid is a Reverse bid and should be 17+ (or good 16) –This bid is unlimited and 100% forcing. South only bids 2NT as the S hand is minimum and North raises to 3NT. Note if North has only 16 he would pass 2NT. If you open 2C and after 2D response you bid 3C and have shown no hearts. What I have outlined above has 5clubs and 4 hearts shown by the time we reach 2H. **IT IS NOT A 2C OPENING** (A Lebensohl 2NT system can be used with reverse bids too, but I have not covered that in my Lebensohl handout)

Bd 2:

Dir: East ♣QJ54 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥-- EW 4Hx,W 4Cx; +500
♣74

♣ 93	W	North	E	♣ K1082
♥ A92	e	2	a	♥ K10543
♦ K87	s		s	♦ Q
♣ K6532	t	South	t	♣ Q108

7	♣ A76	♣ ♥ ♥ ♠ N
10	♥ QJ876	N - 4 - 2 2
10	♦ J9	S - 4 - 2 3
13	♣ AJ9	E - - 1 - -
		W 1 - 1 - -

This is extremely difficult to bid unless you are playing a strong NT system. Firstly, East should not open 1H. It is a poor 10 count as 2 of the 10 points are in a singleton Queen. 1H (S) – 1S(N) and South could raise to 2S, but if he was playing a strong NT could rebid 1NT. Playing a weak NT you miss the D fit because you cannot bid 3D over 2S. There is a system of “Checkbacks” where a 2C Checkback bid in response to 1NT rebid demands 2D which

you could then pass, but you would have to be playing that specific system and also a strong NT opening for this hand and your 1NT rebid = 12/14. (I play a weak NT).

Bd 3:

Dlr: South ♠964
 Vul: E/W ♥AK6 Optimum
 ♦94 NS 4Hx,NS 4Cx; -100
 ♣AQ843

♠AQJ105	North	♠872
♥Q98	West	♥54
♦Q107	3	♦AJ8653
♣109	East	♣K7
	South	

	♠K3	♣♦♥♠N
13	♥J10732	N 3 - 3 - -
11	♦K2	S 3 - 3 - -
8	♣J652	E - 3 - 3 -
8		W - 3 - 3 1

If you do not open 1S as West and N opens 1C or 1NT N/S will get in to 2H. However, when it comes around in 2H, West in the passout position, should then bid 2S. E/W can make 9 tricks in Spades and if N/S do not take their tricks one trick disappears.

Bd 5:

Dlr: North ♠KQJ3
 Vul: N/S ♥9 Optimum
 ♦106542 EW 4H; -420
 ♣1096

♠A654	North	♠987
♥J863	West	♥K7542
♦9	5	♦AQJ8
♣AKJ5	East	♣3
	South	

	♠102	♣♦♥♠N
6	♥AQ10	N - - - -
13	♦K73	S - - - -
10	♣Q8742	E - 1 4 2 2
11		W - - 4 2 2

I suspect that those who stopped in 3H did so not knowing that their honour cards were all in the wrong place. Turn the CK into the SK, and have the same distribution and 4H is cold. Just note it is wasted having CAKJ opposite a singleton. It is far better to have the K in a suit where you have small cards in the suit in the other hand. Mind you if you finesse the CJ you can discard the two losing spades and you can make 4H. It is difficult but **You should be in 4H.**

Bd 10:

Dir: East ♠KQJ87
 Vul: All ♥A108 Optimum
 ♦654 NS 4H+1; +650
 ♣A7

♠9432	W North East South 10 South	♠A105
♥J65		♥943
♦AJ872		♦KQ109
♣8		♣954

14	♠6	♣♦♥♠N
6	♥KQ72	N 5 - 5 1 1
9	♦3	S 5 - 5 1 1
11	♣KQJ10632	E - 1 - - -
		W - 1 - - -

Obviously 5C is the spot and not 3NT with no D stopper. I would suggest 1C(S) – 1S (N) – 2C(S) – 2D(N) (New Minor Suit is 100% forcing and shows diamonds but is trying to get more information and implies at least 5 spades. North is stuck to make a bid here as 2H would always show 4 hearts)- South bids 3C showing 6 or 7 and North now knows it has to be played in Clubs and should bid 5C.

Bd 11:

Dir: South ♠86
 Vul: None ♥K8 Optimum
 ♦K10432 EW 4S+1; -450
 ♣6542

♠KQJ32	W North East South 11 South	♠A1097
♥752		♥AQ63
♦875		♦AQJ9
♣108		♣Q

6	♠54	♣♦♥♠N
6	♥J1094	N 2 - - - -
19	♦6	S 2 - - - -
9	♣AKJ973	E - 3 3 5 1
		W - 3 3 5 1

I notice a number of Souths overcalled 2C on a 9 count (so much for me saying it should be an opening bid to overcall at the two level??? It is not totally wrong because of the 6/4 shape). North will raise to 3C. If that happens East will now double showing a strong hand and short in clubs. West can jump now to 4S as he has good 5 card suit and knows partner can tolerate any suit and is 17+. 11 tricks are available. If South passes it should go 1D (E) – 1S (W) – 4C(E) (Splinter showing four spades and singleton club and game going hand.) – 4S (W) because he is minimum, and has nothing to cue bid. (No outside K or A or other singleton).

