

## Analysis of hands Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

### Bd 1.

Dlr: North      ♠10984      Optimum  
 Vul: None      ♥KQ4      NS 6S, NS 6H; +980  
                  ♦J943  
                  ♣Q2

♠3	W	North	E	♠62
♥J95	e	1	a	♥1072
♦Q85	s	South	s	♦10762
♣AKJ865	t		t	♣9743

8	♠AKQJ75	♣♦♥♠N
11	♥A863	N - 2 6 6 1
0	♦AK	S - 2 6 6 1
21	♣10	E - - - -
		W - - - -

I suspect most opened 2C. With an unbalanced hand like this I open 1S. Partner will bid 2S showing 6 – 10. Now rebid 3H asking him to bid 4S if he has good heart support and maximum for his 2S bid. It looks like you are trying to get to game. He will jump to 4S because he has good hearts, plus 4 trumps and is in the upper range. Then go on and bid 6S. If you had opened 2C partner will bid 2D and you bid 2S. You are now at the 2 level before you have shown your suit. You now cannot find out if he has useful cards as bidding is too high, Note if there was KQx of clubs instead of KQx of hearts you wouldn't make 6S. Values are in the wrong place.

### Bd 2.

Dlr: East      ♠109      Optimum  
 Vul: N/S      ♥K83      EW 1S+2; -140  
                  ♦AJ97  
                  ♣AJ107

♠Q843	W	North	E	♠AKJ62
♥QJ109	e	2	a	♥2
♦82	s	South	s	♦KQ105
♣KQ9	t		t	♣432

13	♠75	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥A7654	N - - - -
13	♦643	S - - - -
4	♣865	E 1 1 - 3 1
		W 1 1 - 3 1

1S - 3S (10 + 1 extra) - 4S. Funny almost nobody beat it. Club lead and you lose two clubs one heart and one D and all because the CA is over the KQ. If it was in South hand 4S would be rigid.

**Bd 3:**

Dir: South ♠Q765  
 Vul: E/W ♥653 Optimum  
 ♦J2 EW 2D+2; -130  
 ♣J1095

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♥2	♥J1094												
♦A854	♦K1093												
♣AQ42	♣K87												

  

4	♠K104	♣♦♥♠N
15	♥AKQ87	N - - - -
7	♦Q76	S - - - -
14	♣63	E 3 4 1 2 2
		W 3

Should be played in 1NT by East. South opens 1H, West doubles and East will respond 1NT. It will also play well in Diamonds but East is more likely to respond 1NT than 2D. South should not bid 2H as its hand has already been shown. No reason to be any higher on E/W cards.

**Bd 7.**

Dir: South ♠K  
 Vul: All ♥K92 Optimum  
 ♦QJ106542 S 6D; +1370  
 ♣54

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♦93	♦K87												
♣K1073	♣J82												

  

9	♠A106	♣♦♥♠N
5	♥AJ754	N 3 5 4 - 3
7	♦A	S 3 6 4 - 3
19	♣AQ96	E - - - 1 -
		W - - - 1 -

You should make 11 tricks in hearts because of position of DK. You can ruff a S and Club in North hand and when you lead winning diamonds the long hearts have to ruff in West hand. I notice someone went 4S on E/W cards. This breaks the law of total tricks. It can be beaten doubled by 3 tricks for 800. E/W have 9 spades so the law says you can compete to the 3 level so sacrificing at the 4 level should be punished for 800. It says optimum contract is 6D but nobody in the world is going to play in Diamonds after partner opens 1H showing 5.

**Bd 9.**

♠AQ1086  
 Dlr: North ♥Q95 Optimum  
 Vul: E/W ♦A83 EW 2N; -120  
 ♣109

♠K3	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>North</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>e</td><td>9</td><td>s</td></tr> <tr><td>s</td><td></td><td>t</td></tr> <tr><td>t</td><td>South</td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	North	E	e	9	s	s		t	t	South		♠J954
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♦K1095	♦J62													
♣QJ3	♣A42													

  

	♠72	♣♦♥♠N
12	♥J73	N - - - -
13	♦Q74	S 1 - - -
9	♣K8765	E - 2 2 1 2
6		W - 2 2 1 2

After 1S by N and 1NT by South I notice the robot doubled on a 13 count in the West hand. This is wrong vulnerable. Obviously the Robot can detect what East has. The reason why it is wrong is because N might be very strong and next thing E/W are getting hammered vulnerable for no reason. I cannot emphasise strongly how wrong it is. As it happens their cards are well placed but hearts should be held to 8 tricks despite the good layout of the cards for them

**Bd 10:**

♠A975  
 Dlr: East ♥98 Optimum  
 Vul: All ♦AK753 NS 1S+2; +140  
 ♣62

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♥KQJ5	♥76432													
♦J9	♦82													
♣Q985	♣A103													

  

	♠J32	♣♦♥♠N
11	♥A10	N - 3 - 3 2
12	♦Q1064	S - 3 - 3 2
6	♣KJ74	E - - 1 - -
11		W - - 1 - -

1NT weak by West and East transfers into 2H. North might double 2H on the way past holding 4 spades (for takeout) but it isn't that easy. If sitting South he definitely should double because he would be in the passout position. If North did double, South should bid 2NT indicating he doesn't hold 4 spades but he holds 4 cards in both minors and asks N to bid his minor. N bids 3D. In 3D after H lead win, draw trumps and exit on H10. E/W are now in difficulty because of the spade 9 in N hand. If you guess the Club position you definitely should make 3D but you could even end up making 10 tricks by setting up the S9 in North hand as well.

