

Analysis of Hands Nov 30th 2020

A Total No No: I just want to refer to something which happened last week. South held S643 HQ5 DK82 CAK762. Having opened 1C, West overcalled 1S, North passed, East passed and now back to South. What should South do? North passed showing what? He didn't bid. He cannot have a penalty double of 1S because we have 3. For us to double now for takeout we should have 0,1 or maybe 2 (rarely)spades . In other words a shortage. We don't have a shortage . To bid we should be 5,5 or strong 5/4 (16+), or strong balanced 17+, or unbalanced 16+. To bid here is **WRONG** . It happens all the time. Look you have opened on a 12 count an absolute minimum. Partner has less than 6 so you PASS. **A 2C bid here is a No,No.** Making similar bids on other suits such as H or S is equally wrong. Show you are minimum by passing. You only bid if partner has bid, or if you have the other holdings I mentioned above. (Pass if N responds 1NT). North's original pass shows less than 6.

Bd 2:

Dlr: East Vul: N/S	♠J92 ♥AK7 ♦QJ653 ♣A9	Optimum E 7Hx; +800														
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Useful Tip: To get to a slam here you need to be opening 4D to show a solid 4S opening. (To open a solid 4H you open 4C.). North can cue bid 4H (he usually has to respond 4S) to show first round heart control. South will bid 5D with his void and North can now bid 6S holding the CA. **Note:** If you open a pre-emptive 4S you do not necessarily show a solid Spade suit,so if you bid slam here you are just lucky to find South with no losing diamonds or no losing trump trick either. Note the 4D opening says we are playing in 4S.

Bd 3: Playing a weak NT, after 1C – 1D from North and 1NT rebid by South showing 15/17 you take a chance that partner has one top honour in D if you bid 3NT here. If he has two small diamonds it's a poor contract. Playing a Strong NT North can respond 2NT which is a transfer to Diamonds showing at least 6. South can now bid 3C saying I have poor diamonds or 3D which he would bid here holding Axx and saying he has good diamonds. North will now bid 3NT. Note 2NT response to 1NT opening shows Diamonds and 2S response shows clubs. Obviously in agreement with partner in advance.

Dlr: South ♣A10
 Vul: E/W ♥952 Optimum
 ♠QJ9842 NS 3N, NS 5D; +400
 ♣J7

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 Vul: All ♥7 Optimum
 ♠A1084 NS 2N; +120
 ♣AJ432

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Should be played in 3D and not 3NT. If it goes 1D by South and 3D by North showing a hand worth 11 hcp in diamonds and maybe not 11 in picture cards South should pass. If the singleton Heart was a Spade in the North hand you are going way off in a silly 3NT contract. If North only raises 1D to 2D then East can make a takeout double to show Majors. E/W definitely make 2H but almost certainly will make 3H if Club King doesn't win a trick until late in play and then South will have to give a ruff and discard as he has nothing left but diamonds.

Bd 5:

Dlr: North ♠9764
 ♥8532 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♦6 E 5Dx; +500
 ♣9872

♠--	W	North	E	♠1053
♥KJ1076	e	5	a	♥Q9
♦Q95	s		s	♦J87432
♣AQ1053	t		t	♣J6
		South		

	♠AKQJ82	♣♦♥♠N
0	♥A4	N - - - 4 3
12	♦AK10	S - - - 4 3
4	♣K4	E 1 2 1 - -
24		W 1 1 1 - -

A couple got to 6S down. There is something undisciplined about this. 2C from S – 2D from N and 2S by S is 100% forcing and cannot be passed. Now if North was good for his negative 2D and has S support he bids 3S. His hand is worth 2hcp for the singleton D so he bids 4S which is minimum. South should accept North's decision and pass as he has nothing he has not already shown.

Bd 6:

Dlr: East ♠AJ1042
 ♥K7 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♦A85 NS 2N; +120
 ♣876

♠63	W	North	E	♠K85
♥A1053	e	6	a	♥J942
♦J943	s		s	♦Q72
♣J93	t		t	♣KQ10
		South		

	♠Q97	♣♦♥♠N
12	♥Q86	N 1 - - 2 2
6	♦K106	S 1 - - 2 2
11	♣A542	E - 1 2 - -
		W - 1 2 - -

Should be played in 3S down 1. South should invite with his 11 hcp after 1S opened by North as south holds Qxx of Spades. You should lose two clubs, a Spade, a D and a H. If the D trick is not set up it may disappear on the 13th club in dummy.

