

## Analysis of Hands Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Note: THE OPTIMUM CONTRACT IS OFTEN NOT THE RIGHT CONTRACT. IT ONLY TELLS YOU WHAT YOU CAN MAKE**

**Bd 1:**

Dlr: North     ♠Q109  
                   ♥84                     Optimum  
 Vul: None     ♦A8754                    NS 2S+1; +140  
                   ♣K63

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East will open 2H and South will double. North will respond 3D showing values. The 3D bid by North should be passed as he is already a Passed hand. I see people playing in S and 3NT. I have no idea how you would or could get into those contracts, though Spades does well, as you can ruff a heart in the hand with the short trumps.

**Bd 3:**

Dlr: South     ♠J9863  
                   ♥432                     Optimum  
 Vul: E/W     ♦K65                    NS 3H; +140  
                   ♣A2

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South will open 1C and West will either bid 1NT or double. Double more likely as he has only two clubs. North will bid 1S and East will double saying he has spades. South cannot really bid 2H showing a strong hand and the 1S response by partner weakened his hand. He might stretch to 2H since it is a very good quality suit but 2C is the more likely bid. West will

double for takeout showing extras and East will bid 2S now with 5. Holding 6/5 and no spades, South might stretch to 3C, but it is risky as the suit quality is poor.

**Bd 4:**

Dlr: West      ♠AQ8  
 Vul: All      ♥743      Optimum  
                  ♦J64      EW 4S+1; -650  
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E/W will play in 1NT if playing a weak NT and play in 2S if playing a strong NT. I see some N/S pairs played in Hearts. N/S should never bid on this hand if West opens. **North does not have a bid over 1NT. North does not have a takeout double over any suit opened. He has 4 clubs and 3,3, 3. He has no suit he can play in. NONE. Stop making takeout doubles on these hands.** However if West passes, and doesn't open 1NT vul, with 12, North will open a weak NT and N/S will end up in 2H.

**Bd 5:**

Dlr: North      ♠K84  
 Vul: N/S      ♥542      Optimum  
                  ♦AJ2      EW 4S; -420  
                  ♣10954

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East is too good non vul, to open 3S. Vulnerable yes, it is suitable for 3S. The values in Q's and J's are poor though the suit quality is good. E/W should now reach 4S with an opening opposite an opening. If I was Vulnerable with the West hand and my partner opened 3S I would raise him to 4S because I expect my partner to be good for a Vul 3S opening. You also

have 5 controls. Ace = 2 and K = 1 and **Controls are what are good for suit contracts and not Q's and J's.**

**Bd 7:**

Dlr: South      ♠Q5  
 Vul: All        ♥J64                      Optimum  
                   ♦K8742                    EW 6H; -1430  
                   ♣1075

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South will open 1S, West will overcall 2D, North will pass and East will bid 2H. South really is not good enough to bid 3C. West I think should jump to 4C showing a singleton (splinter) but promising 4 hearts (it's a small lie). The reason is he has such controls, (6) plus a singleton and is too good to just raise to 4H. East will probably just bid 4H as he is void in his partner's first suit and holds 3 small spades. He would need the DK to bid 4D. He shouldn't cue bid diamonds holding a void in his partner's suit. You can make 6H but a trump lead makes it difficult.

**Bd 8:**

Dlr: West        ♠9  
 Vul: None        ♥A32                      Optimum  
                   ♦J97                      NS 4Cx; -100  
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West opens 1S and East responds 2D. Normally I would rebid 2H but here the quality of the spade suit is so good I would rebid 2S. If that shows 6 with you then it is raised to 4S. If, like me, it could still be only 5 then East can bid 2NT or 3NT and if that guarantees two then

West can bid 4S. It's easier to beat 4H because the singleton S is on lead. 4H can be beaten but it's almost impossible.

**Bd 10:**

Dlr: East      ♠J972  
 Vul: All      ♥9432      Optimum  
                  ♦Q6      W 2S+1; -140  
                  ♣AKJ

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**Bd 11:**

Dlr: South      ♠763  
 Vul: None      ♥KQ1083      Optimum  
                  ♦AJ5      NS 6N; +990  
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See someone bid 6NT on a misfit hand with 16 opposite 14. This is shocking bridge. Look the HJ is right, the SQ is right, the DK is right. I can assure you if you bid hands like this you

will collect zero after zero. It's wrong to bid 6NT with only 30 points and no running suit. Shift any one of these cards and it is one down.

**Bd 14:**

Dlr: East      ♠A10865  
 Vul: None    ♥--      Optimum  
                  ♦96      NS 7N; +1520  
                  ♣J108732

♠J943	North West <span style="font-size: 2em;">14</span> East South	♠--
♥962		♥QJ1083
♦108732		♦KQJ54
♣9		♣Q54

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East will open 1H. South will double and West should not bid 2H. North is worth 2S whether West bids or not holding 5 spades and a void and a 6 card club suit. South should just ask for Aces. He will show 1 Ace and I would bid 6S. If 6C is the final contract by North is doubled by East, then 7C will make. Why would advertise the fact that you held three clubs to the Q? You discard your D loser on the HA. Ruff a heart and finesse the CJ. In 6S you win the D lead and discard the D on the HA. Draw your 4 rounds of trumps and just play Ace, King and another club. It would be wrong to finesse the CJ in case it's wrong because now you will be isolated from your clubs when forced to ruff and the CK is in the way, blocking the suit.

**Bd 18:**

Dlr: East      ♠AJ      Optimum  
 Vul: N/S      ♥K954      EW 5Sx; +500  
                  ♦AQ8  
                  ♣A542

♠K96532	W	North	E	♠Q1084
♥J3	West	18	East	♥A7
♦93		South		♦1052
♣KQ6		♣J983		

18	♠7	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥Q10862	N 1 5 5 - 1
7	♦KJ764	S 1 5 5 - 1
6	♣107	E - - - 2 -
		W - - - 2 -

West will open 2S. I see one N did not double. If multi 2D is opened by West, North will double and now South will bid hearts. If East bids 2H in response to multi South should bid 3H natural. He has 10 red cards. If he doesn't bid then West will bid his 2S which North should again double showing a strong hand for his first takeout double. Now South should definitely bid 4H.

**Bd 20:**

Dlr: West      ♠KQJ108      Optimum  
 Vul: All      ♥J      EW 5Hx; +500  
                  ♦9865  
                  ♣765

♣63	W	North	E	♣92
♥AQ65432	West	20	East	♥K7
♦10		South		♦KJ72
♣K92		♣J10843		

7	♠A754	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥1098	N - 3 - 4 -
8	♦AQ43	S - 3 - 4 -
16	♣AQ	E 2 - 3 - -
		W 2 - 3 - -

West opens 3H and is passed around to S who makes a takeout double. North should bid 3S and is not too far off a jump to 4S. **Double of weak 3 bids are for takeout. No such thing as optional doubles. They do not exist.** On this hand 3H doubled should make. It is not a hand to open 4H on the West cards Vul. Suit is too empty and you need to be 7/4 in distribution with a 4 card side suit to be doing this on a 9 count Vul. 4S can make but it is difficult.. You ruff the 2<sup>nd</sup> heart, draw trumps and finesse the DQ. Ruff the last heart and play CAQ. West wins and comes another club. You ruff and lead a low D to the 9. East has to lead a D from K7 into your 96 with A4 on table or else give you a ruff and discard.