**Bd 11:**

Dir: South ♠--  
 Vul: None ♥KQ5 Optimum  
 ♦987654 NS 2S, NS 2D+1; +110  
 ♣AJ54

♠KQ62	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>North</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>11</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>South</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	North	E		11		South			♠J105
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♦Q3	♦AJ10										
♣Q876		♣K102									

10	♠A98743	♣♦♥♠N
9	♥AJ7	N 2 3 1 2 1
	♦K2	S 2 3 1 2 -
12	♣93	E - - - -
		W - - - -

2S and nowhere else. You are overbidding if you went higher. IS – 1NT or 2D depending on how strong you play 1NT and 2S rebid by South and get off the bus.

**Bd 13:**

Dir: North ♠AK54  
 Vul: All ♥Q52 Optimum  
 ♦Q10 EW 4H+1; -650  
 ♣8432

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♦AJ96	♦K4										
♣75		♣AJ6									

11	♠872	♣♦♥♠N
10	♥10	N - - - -
	♦87532	S - - - -
5	♣KQ109	E 1 2 5 2 4
		W 1 2 5 2 4

It's stretching to be any higher than 2H or 3H. If you open 1NT and hear partner bidding 2D showing 5 hearts you could jump to 3H to show you are maximum with 14 hcp and four hearts. Partner has only 10, but he has two small doubletons which are each 1 hcp extra so might go on to 4H. On normal CK lead you should lose a club, a heart and two spade tricks. Data sheet will say you can make 11 because you can trap HQ and DQ10 are doubleton offside so you can make 11 tricks. On normal H play of K first and then a low one towards AJ you have to go Ace. Now say you cash DK followed by DA on the lead of the winning D9 or DJ, North will ruff with winning HQ before cashing SA and K and then play a club to his partner's winning Q. You now only make 9 tricks.

**Bd 14.**

Dlr: East     ♠2     Optimum  
 Vul: None    ♥AK1062     S 4Hx; -100  
                  ♦76  
                  ♣AKJ98

♠AKQJ	North West <span style="font-size: 2em;">14</span> East South	♠109843
♥5		♥Q987
♦AQJ109		♦53
♣Q43		♣72

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West will open 1D and North will bid either 1H or 2NT showing the lowest two unbid suits. Clubs and Hearts (IT IS WRONG FOR NORTH TO DOUBLE WITH A SINGLETON SPADE.) Whatever bid comes back to west he will double to show he had strong 1D opening and the other unbid suit Spades. East will bid 2S or 3S depending on the level of the bidding. After a heart lead a spade switch is best by N. Eventually East can ruff a club in his hand to finesse the DQ. If N/S did not play more trumps E/W will be able to make 10 tricks on a cross ruff in 4S. It's so important not to draw trumps here but to try and make them separately. The difficult part of the defence is for North to let the lead of the club around to his partner C10 so he can lead a second round of trumps.

**Bd 15.**

Dlr: South     ♠9864     Optimum  
 Vul: N/S     ♥653     E 3N+2; -460  
                  ♦874  
                  ♣J96

♠AQJ2	North West <span style="font-size: 2em;">15</span> East South	♠K753
♥A2		♥Q9
♦A102		♦KQJ
♣AK43		♣8752

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6S shouldn't make and that is only because the two hands are mirror images of one another. The East hand is the worst 11 you could ever find. Small cards are totally empty. You should lose a club and a heart. Only way to avoid slam is not to go looking with the poor 11 count opposite the 20/22 2NT opening. Remember you are only right if he has maximum and here despite the 22 there is no slam. Usually 30/31 if you have a 4/4 fit will produce 6 of a suit but

here there is no small doubleton to award yourself an extra point. It is so important for N not to discard a club from Jxx. This holding turns up so often and partner holds doubleton Qx.

**Bd 18.**

Dlr: East      ♠A32      Optimum  
 Vul: N/S      ♥Q10532      NS 2N; +120  
                  ♦J7  
                  ♣KJ5

♠J4	North West <span style="font-size: 2em;">18</span> East South	♠Q987
♥J8		♥K974
♦A9842		♦Q
♣AQ106		♣9873

11	♠K1065	♣♦♥♠N N - 2 2 2 2 S - 2 2 2 2 E 1 - - - W 1 - - -
12	♥A6	
7	♦K10653	
10	♣42	

West will open 1D and N probably overcall 1H. East doubles showing S and C and now West will bid 2C and that really should finish the auction as South doesn't really have a bid. N/S will lose two heart tricks if playing in that suit in a contract.