Bd 8:

Dir: West ♠6 Optimum
 Vul: None ♥AK8632 NS 3N; +400
 ♦A95
 ♣A72

♠J2	North 8 South	♠A1043
♥754		♥QJ
♦J832		♦KQ4
♣J1094		♣K863

15	♠KQ9875	♣♦♥♠N
3	♥109	N - 2 3 3 3
15	♦1076	S - 2 3 3 3
7	♣Q5	E - - - -
		W - - - -

2H is the rebid on the North hand after a 1S response by South . The reason is the S bid does nothing for the N hand holding a singleton, and it is looking at small cards in C and D plus the quality of the small cards in hearts is poor. Luckily doubleton HQJ falls but even so you can lose two diamonds, a spade and a club. **Note: You never count extra points for a singleton in a suit your partner has bid. i.e. Spades here.**

Bd 9:

Dir: North ♠AKJ2 Optimum
 Vul: E/W ♥8642 NS 1H+2; +140
 ♦J
 ♣AQ98

♠Q107	North 9 South	♠9854
♥K753		♥9
♦K1054		♦AQ6
♣52		♣KJ1063

15	♠63	♣♦♥♠N
8	♥AQJ10	N 1 1 3 1 1
10	♦98732	S 1 - 3 - 1
7	♣74	E - - - -
		W - - - -

North opens 1C and South might respond a D and if that happens North responds 1H (not 1NT showing 15/17 because he has a singleton in his partners bid suit) which South raises to 2H as it has values of 9 only giving 1 extra point twice for the doubletons. **Note:** The North hand is worth 16hcp. That is 15 plus two for the singleton but then you do not also give one for J and two for singleton. It's one or the other. I have already said that 16hcp is just a single raise in partner's responding suit. So if South originally responded 1H, North should raise to only 2H and not 3H. A Heart switch by the defence limits this to only 8 or 9 tricks. The declarer should always try to ruff some Diamonds in the North hand and not draw trumps

Bd 10:

Dlr: East ♠AQJ10 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥Q4 NS 3N; +600
 ♦AQ74
 ♣Q102

♠86	West	North	East	♠7532
♥K10872	10			♥96
♦105				♦K92
♣AJ83				♣K965

	♠K94	♣♦♥♠N
17	♥AJ53	N - 3 1 3 3
8	♦J863	S - 3 1 3 3
6	♣74	E - - - -
9		W 1 - - -

N/S should make 4 spades, 3 diamonds, a club, and a heart in 3NT. A club should be led. When you win the third round after the 10 took the King you should lead a Spade to the King and now a low Diamond to the Q and King. They take their club but when the Heart is now led take the Ace and your remaining tricks. No way should you be leading the HQ early. You have only 6 hearts between the two hands whereas you have 8 diamonds.

:Bd 11:

Dlr: South ♠QJ10942 Optimum
 Vul: None ♥53 NS 4S; +420
 ♦96
 ♣KQ9

♠75	West	North	East	♠86
♥Q82	11			♥AKJ10974
♦AKQ8				♦4
♣8762				♣J43

	♠AK3	♣♦♥♠N
8	♥6	N - 3 - 4 -
11	♦J107532	S - 3 - 4 -
9	♣A105	E 1 - 2 - -
12		W 1 - 2 - -

If E/W bid 5H over 4S they should be doubled. A number were not doubled? Why? You have AK of S and CA and partner has responded twice in Spades without A and K so must have other values besides Spades. They lose three club tricks and two spade tricks. You need to be signalling the count on the number of cards you hold in a suit when cashing out winners.

Bd 12: N after opening 1D hears 1S from E, pass from partner and 2S by West. N should now bid 3C and not double as he only has A2 of hearts. N/S can make 3D and E/W 2S only, losing two clubs, one heart and two diamonds

Dlr: West ♠72 Optimum
 Vul: N/S ♥A2 EW 3Sx; +100
 ♦AQ1074
 ♣AKJ10

♠A43	North West 12 East South	♠KQJ985
♥K9653		♥Q
♦82		♦J65
♣985		♣Q32

18	♠106	♣♦♥♠N
7	♥J10874	N 3 3 2 - 1
11	♦K93	S 3 3 2 - 1
4	♣764	E - - - 2 -
		W - - - 2 -

Bd 13:

Dlr: North ♠109642 Optimum
 Vul: All ♥Q98 EW 2D; -90
 ♦AJ2
 ♣104

♠KQ53	North West 13 East South	♠7
♥2		♥K10543
♦KQ965		♦1083
♣AQ5		♣K986

7	♠AJ8	♣♦♥♠N
16	♥AJ76	N - - - 1 1
6	♦74	S - - 1 1 1
11	♣J732	E 1 2 - - -
		W 1 2 - - -

Should go 1D by West , 1H by East , 1S by West (Not 1NT you are 5/4 plus singleton)and then East goes back to 2D. It should definitely not be played in NT. West should not rebid 1NT with 5 diamonds, 4spades and a singleton in his partner's suit. Later West should not bid 2NT over 2D, if anything,only 3D but it's not worth that holding a singleton in partner's suit. **In black I had to highlight the following: I noticed one North overcalled 1S. That is a very wrong bid and should not happen. What function has it? You have a 7 count vulnerable and no honour.** By the way, I never look to see who makes any bid except I did notice the above on the results sheet