Bd 12:

Dlr: West ♠KQJ7 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥K1083 EW 7Dx; +1400
 ♦J
 ♣A1095

♠1096	W North 12 S South E East	♠853
♥74		♥QJ952
♦AKQ106		♦8753
♣632		♣8

14	♠A42	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥A6	N 6 - 2 6 2
14	♦942	S 6 - 2 6 2
	♣KQJ74	E - 1 - - -
		W - 1 - - -

If you are playing Inverted minors it is really the only way to easily bid this. 1C(N) – 2C(S) (This shows 10+ hcp and at least 5 clubs). Now North can jump to 3D(splinter) as he does hold 4 clubs and now shows a singleton diamond. This is great news for South as he now knows North's values are in the suits where he wants them, and he can ruff his two losing diamonds in the North hand. He can check for Aces in clubs and all he wants is an Ace and a KQ and a K for 6C to make. That is only a 12 count in the North hand and North has jumped in diamonds to show a good hand in Clubs. **Note:** South's initial 2C bid usually denies a Major and shows at least 5 clubs as most players are playing 5 card Majors and play a short club with only two or three guaranteed. In Inverted Minor responses a response of 3C is weak showing at least 5 clubs and 5/6/9hcp. I notice the printout says top spot is 7DX- 6 for -1400. Why would you sacrifice in 7D when 6D is sufficient and which now costs you 1100 as against -1370?

Bd 13:

Dlr: North ♠1073 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥QJ105 EW 2D+2; -130
 ♦65
 ♣KQ95

♠KQ65	W North 13 S South E East	♠842
♥--		♥K9763
♦K109732		♦AQ4
♣642		♣83

8	♠AJ9	♣♦♥♠N
8	♥A842	N 1 - 1 - 1
15	♦J8	S 2 - 1 - 1
	♣AJ107	E - 4 - 1 -
		W - 4 - 1 -

No reason to be in 4H with 15 opposite 8 even allowing one extra for the doubleton diamond.
 1C (S) – 1D (W) -1H (N) – 2D (E) – 2H (S) – 3D (W) (as he is 6/4). South will probably compete to 3H but West can make 4D

Bd 14:

♠8654
 Dlr: East ♥J Optimum
 Vul: None ♦KQ84 EW 4H+1; -450
 ♣A1065

♠A10732	W North e 14 s t South	♠Q
♥KQ643		♥A9852
♦3		♦AJ752
♣84		♣Q3

10	♠KJ9	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥107	N - - - -
13	♦1096	S - - - -
8	♣KJ972	E - 1 5 1 1
		W - 1 5 1 1

No way should you be in 6H. South should lead his best suit and straight away two tricks are taken. Why would you be in a slam with minimum opening opposite minimum opening? No reason whatsoever. West has 9hcp but with the extras is worth 12hcp.

Bd 15:

♠QJ986
 Dlr: South ♥6 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦AQ8764 EW 2C+2; -130
 ♣5

♠K	W North e 15 s t South	♠5432
♥A8		♥K32
♦KJ1095		♦32
♣Q10982		♣AK63

9	♠A107	♣♦♥♠N
13	♥QJ109754	N - 1 1 1 -
10	♦--	S - 1 1 1 -
8	♣J74	E 4 - - - 1
		W 4 - - - 1

Should be playing in 3H one off or might even make. No reason for any bidding by E/W.

Bd 18:

♣KJ106432
 Dlr: East ♥K8 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦Q43 EW 1N+1; -120
 ♣J

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West should open 1C, N will bid 1S and back to West who should really bid 1NT showing 18/20. North will bid 2S and If E/W are careful they will beat this by 1 or two tricks. I see people opened 2NT. It is **CRAZY to open NT with a small singleton**. First thing about opening NT is that the hand is balanced. **The WEST HAND IS UNBALANCED.**

Bd 19:

♣K8743
 Dlr: South ♥Q86 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♦Q10 NS 3N+1; +430
 ♣K102

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Shouldn't be in 4H but if misdefended you might make it. I notice one E/W pair bid 4S doubled vulnerable going 4 off. Why do you overcall spades with a 5 count vulnerable? If you bid like that your partner can never have a constructive auction with you as he can never know what you have!!!!