**Bd 19:**

Dlr: South      ♠109752      Optimum  
 Vul: E/W      ♥3      EW 6H; -1430  
                  ♦Q965  
                  ♣1054

♠AKQJ8	North West <span style="font-size: 2em;">19</span> East South	♠--
♥AJ87		♥K109642
♦1043		♦AJ7
♣Q		♣J983

2	♠643	♣♦♥♠N N - - - - S - - - - E 2 2 6 4 5 W 2 2 6 4 5
17	♥Q5	
9	♦K82	
12	♣AK762	

If South opens a weak NT it is very difficult now to get to 6H. West will double, North will bid 2S and East will jump to 4H as West's double should be 16+ . There is no reason for West to bid again looking at 3 small diamonds. He knows his AKQJ of spades are facing one spade or a void so are not as useful as usual if there are diamond losers. However if South opened 1C now West will overcall 1S (NOT DOUBLE) and East will bid 2H forcing for one round. Now West can jump to 4C showing Singleton club and probably 4 hearts. East can cuebid DA and East will bid 4NT Keycard Blackwood. East will show two Keycards plus the

HQ by bidding 5S. ie. The HK and DA and because he had shown 5 hearts and he actually has six, he can count the extra heart as the equivalent of the HQ. Now West knows his long spades can be used for D discards..

**Bd 20.**

Dlr: West    ♠AKJ    Optimum  
 Vul: All    ♥AKJ63    NS 7N; +2220  
               ♦A  
               ♣KQ96

♠10863	W North e 20 s t South	E	♠Q7
♥1052		♥974	
♦KQ		♦J86543	
♣J852		♣74	

  

25	♠9542	♣♦♥♠N
6	♥Q8	N 7 3 7 6 7
3	♦10972	S 7 3 7 6 7
6	♣A103	E - - - - -
		W - - - - -

I notice a number of people bid a slam but it is not a good contract. 2C - 2D - 2H – and South is as well to raise to 4H as NT doesn't look right with 4 small spades and partner might even have 6 hearts. Note 3H here in response to 2H is stronger than that jump to 4H. In play if West keeps three spades and his four clubs to the J discarding his DQ then North has to play for the drop of the SQ to make the contract. I suspect people did not discard correctly when defending this hand. It says the optimum contract is 7NT but it isn't saying you should bid it. You have to drop doubleton SQ and also finesse club 9.

**Bd 22.**

Dlr: East    ♠92    Optimum  
 Vul: E/W    ♥K108732    EW 6N; -1440  
               ♦852  
               ♣Q5

♠A76	W North e 22 s t South	E	♠KQ10
♥AQJ9		♥6	
♦KQJ		♦A1096	
♣1042		♣AK763	

  

5	♠J8543	♣♦♥♠N
17	♥54	N - - - - -
16	♦743	S - - - - -
2	♣J98	E 6 6 4 4 6
		W 6 6 4 4 6

Open 1C and when you hear 1H you just about have a reverse bid of 2D. (16+ always) Singleton in your partner's suit makes this borderline. Partner now bids 3C which you should

all start to play as positive showing 9+. West if holding 8 or less can bid 2NT to the reverse bid to show a minimum hand. It commands the reverse bidder to bid 3C. The reverse bidder can ignore this request if its 18/19 or really strong suits. As East does not have a great hand he will probably now bid 3NT in response to 3C in case partner just has 9 points. West with 17 bids 4C saying No I want to go further in clubs. East can now bid 4NT Keycard Blackwood and hears a response of 5H which shows two out of the 5 Aces and No Queen of clubs, so they should settle in 6C. Note 6NT will make from East but can be beaten from West if a Heart is led through the AQJ because you now have a club and a heart loser. 6C cannot be beaten. I am mystified by printout saying 6NT can make from East. It cannot if a heart is led by South.

**Bd 23**

♠QJ109  
 Dlr: South ♥A106 Optimum  
 Vul: All ♦AQ5 W 3H; -140  
 ♣AQ3

♠AK73	North West 23 East South	♠6
♥KQ54		♥9732
♦7632		♦KJ9
♣K		♣96542

19	♠8542	♣♦♥♠N
15	♥J8	N 1 - - 1 2
4	♦1084	S 1 - - 1 1
2	♣J1087	E - 1 1 - -
		W - 1 3 -

West will open 1D, North will double and South will bid 1S as he is forced to bid. North should not jump to 4S despite holding 19 hcp. You should bring down the level of your bid here by 1 (3S is even one too high.)

**Bd 24**

♠10  
 Dlr: West ♥1064 Optimum  
 Vul: None ♦AKQ52 NS 4H; +420  
 ♣AQJ8

♠Q42	North West 24 East South	♠J8765
♥AQ7		♥K9
♦J964		♦108
♣K63		♣10952

16	♠AK93	♣♦♥♠N
12	♥J8532	N 2 3 4 1 2
4	♦73	S 2 3 4 1 2
8	♣74	E - - - - -
		W - - - - -



I noticed a table where West opened 1NT. N doubled and East bid 2H thinking it was still a transfer. Most dispense with transfers after a penalty double of 1NT and so would bid 2S here. You need to agree this with your partner after the double that you do not play transfers in this situation..