Bd 14: Surprised not everyone isn't in 3NT. 15 opposite 10. If it goes 1C from N, 1S from S, then North is stuck and has to bid 1NT(15/17). South will bid 3NT. If it went 1C – 1D then North will raise to 2D and South will probably bid 2NT with his very good 10hcp as he holds a number of 10's. North raises to 3NT.

Dlr: East ♠Q
 Vul: None ♥A974 Optimum
 ♦AQJ6 S 3N+1; +430
 ♣Q1072

♠753	North	♠A9842
♥KJ53	14	♥862
♦K975	South	♦3
♣K9		♣J853

15	♠KJ106	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥Q10	N 3 4 2 1 3
5	♦10842	S 3 4 3 2 4
10	♣A64	E - - - -
		W -

Bd 15.

Dlr: South ♠J963
 Vul: N/S ♥3 Optimum
 ♦AJ43 EW 2H+1; -140
 ♣A1092

♠AQ1042	North	♠K8
♥Q76	15	♥AJ10954
♦Q5	South	♦72
♣543		♣KQ6

10	♠75	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥K82	N 2 2 - - 1
13	♦K10986	S 2 2 - - 1
7	♣J87	E - - 3 2 -
		W -

If E/W are in 4H the correct lead from the S hand is the diamond 10 holding K10986. It is South's best suit. Now two diamonds, a club and a heart trick are taken so only 9 tricks are made in 4H. South has no other good suit to lead from.

Bd 18: West opens 1D, East responds 1S, West rebids 2C and now East must rebid 2S and not 2H. A bid of the fourth suit at the two level EVERYONE should play as artificial and shows an opening bid in the responding hand and is game forcing. You should make 4S being able to ruff two hearts with the small spades in the dummy and discard two more on the

winning diamonds. West is worth a raise to 3S over 2S and East should certainly go on being 6/5 and knowing partner is short in hearts.

Dlr: East ♣J7
 Vul: N/S ♥Q654 Optimum
 ♦J32 EW 4S+1; -450
 ♣K652

♣A95	North West 18 East South	♣1086432
♥--		♥J10872
♦AQ976		♦K
♣Q10874		♣A

7	♣KQ	♣♦♥♠N
12	♥AK93	N - - - -
8	♦10854	S - - - -
13	♣J93	E 2 2 1 5 1
		W 2 2 1 5 1

Bd 20.

Dlr: West ♣A
 Vul: All ♥2 Optimum
 ♦AKQ1087 NS 5D,NS 5C; +600
 ♣AK753

♣Q965	North West 20 East South	♣432
♥AQ1054		♥K876
♦93		♦J52
♣Q10		♣J96

20	♣KJ1087	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥J93	N 5 5 - 2 2
5	♦64	S 5 5 - 2 2
5	♣842	E - - 1 - -
		W - - 1 - -

N should open 1D and nothing else. Partner bids 1S, you rebid 3C and partner will go back to 3D thinking you are 5/4 and strong. You now bid 4C and South raises to 5C. North's 4C bid is forcing to game and shows 6/5 or 5/5. I hope nobody opened 2C. With one heart and one spade in your hand the opposition is not going to be silent if partner does not respond?

Bd 24.

Dir: West ♠10 Optimum
 Vul: None ♥2 EW 5Sx; +300
 ♦QJ10852
 ♣AQ976

♠6	North West 24 East South	♠K9875432
♥AJ65		♥K943
♦K94		♦--
♣K8542		♣J

9	♠AQJ	♣♦♥♠N
11	♥Q1087	N 2 5 - - 3
7	♦A763	S 2 5 - - 3
13	♣103	E - - 1 3 -
		W - - 1 3 -

West will open 1C , North will overcall 1D and East will bid 1S for the moment. South will bid 2C(Bidding two of the suit that was opened on your left hand side) asking how good North was for the 1D overcall and North will bid 2D showing minimum though he has 6 and was good enough to overcall 1D. East will now bid 3S I would imagine, and South will bid 4D, or 5D is also possible, knowing the AQJ of Spades are over the SK. North will raise 4D to 5D if he only bid 4D as he is 6/5.**Note:** Remember that extra trump length, holding 6 instead of 5 is so powerful when it comes to controlling a hand.