Bd 22:

Dlr: East ♠97 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♥K94 EW 4S+1; -650
 ♦1098
 ♣108542

♠AQ8432 ♥J10 ♦J75 ♣KJ	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WNorthE</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">22</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WestEastS</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> SouthSoutht</div>	♠J105 ♥A8753 ♦AQ43 ♣3
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Surprised more did not bid 4S. East is worth a 1H opening as he has a comfortable rebid. He could raise the 1S response to 2S as he holds 3 spades and a singleton club. West has an automatic raise to 4S. Almost certainly you will make 11 tricks as your losing heart disappears on the 13th diamond in dummy.

Bd 23:

Dlr: South ♠109732 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥95 EW 3N+1; -630
 ♦KQ9
 ♣AJ4

♠KQ ♥AJ42 ♦854 ♣Q732	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WNorthE</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">23</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WestEastS</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> SouthSoutht</div>	♠AJ5 ♥873 ♦AJ7 ♣K1065
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Am a little mystified 3NT was not making by many. You make 3 clubs, 3 spades and either two hearts or two diamonds plus another red Ace??? Both red AJ's are sitting over the KQ's so you cannot go wrong.

Lebensohl: Lebensohl Convention is used when your side opens 1NT and when your opponents make an overcall. The overcall is immediately after the 1NT opening. The first thing to remember, is that 2NT by your partner after the opponents make an overcall at the 2 level, of your 1NT opening, is not natural. It demands that you bid 3C. It's outlined below.

If your partner opens 1NT and your next opponent makes an overcall, then the first thing you should take on board is that double by you is for takeout and not penalty. It's far more useful than using double as penalty. The higher the level of the overcall the better your hand should be for the takeout double, and in many cases, your partner should pass the takeout double if he has no convenient bid below 3NT.

If the overcall is at the 2 level then a response by you at the 2 level is just a weak takeout but with a reasonable hand. (5 cards and 7hcp opposite a weak NT). Another useful convention is to double an overcall of 2C to show a Stayman bid from you, since the overcall of 2C took away your Stayman bid.

If you bid at the 3 level after an overcall, whether it is made with or without a jump, it is 100% forcing to game, showing a 5 card suit and is Natural. This is part of the Lebensohl convention. Eg.(a) 1NT (N) – 2H (E) – 3S (S) is natural and forcing to game showing 5 cards exactly for the moment. Eg (b) 1NT (N) – 2S (E) – 3H (S) shows the same type of hand as the last example except it is hearts this time. Notice it is made without a jump but it is 100% game forcing.

The bid of 2NT in the Lebensohl Convention: If you bid 2NT over the overcall it demands the opener to bid 3C. If you had a long club suit and not enough for game you pass it to play in 3C. If you had bid 3C yourself directly over the overcall it shows long clubs but in this case it is game going. Eg. 1NT (partner) – 2S(opponent) – 2NT (you) - 3C (partner) -3D, 3H are to play and must be passed. They are not invitational. This would show a hand with 6 card suit 7/9hcp opposite a weak NT or 5 card with 9/10hcp.

You can also bid 3 of a new suit which is Invitational to game as follows: Example: If partner opens 1NT and 2D comes in you can bid 2H (weak) showing 5+ and is to be played there. If instead you jumped to 3H, this shows 5 and allows partner decide between 3NT and 4H. That 3H bid is game forcing. On the other hand if you bid 2NT first over the overcall, and when partner has made the compulsory 3C bid, you can now bid 3H. This shows a game invitational bid with 5 hearts. If maximum, partner goes 3NT or 4H, depending on his number of hearts. If minimum, he passes. He refuses the invitation.

Fast arrival no stop. Slow arrival going through 2NT shows a stop.

This means if partner opens 1NT, and 2S comes in, and if you bid 3NT immediately, it denies a spade stop. i.e. **Fast Arrival. Important Note:** If the 1NT opener also does not have a spade stop he should bid his lowest 4 card minor and they probably end up in 5C or 5D. However, if over the 2S you bid 2NT, your partner must bid 3C, as you have commanded him. If you now bid 3NT you show a spade stop. i.e. **Slow Arrival.**

If you bid the suit overcalled by your opponents: Eg. 1NT (partner) – 2S (Opponent) – 3S by you shows 4 hearts and a game going hand and denies a Spade stop. i.e. Fast arrival.
Alternatively: 1NT (partner) – 2S (opponent) – 2NT (you Lebensohl) – 3C (partner as demanded by you) – 3S (you) Again shows 4 hearts, but doing it slowly, it also shows a S stop, Partner now chooses which game to be in 4H or 3NT. You can do the same if they overcall in hearts and you hold 4 spades. That is bid 3H either immediately or going through 2NT depending on whether you have a H stop or not. Also remember double of any suit overcalled by them over your NT is for takeout and don't forget double by you of opponents 2C overcall bid, you should use to show a Stayman 2C bid by you.

Remember any bid that has a special meaning must be alerted!!